

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### EDWARDS, JOHNSON & HUBBOARD FAMILY REUNION

#### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, in the mid 1800s, the union of Henryetta Hubbard and William Johnson in Choctaw County, Mississippi has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our Nation; and

Whereas, the Hubbard and Johnson union produced many well respected citizens, today we honor all of the matriarchs and patriarchs, who are pillars of strength for the Edwards, Johnson and Hubbard families; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have many members of the Edwards, Johnson and Hubbard families, such as Ms. Dorothy Edwards, who are some of our most productive citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Edwards, Johnson and Hubbard families have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Edwards, Johnson and Hubbard families;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim July 22, 2011 as Edwards, Johnson & Hubbard Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 22nd day of July, 2011.

### HONORING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER NEW HAVEN AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the supporters and volunteers gathered this evening to congratulate Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven as they celebrate their silver anniversary. In its 25 year history this outstanding organization, fueled by the generosity and energy of its volunteers, has revitalized many of our neighborhoods and enhanced the quality of life in our community. Theirs is a mission that is quite literally reflected in the theme of this celebration—building hope, lives, and neighborhoods.

Over the course of its history, Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven has forged partnerships with individuals, religious and civic organizations, as well as local businesses and corporations that have translated into homeownership opportunities for more than eighty families. Offering a hand up rather than a hand out, families who qualify for the homebuyers program work side by side with community volunteers to build their home, investing a minimum of 400 "sweat equity" hours to the project. The families' personal investment also translates into their personal investment in the community.

Founded by a group of community leaders, Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven, like its sister chapters across the country, is a real grassroots organization. It encourages people to dedicate their words and actions to the elimination of poverty housing and attracts more than 2,000 volunteers every year. The need for affordable and safe housing is as much a need today as it was when this local organization was founded 25 years ago and it is heartening to know that there are so many who so willingly devote their time and energies to these efforts.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to the many volunteers and donors who have gathered tonight to celebrate this remarkable milestone. Without their generosity, compassion, and willingness to devote their time and energy, the mission of Habitat for Humanity would not be possible. Whether they have donated funds, construction material, or simply their time, it has been through their good work that Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven has been able to make such a difference in our community.

A home is so much more than simply a roof over ones head—it is a source of pride, comfort, independence and stability. This is the gift of Habitat for Humanity and I have been proud to support the good work that they have accomplished throughout Greater New Haven. I am honored to stand today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven on their 25th Anniversary. I have no doubt that they will continue their extraordinary contributions for as long as there is a need.

### BOB HENLEY TRIBUTE

#### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bob Henley for his outstanding service as a founding member of the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association in the San Juan National Forest.

In 1996, Mr. Henley began working as a tour guide for Chimney Rock, which helped to

foster his appreciation of the archeological area, and urged him to seek that tours of the ruins be independently operated in order to ensure the area receive proper attention and upkeep. In 2003, Mr. Henley's work helped to make Chimney Rock an independent organization.

Because of his efforts and the efforts of many volunteers, the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association hosts nearly 11,000 visitors in total each year, allowing it to be independently funded and operated. In addition, the Association is able to give elementary schools free tours, educating between 300 and 500 students about the history of the Chimney Rock Archeological site every year.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Bob Henley today. His service has provided many assets to the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association and the San Juan National Forest.

### HONORING LILA STERN

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Hebrew School teacher and long-time community volunteer Lila Stern of Rockland County, is being honored by Congregation Shaaray Israel at their annual Journal Dinner Dance on June 12, 2011. For her numerous contributions to her community, Lila will receive the congregation's prestigious "Woman of Valor" award.

Lila has served as a leader of the Rockland Jewish community since 1953. As her husband Jules rose to the head of their congregation in the 1970s, Lila sought to encourage women's involvement in the Jewish issues as Chairwoman of Rockland County Israel Bonds Women's Division, President of Sisterhood at the Jewish Community Center, and a lifelong member of Hadassah.

In addition to her work in the Jewish community, Lila pursued a career as a "Professional Volunteer."

While raising three children, she took the time to work as a Pink Lady at Good Samaritan Hospital and as a literacy volunteer.

Lila now works as an adult teacher at Shaaray Israel where she teaches a class on Jewish appreciation. Every Wednesday she leads a discussion on Jewish issues ranging from religious issues to Israeli politics.

As a grandmother of 11, Lila has instilled in her family a respect for Jewish tradition as well as a sense of gratitude and support for the state of Israel, which she and her husband travel to frequently. Her visits to Israel began in 1950, when she first went with her parents lugging suitcases of clothing as well as money for the needy of the fledgling new country.

Through her charity and tireless dedication to her community, Lila has certainly earned her title as a "Woman of Valor," and I congratulate her on this honor.

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BRIAN COOPER TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Brian Cooper for earning the Alamosa Police Department's Lifesaver Award. His quick thinking and decisive action during his regular patrol of the small Colorado town saved the life of another resident.

Detective Cooper, a patrol officer at the time, saw one of the town's elderly residents choking. After calling an ambulance, he cleared the man's airway of the food he was choking on and successfully administered CPR. Paramedics credit Officer Cooper for saving the life of a man who would have otherwise died had he not intervened.

Detective Cooper is one of only a handful of recipients of the Lifesaver Award. It is not given lightly, but there was little argument against the Detective's merit. A father of two and loving husband to his high school sweetheart, Brian Cooper is an exemplary member of Colorado's police force.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Brian Cooper today. Alamosa is deservedly proud of him and I have no doubt that he will continue to expand on his already excellent record.

HONORING OFER BAVLY

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ofer Bavly, the Consul General of Israel to Florida and Puerto Rico for his many years of service to the South Florida Jewish Community, which is being honored this evening by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.

The son of Israeli diplomats, Mr. Bavly has dedicated his life to public service since his graduation from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem with dual degrees in International Relations and Middle Eastern Studies. Like many Israelis, Mr. Bavly courageously served his country in the Israel Defense Forces, rising to the rank of Captain.

In 1991, Mr. Bavly joined Israel's Foreign Ministry, and has since served his country in Israel's Embassies around the world, including Madrid and Rome. Mr. Bavly's success as a diplomat and foreign policy expertise led to his appointment as a Policy Advisor to the Foreign Minister of Israel in 2005. Subsequently, Mr. Bavly was appointed Counselor in the Foreign Ministry's North America Division in 2006.

Mr. Bavly's diplomatic career has culminated with his 2007 appointment to his current position of Consul General of Israel to Florida and Puerto Rico. It has been an honor working side by side with Mr. Bavly to further America's unshakeable relationship with Israel.

I congratulate Mr. Bavly, his wife Ayala, and their three children for their great honor tonight, and I look forward to many more years of strong partnership with Mr. Bavly as we

work towards our shared goals of advancing the safety and security of Israel and creating a lasting peace.

CARL TAYLOR TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carl Taylor, a farmer, soldier, and Colorado Native who lived his life in service of his country and family.

Mr. Taylor was born in Blanca, Colorado on May 16, 1919. Shortly after his twenty-third birthday, Mr. Taylor joined the U.S. Army. He was assigned to Fort Bliss in Company B, 271st Infantry, which eventually allowed him to serve in military campaigns all over the world. He was involved in the Battle of the Bulge, as well as other campaigns in Tunisia, Naples, Rhineland, Rome and Southern France.

After the war, Mr. Taylor returned to Colorado where he farmed barley. He and his wife lived in Center, Colorado, where they eventually began to distribute their barley to the Colorado Coors factory. On January 8, 2008, Mr. Taylor and his wife, Mona, retired and moved to the Colorado State Veteran Center at Homelake, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Carl Taylor today. Throughout his life he has served as an outstanding soldier and citizen, and his great life achievements deserve to be noted.

IN RECOGNITION AND REMEMBRANCE OF MR. LUTHER R. GATLING

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great sadness as I pay tribute to my dear friend Luther Gatling who recently passed away peacefully in his home in Teaneck, New Jersey on Tuesday, May 31st. As I speak with profound sorrow, I ascend to celebrate a life well lived and to remember with fondness the accomplishments of a remarkable man who, over his many years of service in government and credit counseling, etched his name in history as The Credit Doctor.

Luther dedicated his life to public service and championed diversity. And, as a long-time civil rights and business leader, he possessed a remarkable moral compass that inspired fiscal responsibility upon many disadvantaged people. Mr. Gatling has provided mentorship to our youth and much needed credit guidance to all. He stood for the empowerment, development, and prosperity of our Nation.

Luther R. Gatling was born in Waterbury, Connecticut on September 9, 1931. He received his Bachelors degree in business administration from Temple University. Luther then went on to serve as the president of the Waterbury City Council. He became the mayor of Waterbury before the age of 30 and later served as the assistant director at the Manpower Assistance of Boston program in Washington, D.C.

In my community of Harlem, Mr. Gatling is well known for his service as the President of the New York Chapter of the One Hundred Black Men, Inc. for 8 years. He also served on the executive committee and Board of Directors of the National One Hundred Black Men of America organization. In 1976, Luther created Budget and Credit Counseling Services, Inc. to help educate consumers with financial difficulties. BuCCS provided counseling and advocacy for more than 40,000 consumers.

Luther Gatling was an economically savvy man who never resisted sharing his wealth of knowledge with those in need. The Credit Doctor, as he was known, believed in empowering struggling and financially illiterate consumers through the power of sound credit comprehension.

Consumer credit, debt education, financial literacy are passions of Mr. Gatling. Instructing consumers on how to manage their credit wisely and pay their debts responsibly was important to my friend Luther.

Luther symbolized the American Dream. He worked vigorously with the One Hundred Black Men to expand educational and economic opportunities for African Americans and other minority communities. Mr. Gatling worked tirelessly with the BuCCS to properly educate the public on fiscal responsibility. Luther extended his guidance through practically every medium to educate the masses. He worked his first job as a taxi driver later to become the CEO of the Budget and Credit Counseling Service.

I would like for my colleagues in the Congress to join me in offering our heartfelt condolences to his wife Bonnie Gatling and their children, Dr. Sharon G Waldrum, Lydia Miller, Robbin Gatling, and Richard Patton. It is important that they know that their friends and all of those whose lives were touched by Luther over the years, are with them in spirit and the Gatling family are in our thoughts and prayers.

No amount of words can ever replace this titan. Luther bore his illness with great dignity and pride. And through his illness, he continued to persist on living and fighting for causes true to his faith and community. Now free from pain and discomfort, we can all draw some comfort in knowing that he has found peace in the eternity of God's Kingdom. He will long be remembered for his extraordinary commitment, humor, liveliness, energy, wisdom, discipline, principle and clear purpose which won the admiration of all who were privileged to come to know and work with him during his distinguished career.

Mr. Speaker, I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to observe and experience Luther's example as a personal inspiration. Though Luther is no longer with us, we will continue to keep his memory alive in our hearts and minds, and continue to honor his legacy with our advocacy for the issues he cared about the most. We as a nation are all blessed to have known a Luther Gatling, "The Credit Doctor," a titan who shaped financial counseling history with his everlasting spirit.

ED ELLIS TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ed Ellis for his commitment to the

railroad industry and his investment in Colorado's infrastructure.

Mr. Ellis has provided many Coloradans with railroad service to remote areas that would normally not see such attention. His company, Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC, specializes in reviving smaller railways that serve less populated areas. One of these lines is the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad in Colorado's San Luis Valley. His dedication to running the scenic train has provided a much needed boost to the area's economy and tourism.

Mr. Ellis has provided a needed service to southern Colorado and a number of other states that benefit from his attention and investment.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and pay tribute to a man so devoted to local transit and to a small company fighting in a big industry. I have no doubt that under Mr. Ellis' leadership Iowa Pacific Holdings will continue to thrive.

IN HONOR OF EDWARD M. KING,  
VICE PRESIDENT FOR GOVERNMENT  
AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

**HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Edward M. King in recognition of his 23 years of dedicated service to Boston University and his passionate advocacy on behalf of the University throughout the halls of government and the communities of Boston.

Ed began his tenure at Boston University in 1987 as Associate Vice President for Government & Community Affairs. In 1991, Ed became Vice President, overseeing all functions relating to federal, state, city, and community relations. Prior to coming to Boston University, Ed was the Director of Community Relations and Public Affairs for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. He was also the Executive Secretary and Deputy Director of the Youth Activities Commission for the City of Boston and is a former Manager of Little City Hall in South Boston as well as a former assistant to Mayor Kevin White.

Throughout his career at Boston University, Ed served under Presidents John Silber, Jon Westling, Aram Chobanian, and Robert Brown. During Ed's tenure, Boston University went through an unprecedented growth that benefited both the University and the economy of the city of Boston. Through Ed's effort at both the community and governmental levels, the University successfully completed such projects as: Biosquare, Sargent College, the John Hancock Student Village complex that includes 1,800 new dormitory beds and the Harry Agganis Arena, the School of Management, the Photonics Center, the Life Science & Engineering building on Cummington Street, and the new East Campus Student Services Center on Bay State Road. There was nearly \$1 billion of construction that went through extensive community and government review during Ed's time at Boston University.

Additionally, Ed was the University's ambassador to the business and academic communities. He was Boston University's contact to the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, A

Better City, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Massachusetts, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Association of Non-Profit Schools & Colleges. He was active in charities such as The Boys and Girls Clubs, the Greater Boston Girl Scouts Council, the West End House, the Little House, Dorchester neighborhood Little Leagues, and Catholic Charities.

A 1981 graduate of Boston State College, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, Ed currently resides with his wife, Kimberly, and their son, Charles, in Hingham.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to join with Ed's family, friends, and the Boston University community to thank him for his incredible dedication and commitment to the University and the city of Boston. I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating Ed's distinguished career and in wishing him good health and success in all of his future endeavors.

JAMES BEDARD TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. James Bedard, of Alamosa, Colorado, for being selected to the E. (Kika) de la Garza Fellowship program. With this recognition, Dr. Bedard will be able to further represent southern Colorado and Adams State College while continuing his already impressive research.

Dr. Bedard is one of 20 other faculty members in schools across the country selected for the honor. Nominees for the fellowship are chosen based on their educational experience and the relevance of their research to the USDA, specifically to issues facing the Hispanic population. It is one of the most prestigious awards available to Hispanic-American citizens.

The new resources available to Dr. Bedard will allow him to provide a more thorough education to his students and show them opportunities that were more elusive. He will also have greater access to federal agencies that specialize in agricultural problems facing the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand and recognize Dr. James Bedard today. Southern Colorado has long benefited from his work and will now see even greater results with help from the E. (Kika) de la Garza Fellowship. I have no doubt that Dr. Bedard will continue his important agricultural research and thrive as a teacher and community leader.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF TERRA LINDA HIGH  
SCHOOL

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of Terra Linda High School in San Rafael, California. The school's Golden Anniversary was celebrated

on May 28, 2011, by a gathering of three generations of proud Terra Linda alumni.

Since its founding, Terra Linda High School has provided thousands of Marin County children the firm and balanced footing they deserve, and it has played an integral role in the strength and success of San Rafael and Marin County. The school upholds high standards in education and extracurriculars, balancing a host of advanced placement offerings with the art, music, and athletic activities that truly enrich the learning experience. Terra Linda and schools like it remind us of the limitless potential of our system of public education when students are provided the resources they need to excel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Terra Linda High School. Few institutions are as intimately tied to our national identity as our public schools, and none is more essential to our collective future. Terra Linda represents the best of this tradition, and I am proud to honor its legacy in our county.

JIM B. JONES TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Jim B. Jones, a man who proudly served his country during WWII.

Drafted into the U.S. Army in 1945, Mr. Jones was assigned to G Company as a corporal, and was sent to Hawaii. Upon arrival in Hawaii, Mr. Jones boarded the USS *Niagara*, to Okinawa. During his time in Okinawa, the United States dropped the bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. On V-J Day, only a few days after the bombing, Mr. Jones was moved to Korea. Here, he took part in accepting the surrender of the Japanese Army in ceremonies in Seoul.

During the remainder of his time in Korea, Mr. Jones served as a rifleman and a clerk typist in Chengju.

In 1946, when he was twenty years old, Mr. Jones left Korea after spending a year there. He arrived home in time for the first day of hunting season.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the service and character of Jim B. Jones.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 60TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF THE TEMPLE  
BETH SHOLOM

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration and recognition of 60 years of unrivaled spiritual leadership and unequalled community service by Temple Beth Shalom in Roslyn Heights, New York.

In the summer of 1951, approximately 70 Jewish families gathered with the hopes of establishing a place of worship for the Jewish community in Roslyn and the surrounding area. They could have hardly hoped or anticipated that these humble beginnings would

grow into such a vibrant and vital temple—renowned for its excellent religious school, its benevolent activism, and its strong commitment to the Jewish faith and Jewish values.

In 1957, the still nascent congregation came together to raise funds to construct a new school wing, an atrium, offices, and a synagogue and sanctuary—facilities they still use today. Since then, the congregation has only continued to grow in both reach and mission. Temple Beth Shalom has been recognized for its extraordinary educational program—from nursery school to adult education. The Temple's Rabbi Ario S. and Tess Hyams Judaica Museum, founded in 1968, houses an impressive collection of art and artifacts important to Jews and the Jewish faith. The generous congregation has donated and raised funds to continually improve the function and facilities of the Temple. Moving forward, the congregation will continue to expand and improve its positive influence on both their membership and the community.

For decades, the Temple has maintained an unwavering fidelity to the values of the Conservative Jewish movement while encouraging both open-mindedness and innovative practices. Emblematic of this, Temple Beth Shalom elected its first woman president in 1972 and, in subsequent years, became one of the first egalitarian congregations in the Conservative movement. The Temple was also one of the first to collect congregational contributions according to a sliding scale based on income—recognizing diverse capabilities to give within their membership. Through innovation and creativity, Temple Beth Shalom has remained faithful to its Conservative tradition while embracing new and pioneering practices.

Under the current direction of Rabbi Alan B. Lucas, Temple Beth Shalom is continuing in its great tradition of faith, family, and community. His spiritual guidance is an invaluable asset to the congregation and the surrounding community, and his leadership and commitment will allow the Temple to continue its good works for years to come.

On June 12, 2011, Temple Beth Shalom will celebrate its 60th anniversary. Since 1951, it has been an essential element of the Roslyn Heights community. I am proud to recognize the synagogue's extraordinary accomplishments. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing my gratitude and congratulations to Temple Beth Shalom for its six decades of service to the Jewish community of Roslyn.

#### JOAN ANZELMO TRIBUTE

### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, It is my honor to rise and pay tribute to one of America's most dedicated and passionate Civil Servants. On July 1st, 2011 Joan Anzelmo will be hanging up her "flat hat" after a meritorious 35 year career with the National Park Service.

Joan is a native of Washington, D.C., and graduated from the University of Maryland in 1975 with a Bachelor's Degree in French. She began her Park Service career the next year as the Visitor Services Chief at the National Visitor Center in Washington, D.C. Along the way, Joan has served in Virginia at Great

Falls Park, Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park, and has been tasked by the Park Service to coordinate large scale events including the Bicentennial Celebrations at Yorktown, the 75th Anniversary Celebrations of the National Park Service in Yellowstone, and the 50th Anniversary Celebrations for Grand Teton National Park. Among her accomplishments is her service as National Park Service spokesperson during the 1988 wildfires that swept through Yellowstone, equipping her with nationally recognized crisis communications prowess, and seeing her assigned to the Unified Area Command for the National Park Service in response to the BP Oil Spill in 2010. She has received numerous awards for her service, including the Superior Service and Meritorious Service awards, two of the Department of Interior's most prestigious honors.

Joan wraps up her career overseeing the management of the awe-inspiring red rock canyons and formations of the Colorado National Monument in my district at the far western edge of Colorado, where she serves as Superintendent. With rising visitation, active outreach to the local school population, and a very successful centennial celebration just this year, this is a fitting capstone to an accomplished career, and worthy of our recognition. I wish her well as she returns to Jackson, Wyoming, where she will be in close proximity to her daughter, Jenny, who is herself employed at Grand Teton National Park's public affairs office.

#### TRIBUTE TO MRS. ADELE WILSON

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman . . . who has given of herself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, Mrs. Adele Wilson's work is present not only in the city of New Orleans, but around the nation for all to see, being an usher, missionary and friend; and

Whereas, this giant of a woman gave so much to her family, her community and her church; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of herself, her time, her talent and her life; she never asked for fame or fortune to uplift those in need, she just wanted to do what was right and she not only talked the talk, she walked the walk for others to get involved in matters of the community; and

Whereas, Mrs. Adele Wilson led by doing, she was a warrior for education, a beacon of light for all people, a wife, a mother, a daughter, a friend; she was a Proverbs 31 woman, our matriarch, a woman of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of our community until her end; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow an honorable mention and recognition on Mrs. Adele Wilson for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens of the United States of America; a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby attest to the 112th Con-

gress that Mrs. Adele Wilson of New Orleans, Louisiana is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honorable Mention."

Mrs. Adele Wilson,  
U.S. Citizen of Distinction  
in the 4th Congressional District.  
Proclaimed, this 11th day of June, 2011.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE VITA ACT

### HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today upon the introduction of the VITA Act of 2011. This legislation would permanently authorize the Community Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Matching Grant Program that has been funded through the annual appropriations process since Fiscal Year 2008.

The availability of free tax education and assistance programs in local communities helps many low-income individuals avoid having to depend upon paid tax return preparers and refund anticipation loans in order to successfully file their annual federal income tax returns. Currently, the Community VITA Program is a federally-supported taxpayer education and assistance program funded through the Internal Revenue Service, aimed at supporting low-income individuals and targeted subpopulations during the tax preparation process.

VITA programs offer free tax assistance to low-to-moderate income individuals who cannot afford professional assistance. More than 75,000 VITA volunteers prepare basic tax returns for low income taxpayers with a focus on at least one specific underserved group with special needs, including persons with disabilities, non-English speaking persons, Native Americans, rural taxpayers, and the elderly. The continued federal support has enabled community VITA programs to reach more underserved low-income taxpayers, and resulted in more families accessing vital tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC). During the 2009 filing season, VITA centers prepared over 1.2 million tax returns and brought back over \$1.6 billion in tax returns to working families.

The VITA Act of 2011 would authorize \$30 million in matching grants to eligible Community VITA Programs to be used for program operation, taxpayer outreach, and related financial services. The legislation would also establish a National Center to Promote Quality, Excellence, and Evaluation in VITA with a \$5 million authorization to disseminate best practices, facilitate technical assistance, coordinate program outcomes, and ensure continuation of service to underserved taxpayers for the 4,500 VITA sites operating nationwide.

The benefits of this community-based approach are abundant. First, VITA centers offer taxpayers a free, community-based alternative to commercial tax preparation chains, some of which steer low-income taxpayers into Refund Anticipation Loans, essentially borrowing their own money at high interest rates. Second, considerable evidence demonstrates that VITA centers significantly increase taxpayer compliance. Finally, VITA centers ensure that taxpayers not only claim the benefits of which they are entitled, but that they are also exposed to a variety of financial literacy tools

and savings strategies aimed at helping them build assets for the future.

For these reasons, I have joined Senator SHERROD BROWN in introducing the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Act of 2011, which is focused on expanding the original successes of the VITA program and ensuring the program is brought to a national scale. I urge all my colleagues to join me in this bill, which saves the Federal Government money, pumps money into our communities and gives a fair deal to our working families.

JOHN F. MARTINEZ TRIBUTE

### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to rise in commendation of John F. Martinez, who has served his country with great honor and dignity during WWII.

Mr. Martinez was born in San Luis, Colorado, in 1917. He worked as a farmer and answered his country's call, enlisting in the US Army at Fort Logan in 1942. There he was assigned to the 358th Infantry Division as squad leader.

The admirable career of Mr. Martinez included campaigns in Normandy, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Because of his courageous service, Mr. Martinez has received ribbons for each campaign, was awarded a Bronze Star, and received a Purple Heart after being wounded in combat.

Mr. Speaker, John F. Martinez embodies the values of hard work, courage and sacrifice that make this country great. His actions and service are worthy of admiration and praise.

HONORING THE TRINITY CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 125TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to join the New Haven community in commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the Choir of Men and Boys of Trinity Church. This extraordinary group of gifted adults and children has been in continuous service since its founding and has been nationally and internationally recognized for its talent and service.

With members as young as age eight and ranging to men well into adulthood, the Trinity Choir of Men and Boys is the oldest such choir in Connecticut, one of the oldest in the United States, and one of very few that have been in continuous service since inception. In addition to providing choral music at Trinity worship services, the choir also performs at the Christmas and spring concerts as well as throughout events in the wider community. The dedication and talent of its membership have earned the choir a distinguished reputation and they have regularly appeared with other musical organizations such as the Orchestra of Old Fairfield Academy and the

members of the Choir of Christ Church in Greenwich, Connecticut, the Julliard Orchestra, the Boston Philharmonic and the American Classical Orchestra. They have appeared in venues ranging from the Green in New Haven to Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and the White House. The boys of the choir have also performed in the United Kingdom and Italy. They have received well-deserved accolades throughout their history and they continue to make their hometown of New Haven, Connecticut proud.

The youngest of the group have a separate identity as the Trinity Boys Choir and their service to the community is certainly something to be recognized. Their frequent outreach activities have included benefit performances for the Children's Center, Ronald McDonald House, Sage Services, Newington Children's Hospital, the Fair Haven Parents' Ministry, the Smilow Cancer Center, and, most recently, for WFSB Channel 3's annual Joy for Kids Holiday Show at the Hartford Stage. They have sung in the Cathedrals of the British Isles and have been invited to appear at five Christmas time celebrations at the White House. Their talent is remarkable, but it is the commitment they have made to bring the joy of music to some of our most vulnerable citizens that is what makes the choir so special.

Today, with members past and present gathered as their year-long celebration comes to an end, the choir can reflect on their exceptional history and look forward to many more years of acclaimed performances. I consider it a privilege to have this opportunity to join the New Haven community in extending my heartfelt congratulations to the Trinity Men and Boys Choir as they celebrate their 125th anniversary. Under the leadership Music Director Walden Moore, Associate Music Director Andrew Kotylo, and Organ Scholar Benjamin Straley, I have no doubt that the Trinity Choir of Men and Boys will continue to bring distinctive and unique performances to our community and others across the world.

HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO PROGRAM

### HON. RANDY HULTGREN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor all the World War II veterans, but especially our distinguished guests from the Honor Flight Chicago Program. This noble program enables hundreds of Veterans from the Chicago area to come visit the memorial built to honor their great service and courage, and I have the great privilege of welcoming them to Washington DC.

We all have a special appreciation for our veterans because we know the sacrifices they made to protect us and bring peace to a world ravaged by war. These servicemen answered our nation's call during one of its greatest times of need. These brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them our deepest gratitude and thanks for protecting and ensuring our future.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorial. I am proud to submit the names of these men for all to see,

hear, recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing thanks.

Joseph Bialek, Stephen Bobic, George Bosy, Norman Breyer, Ralph Brockman, Peter Broustis, Simon Bult, Joseph Burke, Joseph Buzinski, Ingemar Carlson, John Carlson, James Carson, John Casper, George Charnas, Lehman Cheshier, William Corrigan, Raymond Craig, John DeHesus, Arthur DeLorenzo, Cyril Diskin, James Doheny, Raymond Donovan, William Doyle, John Dryja, Eileen DuPont, Willard Duvall, Irving Ellis, Robert Elmer, Robert Engdahl, Charles Ettner, Guy Franzese, Julian Friedman, William Froelke, Alfred Galuszka, Olaf Gjovik, Norman Goone, Lester Guenther, Gilbert Hancock, Robert Heinzen, Vernon Hill, Donald Hintz, Andrew Hitzelberger, Rick Jimenez, James Kinnard, Fred Klooster, Alfred Koszyk, Guenther Krieger, Walter Krulac, Andrew Kwinn, Lloyd Lage, Seymour Laurie, John Lavelle, Thomas Leo, Irving Lerner, James Letarte, Marcel Levesque, C. Russel Lockwood, Joseph Mann, John Marias, Richard Martial, Marvin McGreal, Marion Mitchell, Edward Moran, William Nicholson, John Oberholz, Louis Olmetti, David Perlman, Richard Pevitts, John Plisky, Joseph Pratl, Emil Pribula, George Renner, Arthur Reynders, William Rjeker, Robert Riplow, Frank Rock, James Rossi, Edward Ryan, Charles Sauer, Donald Schoo, Robert Shields, Edward Siessmann, Paul Sternfeld, Howard Surrett, Leonard Sytsma, Anthony Thomas, Robert Tinucci, John Torhan, Eugene Tronvig, Howard Vander Meer, Robert Vehlow, Dorothy Vesely, Lawrence Wallach, Frank Washburn, Albert Wiener, Elmer Wilhelm, Robert Winscott, Theodore Woytowicz, Joseph Zajac, Richard Zidek, and Henry Westrop.

HONORING CHIEF ROBERT FINN

### HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor the service of an outstanding public servant in the 24th Congressional District of Texas. Police Chief Robert Finn is a hard working, family-oriented individual who has served the Southlake area selflessly throughout his personal and professional life. Chief Finn is retiring after 24 years of public service with the City of Southlake.

Chief Finn graduated from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona, with a bachelor's degree of Public Safety Administration and an Executive Masters of Business Administration. In 2001, Chief Finn also graduated from the FBI National Academy. He has been married to his wife, Monica, for eight years and has two children.

In 1987, Chief Finn began his career in public safety as a Firefighter EMT-Paramedic for the city of Southlake. In 2002, he was appointed as the Southlake Fire Chief, and in 2008 he became Chief of the Southlake Police Department.

During his tenure as a public servant, Chief Finn assisted in the completion of the beautiful Southlake Department of Public Safety headquarters. Chief Finn developed strong relationships with neighboring cities, Keller and

Colleyville, for joint cooperation in jail and dispatch services. He created and implemented a career guide to improve the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the command staff and supervisors in a successful effort to secure a safer community.

Chief Finn has received numerous awards and recognitions throughout his career. In 1993, Chief Finn was recognized as Southlake Firefighter of the Year, and in 1995 he received the Southlake DPS Director's Award for Excellence. As a member of the community, Chief Finn's leadership has been recognized by the Southlake Rotary Club as 2007 Rotarian of Year and Southlake Chamber of Commerce as 2008 Southlake Citizen of the Year.

Chief Finn has also served as a leader in many of the Southlake community organizations. He was the President of the Texas Association of Law Enforcement Planners from 2000–2001, Peer Assessor for the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies from 2000–2005, FBI National Academy Alumni Association member since 2001, Peer Assessor and Team Leader of the Center for Public Safety Excellence since 2006, Rotarian since 2004 and President from 2006–2007, Advisory Board Member for Southlake Art in the Square since 2008, Board of Trustee Member of Metroport Meals on Wheels since 2010, and Advisory Board Member of Kids Matter International since 2011.

On behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Chief Finn for his 24 years of public service to the City of Southlake.

HONORING STACIE AND KEN  
PODOS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Congregation Shaaray Israel of Monroe, NY, will honor Stacie and Ken Podos at their Journal Dinner Dance on June 12, 2011 for their long-time dedication to the congregation. Stacie and Ken are deeply involved in the synagogue and have held various leadership positions within the congregation.

Ken, a sales representative for J.K.J. Sales, Inc., currently serves as Chairman of Shaaray Israel's Board, and until recently was President of the congregation. Before his term as President, Ken began as financial secretary at Shaaray Israel, eventually moving on to serve as third, second and first Vice President. In addition to his work at the congregation, Ken is active on the Jewish Federation of Rockland's Board of Trustees.

Stacie, like her husband, is a leader in the congregation. She currently serves as chairperson of Shaaray Israel's Dedication Committee and is the incoming Vice-President of the Sisterhood. In addition to her work within the congregation, Stacie was heavily involved in the construction and design of the synagogue's new building. Trained at the Fashion Institute of Technology, Stacie is an interior designer by trade and helped decide on the materials and look of the synagogue.

Ken's and Stacie's commitment to the Jewish community extends beyond their congregation. They are actively involved in the Jewish

Community Center of Long Beach Island, and serve on various national Jewish organizations. Ken and Stacie have been honored with the Tree of Life Award from Israel Bonds and serve as Solidarity Founders and Keepers of the Gate for Hadassah. Stacie, who has been a member of Hadassah for 24 years, also holds a position on the organization's national board.

Ken and Stacie are proud parents of Jordan, Kimberly, and Jared and are expecting their first grandchild this September. They have made outstanding contributions to their community through their involvement and dedication to Jewish issues, and I congratulate them on this honor they so richly deserve.

WILLIAM R. THURSTON TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to businessman, community philanthropist, and courageous WWII and Korean War hero, William R. Thurston.

While studying for a geology degree at Harvard University, Mr. Thurston trained to fly torpedo bombers for the Navy after Pearl Harbor. He was awarded the Air Medal 11 times and the Distinguished Flying Cross three times for his bravery while flying missions in the Pacific and over Japan.

Mr. Thurston put his geology degree to use, working for Sun Oil Co. between WWII and the Korean War, and for an independent oilman in Denver after the Korean War.

Mr. Thurston moved to Durango in 1977 with his wife Beatrice, where he became involved in the local arts scene and was an avid supporter of community theater. Lovers of live-music, the Thurstons founded Four corners Opera in 1980, and also became sponsors of Music in the Mountains, organizers for the Raise the Roof concert series, and participants in many other community endeavors.

Mr. Thurston's community involvement also included efforts to preserve and protect the rich history of the Four Corners area, and educate others about the region and its people. He supported the founding of the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center in 1983, with the hope of sharing his great enthusiasm for the area's remarkable past, precious artifacts, and cultural significance with others.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to the inspiring life of William R. Thurston. Colorado was fortunate to benefit from his tremendous spirit and lifetime of community service.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF  
ALPHONSE "AL" G. CONDON, JR.

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life of Alphonse "Al" G. Condon, Jr.

The people of Northwest Florida have come to associate the name Al Condon with the

terms honest, hardworking and benevolent. For 45 years, Mr. Condon practiced law with the Emmanuel, Sheppard and Condon law firm where he demonstrated these traits while serving his community. Mr. Condon, born in Pensacola, graduated from St. Michael's Catholic School and Pensacola Catholic High School. After receiving a bachelor's degree, Cum Laude, from Vanderbilt University, he joined the United States Marine Corps to serve his country. He then pursued a law degree from the University of Florida College of Law and established himself as a premier trial lawyer.

Civil litigation was not just a practice for Mr. Condon. His passion for justice transpired from the courtroom into his daily activities as well and is evident in his service as a past President of the Escambia-Santa Rosa Bar Association, member of the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar and an emeritus member of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners. Mr. Condon also served as special counsel to former Governor Bob Graham.

The impact Al Condon had on the Northwest Florida community extended far beyond his legal practice. A pivotal leader in the local community, Mr. Condon was actively involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Development Council of Pensacola Catholic High School, the YMCA, Pensacola Sports Association, and the City of Pensacola Recreation Board. The Catholic Church recognized Mr. Condon's lifetime service to the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee by awarding him the Medal of Honor.

Throughout his life, Al Condon exemplified the Catholic High School motto Pro Deo et Patria and United States Marine Corps motto Semper Fidelis in all he did. His legacy as a man of honor and sacrifice for his community will stand the test of time. Survived by his wife Judy of 48 years, five children, and nine grandchildren, he will forever be remembered by his family as a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the life of Al Condon, Jr. of Pensacola, Florida. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for his entire family. He will be truly missed by all of us.

HONORING PAUL HIRSCHON

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Paul Hirschon, the Deputy Consul General of Israel to Florida and Puerto Rico for his many years of service to the South Florida Jewish Community, which is being honored this evening by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County.

Born in London, Mr. Hirschon spent his early life in South Africa and pursued degrees in accounting, law, and business before immigrating to Israel. Upon his move to Israel, Mr. Hirschon served in the Israel Defense Forces and worked in the Civil Service.

After a brief time back in England, Mr. Hirschon returned to Israel and spent ten years as a respected businessman in the hi-tech sector, where he focused on developing lasting relationships with businesses throughout the Middle East. However, in 2004, Mr.

Hirschon returned to public service and joined the Foreign Service.

Mr. Hirschon was quickly promoted up the ranks of Israel's Foreign Ministry, working for the Consul General's Office in the Persian Gulf countries before being named the Deputy Consul General of Israel to Florida and Puerto Rico in 2008. It has been an honor working side by side with Mr. Hirschon as Israel and the United States continue advancing our shared core values of freedom, equality, and democracy.

I congratulate Mr. Hirschon for this great honor tonight, and I look forward to many more years of strong partnership with Mr. Hirschon.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. XXXX, "TO DESIGNATE THE FACILITY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE LOCATED AT 14901 ADELFA DRIVE IN LA MIRADA, CALIFORNIA, AS THE 'WAYNE GRISHAM POST OFFICE'."

### HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce H.R. XXXX, the "To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14901 Adelfa Drive in La Mirada, California, as the 'Wayne Grisham Post Office'."

Mr. Wayne Grisham spent a significant portion of his life working for our country. He valiantly served our country as a fighter pilot during World War II and was held as a prisoner of war when his plane was shot down over Germany. Mr. Grisham was awarded the Purple Heart for his courageous service. After the war, an entrepreneurial spirit drove Mr. Grisham to open his own realty business in La Mirada, which he maintained for much of his life.

His dedication to the local community was truly remarkable. Mr. Grisham proudly served the City of La Mirada for over two decades, beginning in 1970 when he was elected to the city council. He continued his service to the community with his election to Congress in 1978 and the California State Assembly in 1984. He also lent his talents to the Peace Corps, serving as Director in Kenya in 1983.

A resident of Long Beach and later La Mirada, and graduate of Whittier College, Wayne Grisham was a longtime leader in the local community.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me to honor the service and memory and of this true civic leader.

### A TRIBUTE TO NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS PARK

### HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today not only to celebrate our nation's 235th birthday, but also to take note of another very special event taking place in the great state of

North Carolina. Today in Fayetteville, NC there will be a very special celebration for the dedication of the North Carolina Veterans Park.

Fayetteville, North Carolina has a rich history of supporting our troops and honoring those who choose to serve their country in such an admirable way. Across the state, our military institutions have led the way in protecting our country whether it be from Cherry Point Air Station to Charlotte Air National Guard from Camp Lejeune to U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City, from Fort Bragg and Pope Army Air Field to New River Air Station and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, from the Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point to the Oak Island and Wrightsville Beach Coast Guard Stations. North Carolina has opened its hearts and hands to support those who have made so many sacrifices for all of us.

Today's dedication of the Veterans Park is yet another way that North Carolina can show its appreciation to our men and women in uniform. Just as each generation has continued to protect our freedoms, this park exemplifies why North Carolina continues to hold the designation as the "Most Military Friendly State."

The NC Veterans Park will be a place of remembrance, and it further solidifies the commitment that North Carolina and its citizens have to the military and to all veterans. Today, our state affirms its gratitude for the men and women who have sacrificed in protecting the freedoms of this great nation.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like to offer some words from General Douglas MacArthur, who understood the commitment of those who choose to serve and the honor that they bestow upon this great nation by doing so.

The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war. Therefore, let no man [be] entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation.

Veterans; the people of North Carolina dedicate this park in honor of your service. God Bless you all and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING PASTOR ROBERT E. SMITH, SR. AND MOTHER GILDA J. SMITH

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pastor Robert E. Smith, Sr. and his wife, Mother Gilda J. Smith, as they retire from the White Cloud Empowerment Center Church of God in Christ after 45 years ministering to the people in White Cloud and Flint, Michigan.

Pastor Smith and his wife Gilda were married in 1960 after he completed a tour of duty in the United States Air Force. Gilda graduated from the Hurley Hospital School of Nursing the following year and Robert went to work at Delphi. During this time they sustained a lifetime of ministry, calling individuals to live in Christ Jesus. Their ministry has taken them throughout the country but the focus has been in the State of Michigan. Pastor Smith and Mother Gilda have walked the streets of sev-

eral communities giving prayer and encouragement to the people they meet. They have reached out to youth, the homeless, and the disaffected. As the pastor of the White Cloud Empowerment Center Church of God in Christ they have traveled every week from Flint to White Cloud to hold services and minister to the people of that community. In addition, Pastor Smith has served his jurisdiction as Assistant State Sunday School Superintendent, District Superintendent (on 3 occasions), State Sunday School Superintendent, Chairman of Auxiliaries-in-Ministry, and presently serves as Administrative Assistant to Bishop P.A. Brooks, Jurisdictional Prelate, who is also 1st Assistant presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ.

Their three sons are all ministers and they have five grandchildren. Retired from their jobs at Delphi and Hurley Medical Center, Pastor Smith and Mother Gilda continue to encourage and bring spiritual healing to their many "adopted children" throughout our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Pastor Robert E. Smith, Sr. and Mother Gilda Smith as they retire from ministry at the White Cloud Empowerment Center, Church of God in Christ and I pray they will find much joy as they enter this next phase of their lives.

HONORING SERGEANT CORNELIUS H. CHARLTON, "THE HERO OF HILL 543"

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today before you in continued celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Korean war in honor of SGT Cornelius H. Charlton, the Hero of Hill 543. On Saturday, June 11, the Cornelius H. Charlton Memorial Society and the 369th Historical Society celebrate the bravery of Sergeant Charlton by unveiling an exhibition in his honor highlighting his historic exploits on Hill 543, a major battle during the Korean war.

SGT Cornelius H. Charlton is one of 87 African-American Medal of Honor recipients. He was born on July 24, 1929, in East Gulf, West Virginia to Van and Clara Charlton. In 1944, the family moved to the Bronx, New York. Cornelius attended James Monroe High School. After graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1946. Initially assigned to an engineering group, Sergeant Charlton requested a transfer to an infantry unit and was placed in Company C of the 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. The 24th Infantry, nicknamed the "Buffalo Soldiers," was the United States Army's last, all-Black, segregated regiment to engage in combat. Sergeant Major Charlton volunteered for frontline duty for this rear-echelon outfit.

On June 2, 1951, near the village of Chipori, northeast of Seoul, Korea, Sergeant Charlton's platoon encountered heavy resistance while attempting to take Hill 543. Taking command after his platoon leader was wounded, he regrouped his men and led an assault against the hill. Wounded by a grenade, Sergeant Charlton refused medical attention and continued to lead the charge. He single



handedly attacked and disabled the last remaining enemy gun emplacement, suffering another grenade wound in the process. Sergeant Charlton succumbed to his wounds and died after he knocked out two Chinese machine guns guarding Hill 543. The North Korean and Communist Red troops had stalled United Nations troop advance for three days.

Prior to that tragic battle, and ultimate sacrifice, Sergeant Charlton was recommended for a battlefield commission by his Commander. On February 12, 1952, for his actions during the battle, he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor and the Purple Heart.

After his death, Sergeant Charlton's body was returned to the United States and buried in his mother's family burial place in Virginia. According to family members and other veterans, Sergeant Charlton was not buried at Arlington National Cemetery because of his race. The Army later stated he was not buried at Arlington because of an administrative oversight. In 1989, the Medal of Honor Society discovered Sergeant Charlton's burial site in poor condition; and in 1990 re-interred his remains at the American Legion Cemetery in Beckley, West Virginia. Finally, on November 12, 2008, Sergeant Charlton was finally re-interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Cornelius H. Charlton Memorial Society, Inc., CHCMS, a non-profit organization, was founded in 2010 by the family and friends of SGT Cornelius H. Charlton. Sergeant Charlton, a member of Company C, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor during the Korean war, 1950–1953. The mission of CHCMS is to preserve the heroic legacy of Sergeant Charlton, while also promoting his character and leadership qualities to young people through its college scholarship fund.

The 369th Historical Society Museum is housed in the 369th Regimental Armory, home of the famous Harlem Hellfighters. The 369th Historical Society is an all volunteer non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization, chartered by the New York State Board of Regents. Established in 1960 to collect, preserve and maintain artifacts, books, papers, photographs, film and articles on the history of the 369th Regiment, its allies and affiliates, and of African American soldiers who served in the Military Service of the United States. The Museum's holdings consist of an extensive collection of photographs and artifacts of the 369th soldiers from WWI to the present.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join two very grateful nations in honor and in memory of our American hero, Medal of Honor and Purple Heart recipient, SGT Cornelius H. Charlton, as we continue to celebrate and remember the 60th Anniversary of the Korean war.

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA ARGONAUTS BASEBALL TEAM AS THE 2011 NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of West Flor-

ida's baseball team on becoming the 2011 NCAA Division II National Champions.

Saturday, June 4, 2011 was a proud day to be wearing green and blue. Over 700 miles from home, the USA Baseball National Training Complex was filled with Argonaut spirit. After a remarkable season of 52–9, the University of West Florida baseball team scored a National Championship, bringing home the first national NCAA title for UWF.

Under the direction of Head Coach and former Argo player Mike Jeffcoat, the impressive victory of 12–2 against Winona State showcased not only his leadership, but also the determination of these young athletes. Through their unwavering dedication and teamwork, these young men earned the title of national champions and have made Northwest Florida proud. Their inspiration and victory was a grand slam not only for the team, but for the University and the entire Gulf Coast.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I congratulate the University of West Florida Argonauts for their outstanding accomplishments. My wife Vicki joins me in offering our best wishes to the team, coaches, faculty, and students at the University of West Florida for their continued success.

HONORING 50 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE BY THE FILIPINO LADIES ASSOCIATION OF GUAM

**HON. MADELINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Filipino Ladies Association of Guam (FLAG) for their years of exemplary service to our community. Founded in 1962, FLAG has worked to foster unity and friendship amongst Filipinas throughout Guam by promoting the traditions and values of the Filipino culture. The organization has also worked to address the needs of our island community through volunteer services.

For 50 years, FLAG has been instrumental in contributing to our local community through volunteer efforts, educational assistance, and fundraising projects for local charities. FLAG has contributed to national charities such as the American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Salvation Army, and local non-profit organizations such as Erica's House Family Visitation Center, Alee Shelter, Sanctuary Incorporated, Carmelite Sisters, the University of Guam, and our local hospital. FLAG's efforts have been an asset our community, especially for our island's women and children.

I congratulate the Filipino Ladies Association of Guam on their 50th Anniversary, and I commend them for their years of humanitarian service and efforts in helping Guam's community. I also commend the efforts of the Board of Trustees, executive officers, members, and volunteers who have dedicated and contributed their time in promoting Filipino culture and values over the last five decades. I look forward to many more years of service as we commemorate the hard work and contributions of the Filipino Ladies Association of Guam.

HONORING HARRIET BEECHER STOWE ON HER BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, this month marks the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of one of our nation's most influential and eminent women authors, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and it is with great pride that I rise today to join Connecticut's Harriet Beecher Stowe Center in recognizing this remarkable milestone as well as celebrate this Connecticut daughter's life and distinguished career.

Harriet Beecher Stowe was the most famous American woman of the 19th century and what earned her that status was her best-selling, anti-slavery novel Uncle Tom's Cabin. What you may not know is that she made her home in Hartford, Connecticut, and with neighbors including Mark Twain, Isabella Beecher, Joseph Hawley, Charles Dudley Warner, and William Gillette, Stowe lived and worked in what was one of the nation's preeminent literary communities.

Uncle Tom's Cabin was and still is an extraordinary story. Through its pages, Stowe brought humanity to slavery in the United States and catapulted the issue to the forefront of the time's political debate. Her informal, conversational style spoke to people, touching them in a way that political speeches and newspaper accounts could not. While there were many contributing factors to the outbreak of the Civil War, it is often said that Uncle Tom's Cabin and the debates that its publication sparked helped 19th century Americans determine what kind of country they wanted. In fact, it is said that upon meeting Stowe in the White House in 1862, President Abraham Lincoln said to her, "So you are the little woman who wrote the book that started the Great War."

Stowe was a prolific writer and Uncle Tom's Cabin may have been her most famous work but it was certainly not her only book. In fact, over her lifetime, she wrote more than 30 books and novels. Her broad range of interests resulted in such varied publications as children's text books, advice books on homemaking and child rearing as well as biographies and religious studies. In each of her works, Stowe's unique style encouraged discussion among everyday people and those ranged from slavery to religious reform to gender roles. Though overshadowed by her most famous of works, Stowe's ability to influence public debate on a variety of controversial topics and the influence she had on shaping public opinion is undeniable.

Today, the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, located in Hartford, Connecticut, uses Stowe's life story and work to inspire social justice and positive change with programs and initiatives that reach thousands across the world. In Connecticut, we are proud to call Harriet Beecher Stowe our First Lady of Literature and we could not be more proud to celebrate her life, her work, and her invaluable contributions to our society. Two hundred years after her birth, Harriet Beecher Stowe's life continues to inspire the belief that each of us can make a difference in the world—that one person, using their talent and determination, can create change.



TRIBUTE TO DONNIE A. BRYANT

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. JOHNSON, of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Twenty two years ago a tenacious man of God accepted his calling to serve in the corporate world of South Central Bell, BellSouth and AT&T; and

Whereas, Mr. Donnie A. Bryant began his career in 1981 serving in various positions with the company and serving in various cities in the United States, cities such as Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana, Birmingham, Alabama, Conyers, Georgia and Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mr. Bryant has shared his time and talents, giving the citizens of our District a friend to help those in need, a community leader and a servant to all who wants to insure that the system works for everyone; and

Whereas, Mr. Donnie A. Bryant is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mr. Donnie A. Bryant on his retirement from AT&T and to wish him well in his new endeavors;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim June 5, 2011 as Mr. Donnie A. Bryant Day in the 4th Congressional District. Proclaimed, this 5th day of June, 2011.

RECOGNIZING DR. MARION J. BROOKS AND THE NAMING OF THE DR. MARION J. BROOKS BUILDING

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Dr. Marion Jackson Brooks, an individual fondly known as "Dr. Jack," a name not only synonymous with medical care among Fort Worth's African-American community, but also the community at large. As a lifelong resident of the City of Fort Worth, he was a devoted family man, a generous and caring physician, a tireless advocate for social justice and a steadfast friend. His legacy of community service has been immortalized in Fort Worth through the naming of the Tarrant County Health Building in his honor.

Jack Brooks was the third of four boys born to Roy and Eula Brooks, graduating from I.M. Terrell High School in 1936. A born leader, he became commander of the ROTC while attending Prairie View A & M College, a service that presaged his role in World War II as an army First Lieutenant.

On Christmas Day, 1945, Jack married the former Marie Louise Norris and shortly thereafter moved to Washington D.C. where he received an honorable discharge and enrolled in Medical School at Howard University. He graduated 5th in the medical school class in 1951 and returned to Fort Worth with his wife

and four children to begin practicing medicine in Fort Worth's black business district.

From this vantage point, he recognized the broad needs of his community beyond the delivery and access to quality health care and encouraged and helped politically organize the African-American community through dissemination of information, programs, voter registration and organization.

Dr. Brooks worked toward expanding access and equality for his community. Initiatives he worked and advocated for included integration of Fort Worth's hospitals and public school district, serving as co-founder and the first president of the Sickle Cell Anemia Association of Texas, and service on boards and commissions devoted to his alma mater, Prairie View. Additionally he worked to expand economic opportunities as head of the local Urban League chapter and toward expanding political empowerment as a founding organizer of the Tarrant County Precinct Workers Council.

He expanded his medical practice with his brother Donald through the establishment of the Brooks Clinic in Fort Worth's Morningside Community, a full-service medical facility in the heart of the African-American community. In this neighborhood he and his wife established a home for what had now expanded to a family of five children and organized the Morningside United Methodist Church in their living room in 1962. From this foundation he served over 30 years as Sunday school teacher.

Dr. Brooks also contributed to the McDonald Branch Y.M.C.A., Free and Accepted Masons-Prince Hall, Ft. Worth Chamber of Commerce, the Ft. Worth Symphony Orchestra and served as the first African-American member of the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Ft. Worth. He was also a professional affiliate of the Tarrant county Medical Society, American Association of Family Practice Physicians, and the National Medical Association. He was also a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, NAACP and SNCC.

Through his medical practice and his life, Dr. Brooks remained committed to the underrepresented and underprivileged. He accepted his role of service as a physician within the African-American community and broadened the responsibility to speak out for the rights of its citizens as an elder statesman, impacting the lives before closing his story of service to God, family and community on March 3, 2003.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Dr. Brooks contributions to the City of Fort Worth and to celebrate the naming of the Dr. Marion J. Brooks Building. He has enriched the city, county and state which I am honored to represent.

HONORING SUKANYA ROY

**HON. TOM MARINO**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Miss Sukanya Roy, to celebrate her victory in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Sue, as she is more commonly known, is currently an eighth grader at Abington Heights Middle School. She lives in South Abington Township with her father Abhi Roy,

a professor at Scranton University, and her mother Mousumi Roy, a professor at the Pennsylvania State University.

Sue is an avid member of her school's Ecology Club and plays the violin in the school orchestra. Outside of academia, Sue enjoys indoor rock climbing, ice skating, and playing the piano. She is also fluent in Bengali and keeps in touch with her heritage by traveling to India every summer.

This was the third consecutive year that Sue participated in the National Spelling Bee, having finished in the top twenty in previous years. This year Sue said she knew every word and did not guess once. Sue was crowned this year's champion after correctly spelling "CYMOTRICHOUS," a word of Greek origin relating to having wavy hair.

Although she is just about to enter high school, Sue wants to pursue a career in International Relations and hopes to bring an end to world poverty and hunger.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sukanya Roy and ask my colleagues to join me in praising her achievement as the 84th Scripps National Spelling Bee Champion.

IN HONOR OF JENNEFER LLOYD SANTEE WINEMAN

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jennefer Lloyd Santee Wineman. Jennefer was a gracious, loving and strikingly beautiful woman who generously gave her time and talents in an effort to better the lives of those around her whom she loved. She passed away on November 26, 2010.

Jennefer was born on May 15, 1931 in Montreal Canada, but soon moved to Carmel, California where she later became a proud U.S. citizen. In the beautiful backdrop of cypress trees and glowing sunsets, Jennefer flourished and graduated from Carmel High School in 1949 earning the "Gold C" award, which was given to an outstanding scholastic female student. It was during my years at Carmel High School that I really became close with Jennefer, through her younger sister Cindy. Following Carmel High, Jennefer attended Stanford University where she met Nathaniel Baylis and they soon were married. Jennefer and "Nat" were blessed with two wonderful sons, Owen and Lloyd. Those closest to her have said that her most natural and intuitive gift was that of being a wonderful, caring mother.

In addition to being a loving wife and mother, Jennefer helped pioneer a revolutionary form of education. She became a teacher at the Charles Armstrong School for the dyslexic, a school which specifically caters to the needs of children who require a different method of teaching. Education became Jennefer's passion and led her to play a pivotal role in the establishment of Chartwell School in Carmel. Through her dedication to improving the lives of her students and their families, Jennefer molded Chartwell school into one of the premier special education institutions. After completing her long held dream of providing Chartwell with its own independent campus, families from across America began to relocate to the Central Coast just to have their

children attend. Chartwell graduates have gone on to very successful careers in many fields, adding to the strength of our country. As Margaret Mead said, "never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever does". Jennefer and the Chartwell School did change the worlds of many young people for the better.

Not only a brilliant educator, Jennefer was the guiding light for the Lloyd family, a family which will be celebrating the anniversary of its 100th year in Carmel this coming July. She loved her family and cherished her family's history. She set to work tracing her lineage and eventually joined the Daughters of the Revolution, in which her membership remained an integral part of her life. She challenged her family just as she did her students, to overstep the insurmountable and to take what you want from life with tenacity; she was the catalyst that lit the fire.

Jennefer's bright smile and positive outlook helped her see the good in everyone around her and she had the ability to always bring the best qualities of a person to light. Her friends and family have many stories of how Jennefer encouraged them to try again, to gain new skills and reinvent themselves. As a friend of Jennefer's, I truly believe she took to heart the song, "Over the Rainbow." She believed "the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true."

Christmas was Jennefer's favorite holiday because it was a time for the entire family to be together and a special time to give thanks for the wonderful things in life. If you were to ask her what she wanted for Christmas, the answer was always the same, "peace on earth".

Mr. Speaker, Jennefer Lloyd Santee Wineman always put others before herself and dedicated her life to serving her community and family. She was so beautiful, caring and remarkable and I know that one day, on the other side of the rainbow, where skies are blue, and where troubles melt like lemon drops, that is where I'll find her.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND  
VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RE-  
LATED AGENCIES APPROPRI-  
ATIONS ACT, 2012**

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 2, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2055) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I thank Chairman CULBERSON and Ranking Member BISHOP for bringing the FY 2012 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill to the floor today. This bill provides funding that is critical to the strength and the well-being of our military, and supports the education and training of our veterans, construction of Department of Defense hospitals, schools and family housing.

The bill provides a total of \$143.9 billion in FY 2012, of which \$69.5 billion is mandatory funding for pensions and other benefits administered by the Veterans Benefit Administration. This funding will support service-connected compensation programs that help an estimated 4 million veterans, survivors and dependents and makes pension payments to 507,000 veterans and survivors.

The bill also provides \$60.2 billion in discretionary funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs and \$14 billion for military construction and family housing. This includes funds for in-patient care and treatment of beneficiaries in 152 hospitals, 101 domiciliary residential rehabilitation treatment programs, 133 nursing homes, 300 Vet Centers, 50 mobile Vet Centers and 807 outpatient clinics, which include independent, satellite, community-based and rural outreach clinics.

Our nation's servicemembers and veterans and their families deserve the best quality care and support available. This measure helps to fund the programs and benefits they have earned for their service and sacrifice.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in support of the bill.

**THE BETHLEHEM GRANGE  
NUMBER 121**

**HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bethlehem Grange on their 120th anniversary. The Bethlehem Grange Number 121 is one of nearly sixty National Grange chapters in the state of Connecticut. On January 6, 1891, the Bethlehem Grange was organized by 24 charter members. Through the years, the Bethlehem Grange has grown substantially, having at one point over 150 members. The Bethlehem Grange has maintained a strong commitment to the rural communities of northwestern Connecticut.

The Bethlehem Grange has a rich history of promoting family farming and community service in rural Connecticut. In 1891 the Bethlehem Grange sponsored their first Grange Fair in the Town Hall. The fair has grown and expanded since then, eventually becoming the popular Bethlehem Fair, which I've had the pleasure of attending numerous times over the years.

The Bethlehem Grange is committed to fostering a deeply-rooted sense of community. In addition to their monthly activities, the Grange supports their local food bank, donates dictionaries to the local elementary school, and provides scholarships to local high school students. Their dedication to civic responsibility doesn't end there: the Bethlehem Grange holds an annual community flea market and participates in the Adopt-A-Road program.

Over its 120 years of existence, the Bethlehem Grange has done its part to preserve the cherished historical character of northwestern Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I believe that we can all learn from the Bethlehem Grange's dedication to fellowship and service, and so I ask my colleagues to join with me, and the people of Bethlehem, in recognizing the Bethlehem Grange Number 121 on their 120th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING SAM GILLIAM

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Sam Gilliam, a world-renowned artist, an innovative leader in artistic expression, and a resident of the District of Columbia. Sam Gilliam's work has been acclaimed throughout our nation. We now ask the Congress of the United States to officially recognize Sam Gilliam as well.

Born in Tupelo, Mississippi, Sam has spent most of his distinguished career as a resident of the nation's capitol. Through the guidance and encouragement of his elementary school teachers, Sam discovered his interest in painting and artistic expression while growing up in Louisville, Kentucky. After graduating from Central High School in Louisville, Sam earned a bachelor of arts degree in fine arts and a master's degree in painting at the University of Louisville. He taught in Louisville public schools and served in the United States Army.

Sam Gilliam's work is distinctive in its creative artistry, using bright, piercing colors (which solidified his place at the Washington Color School), distorting geometric shapes, and displaying unframed painted canvases, enabling the work of art and background to blend as one.

As a member of the Smithsonian Art Collectors Program, Sam has produced several pieces to benefit arts education programs at the Smithsonian Institution, including *In Celebration, 1987* and *Museum Moment, 2009*. In 2005, the District's prestigious Corcoran Gallery of Art honored Sam with a retrospective exhibition that highlighted his artistic achievements. Sam's first solo exhibition was featured in the District's Jefferson Place Gallery, and the current exhibition of his work at two premiere galleries in the city, the Phillips Collection and the Katzen Center at American University, indicate continuing appreciation of his unique pieces. Sam has been awarded numerous honorary degrees, and his work has been featured throughout the world, including the National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC; Tate Gallery, London; Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, DC; Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH; and the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, Paris, France. Sam's new piece for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (Metro) Art-in-Transit Program, *From a Model to a Rainbow*, is being displayed at the Metro underpass at 4th and Cedar Street, NW near Takoma Station. I will be among the guests to recognize Sam on Saturday, June 11, 2011, at Takoma Station.

The District of Columbia and its residents are particularly grateful for Sam Gilliam's work in developing the next generation of artists by mentoring and teaching art classes to DC Public Schools students. His studio is located in the historic Shaw neighborhood, an area of the city known for its diverse forms of music, dance, and culture.

For a lifetime of achievements and for continuing contributions to the arts, as recognized throughout the nation and the world, I ask the House to join me in celebrating the uniquely distinctive place of Sam Gilliam in the arts.

IN HONOR OF LANCE CORPORAL  
NICHOLAS O'BRIEN

**HON. SUE WILKENS MYRICK**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life of Lance Corporal Nicholas O'Brien—a Marine from Stanley, NC, who was killed in action while serving our country in Afghanistan. He had just turned 21 two weeks earlier.

Nic—as he was known to family and friends—entered the United States Marine Corps knowing the risks, but also knowing that he had a calling to serve our country.

From a young age, he knew he wanted to be a Marine, and even turned down scholarships to continue playing baseball—he was a star player at East Gaston High School, from which he graduated in 2008.

Lance Corporal Nic O'Brien is what his father calls “a true American hero in every sense of the word.” He's right.

There is no way that we can adequately thank our men and women in uniform all for their service and sacrifice to protect our freedoms. The thoughts and prayers of our entire Nation are with them—those who have bravely served, and the families of those whose ultimate sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest thanks and condolences to the O'Brien family and to everyone who knew Nic—a true American hero.

REGARDING THE LEGENDARY  
JIMMY HEATH, RECIPIENT OF  
THE 2011 DC JAZZ FESTIVAL  
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues know of my passion for jazz music. This original American art form has played an influential role in my life and is as integral to my District as Motown and automobiles. As such, it has been my pleasure to support and promote the music over my many years in Washington.

I am proud to be an original supporter of the 7-year old DC Jazz Festival, now the largest music festival in the Nation's Capital. It has truly been a pleasure to be a part of this event and all it offers the District and the Nation—from great year-round jazz programming to real educational partnerships with the DC public schools. Truly, the DC Jazz Festival demonstrates that equality, inclusion and democratic values stand at the heart of jazz music.

Since its inception in 2005, the DC Jazz Festival honors living legends each year with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Past recipients include Dave Brubeck, Dr. Billy Taylor, Clark Terry, Hank Jones, Buck Hill, George Wein, Ellis Marsalis and James Moody. Today I rise to add my words of congratulations to the most recent jazz legend to receive this honor—Mr. Jimmy Heath.

The second oldest brother of the legendary Heath Brothers, Jimmy Heath has long been

recognized as a virtuoso instrumentalist, and magnificent composer and arranger. He has performed on more than 100 recordings with his own groups, as well as with jazz icons such as Dizzy Gillespie, James Moody, and Miles Davis, to name just a few. Nicknamed “Little Bird” due to his similarities in saxophone style to Charlie “Bird” Parker,” Mr. Heath has written more than 125 compositions, many of which have become jazz standards. Mr. Heath has also long understood the importance of educating the next generation jazz musician. A preeminent educator, he directed the jazz program at Queens College in New York for over twenty years. Jimmy Heath was also a panelist at my 1987 Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Jazz Forum entitled: “Jazz a Family Tradition.” He talked about his experience growing up in a household with two brothers who also became world renowned jazz musicians: Percy Heath, and Albert “Tootie” Heath.

Jimmy Heath has served on the Board of the Louis Armstrong Archives housed at Queens College, and taught at renowned institutions, including New York's famed Jazzmobile, Housatonic College, the City College of New York, and The New School for Social Research. Recipient of the 2003 NEA Jazz Masters Award, we celebrate Jimmy Heath's enduring achievements and contributions to our nation's singular original art form.

Today, I am proud to honor this American living legend and pass on my congratulations for a job well done and an award well deserved.

HONORING KARL BAUER

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of Karl Bauer who passed away on February 16, 2011. For many years, he served as an active member of the Greater Independence Park Neighborhood Association and a source of joy for all those who knew him.

As a young man, Mr. Bauer escaped from East Germany and arrived in Chicago in 1957. He brought with him tremendous skill as a machinist and worked in several small shops throughout the city over the course of his life.

After marrying Edith Bauer, the love of his life, the two bought a house at the corner of Byron and Hamlin in the center of the 5th Congressional District. This house served as a source of pride and happiness for Mr. Bauer and came to be a model of excellence for the rest of the neighborhood. He soon became active in his new community, joined GIPNA and, in the words of his neighbors, served as “a familiar and loveable presence.” Always willing to help, he acted as a dependable block representative and made sure to greet neighbors at the pancake breakfast every year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Karl Bauer and his commitment to improving and supporting his neighborhood. His work has touched the lives of many in his community, and his contributions will be greatly missed.

IN HONOR OF THE REVEREND  
JOHN KEVIN RING

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Father John Kevin Ring, who on June 12, 2011 will celebrate his Golden Jubilee of priestly service in San Francisco, California.

I join my fellow parishioners in profound gratitude for Father Ring's service as Pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church and St. Vincent de Paul School, both which have flourished with his guidance over the past 24 years.

Father John Ring was born in San Francisco and grew up in St. Anne's Parish in the Sunset district. He entered the seminary at St. Joseph's College in Mountain View and continued his studies for the Priesthood at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. Father Ring was ordained a priest on June 10, 1961 at St. Mary's Cathedral and began his first assignment at the Most Holy Redeemer Parish in San Francisco. He served at St. Patrick's in Larkspur, St. Matthew's in San Mateo, St. Brigid's in San Francisco and Mater Dolorosa Church in South San Francisco before being appointed by Archbishop Quinn in 1986 to serve as fifth Pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church in San Francisco.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church was founded in 1901, also called the “Church of Cow Hollow” for its oldest neighborhood, “Church of the Exposition” for the Panama Pacific International Exposition that took place largely in the Marina District and the “Church of the Earthquakes” since it withstood both of San Francisco's big earthquakes.

The 1989 earthquake was a momentous event in the history of the St. Vincent de Paul parish because much of the damage was sustained in the Marina District, including considerable structural damage to the church itself. On the Friday following the earthquake Archbishop John Quinn offered mass at the church. Father Ring presided over the church's renovation which was celebrated at the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul on September 27, 1991. Both the new altar and the new pipe organ were dedicated by Archbishop Quinn in 1993.

As Pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church, Father Ring stressed the need to involve the laity in decision and policy making. During his Pastorate there were many beginnings, including a mass for young adults, a group of Home Visitors to care for the sick and homebound in the parish, and beyond, and girls were allowed to be altar servers.

Father Ring formed a Parish Finance Committee and worked to stabilize St. Vincent de Paul School that has become a highly regarded parochial school in San Francisco.

The individuals and families in Father Ring's parish have been blessed with a Pastor who has strengthened their church and school, built community, and inspired their love for service and their love for God.

On a personal note, my husband Paul's parents John and Corinne Pelosi became parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul in the 1930s and our family has had a relationship with this parish for over 70 years. Although Father Ring will be retiring he will long be an inspiration to our family.

IN RECOGNITION OF HONDA  
NORTH AMERICA'S OPERATIONS  
BACK UP BY AUGUST 2011

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the people of Honda by including an editorial below from The Daily Home on May 28th about their resilience after the tragedies in Japan.

It is very good news that Honda expects all its North American operations to be back to full speed by August and that includes its Lincoln plant where three of its most popular vehicles are assembled.

The March earthquake and tsunami in Japan severely hampered Honda's supply chain and ended up costing the giant automaker months of production as it faced difficult and at times insurmountable obstacles to getting supplies from Japan to North America.

Without those supplies, cars could not be built.

As time passed, the supply chain opened up a bit, and then a little more.

But not too long ago Honda officials (along with other Japanese automakers) were expecting a late fall date for full production to resume.

Last week, however, the company announced it wouldn't take that long.

"Honda will increase production volume at its North America automobile plants to a rate of 100 percent original production plan in August," a company press release announced.

Honda's employees in Lincoln met the news with enthusiasm.

"Today we announced to our associates in plant-wide meetings that we are planning to accelerate recovery of our production. . . ." said Mark Morrison, a company spokesman. "When we announced that the Odyssey and Pilot would reach 100 percent of their original production plan in August, our associates greeted the news with great applause," he said.

That kind of reaction is what you would expect from Honda employees. The 4,000 people who work in the local plant are intensely loyal and, based on the plant's expansion since opening, also are very productive.

That loyalty and productivity have been rewarded with a unique approach to the forced slowdown in production. Rather than lay off workers, Honda allowed them to work on maintenance chores, or to take earned vacation time to keep their paychecks coming. And after the April 27 tornadoes ripped through our area, Honda allowed its employees to take two days per week to volunteer at cleanup activities while getting paid as though they were at work.

Those policies say a lot about Honda and the kind of company it is. And they say a lot about Honda's employees and the kind of people they are.

Honda made it through this parts crisis without laying off a single employee in their North American plants, the company said. Now that they are ready to ramp up production again, those employees are available and their morale should be high, since no one had to do with a reduced paycheck during the difficult times.

The Japanese automaker obviously enjoys great economic strength to be able to weather such a crisis without cutting employee paychecks. We commend Honda for its approach, we continue to wish the company a long and prosperous future in Lincoln and the rest of its North America plants.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHARLES F. BASS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. BASS of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, on June 3, 2011, I was on a leave of absence from the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of former Congressman Peter Frelinghuysen. As a result, I did not have the opportunity to vote on rollcall votes 410, 411, and 412. On rollcall vote 410, providing consideration of H. Res. 292 and H. Con. Res. 51, I would have voted in the affirmative. On rollcall vote 411, declaring that the President shall not deploy, establish, or maintain the presence of units and members of the United States Armed Forces on the ground in Libya, I would have voted in the affirmative. On rollcall vote 412, directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from Libya, I would have voted in the affirmative.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, on May 10, 2011, I was unable to be on the House floor to vote for the three amendments to H.R. 1229. Had I been there, I would have voted as follows: rollcall 299: Polis amendment: "nay"; rollcall 300: Garamendi amendment: "nay"; rollcall 301: Markey amendment: "nay."

Also, I regretfully inform you I was detained during a vote on May 11, 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: rollcall 312: Connolly amendment: "nay."

Finally, in addition, I was detained during a vote on May 25, 2011. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: rollcall 338: Foxx amendment: "yea."

HONORING HARRIET BEECHER  
STOWE

**HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the bicentennial of the birth of Harriet Beecher Stowe. Stowe was born on June 14, 1811, and was an integral figure in the abolition movement. She is best known for her anti-slavery novel Uncle Tom's Cabin—a book that painted a human picture of slavery in the United States.

Her writing stirred an international groundswell of support for abolition. Uncle Tom's Cabin, first serialized in the weekly National Era, became the best-selling book of the 19th century, with 10,000 copies sold in the first week of publication. In Great Britain, 1.5 million copies were sold in its first year. Uncle Tom's Cabin has since been translated into 60 languages and continues to be read around the world.

Stowe leveraged the media of her day, demanding that America fulfill its promise of freedom and recognize the human face of bondage. Virulent criticism from slavery proponents prompted Stowe to publish A Key to Uncle Tom's Cabin, detailing her sources. Over the next decade, public attitudes toward slavery changed.

Stowe's informal, conversational writing style inspired people in a way that political speeches and newspaper accounts could not. Many believe that Uncle Tom's Cabin helped 19th century Americans determine what kind of country they wanted.

Harriet Beecher Stowe's legacy is proof that we all have the ability to make profound position changes to our world, no matter the obstacles. Her creativity and courage positively influenced the lives of many. I ask my colleagues to join with me in officially recognizing the bicentennial of the birth of an incredible American, Harriet Beecher Stowe.

PLEDGE FOR RESPECT

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) has called on Congress to oppose irresponsible and inflammatory rhetoric toward Latinos, and instead to focus on forging solutions to the nation's most pressing concerns that work for all Americans. Today, I join with them in opposing irresponsible rhetoric and supporting the importance of civil discourse in the political process, especially on issues related to race and ethnicity.

The current national immigration narrative misrepresents the Latino community. Some use the community as a scapegoat, and some blatantly encourage xenophobia for political gain. Like all Americans, Latinos care about and are deeply affected by the complex issues facing our nation: serious economic challenges, a flawed immigration system in need of reform, an unnecessarily complex tax code that often hurts the middle class, and an aging infrastructure that endangers the literal ties between us. Those who slander, dehumanize or disrespect any community in particular are refusing to solve problems in a thoughtful, constructive way.

If we as a country join hands, move forward and choose to be respectful of Latino—and all racial and ethnic communities—we can solve our problems together. Every day, Latinos make substantial contributions to the economic, civic, and cultural life of Oregon and this country. I encourage my colleagues to seek out and consider the Latino perspective on today's issues, and to find areas of common ground based on our shared values and interests. I encourage them to meet with NCLR and other Latino businesses, non-profits and community groups in their area. Hearing the Latino perspective benefits all Americans. I consider it an honor to represent the Latino families, students, workers and constituents of the 3rd congressional district in Oregon.

HONORING LEONARD REZMIERSKI

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Mr. Leonard Rezmierski upon his retirement after 46 years of service with Northville Public Schools and having served the last 20 years as Superintendent.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science from Western Michigan University in 1965, Leonard Rezmierski went on, in 1969, to earn a Master of Arts majoring in Special Education with a minor in Administration at the University of Michigan. He earned a Doctor of Philosophy, majoring in Education and Anthropology, at the University of Michigan in 1982.

Founder of the Galileo Leadership Training Program, Dr. Rezmierski served as the Tri-County Alliance President and as the Michigan Association of School Administrators Region 9 President during the 2003/2004 school year. He held the position of MASA Region 9 Vice President in the prior year and during the 2006/2007 school year he was chosen as President Elect while also being an active member and Past President of the Wayne County School Superintendents' Association. Dedicating considerable time and effort to the Council for Exceptional Children at the state, national and international levels, Leonard has also devoted himself to the Wayne County and the Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education.

Dr. Leonard Rezmierski has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Northville Parent-Teacher Organization Service Achievement Award, the Marvin E. Beekman Administrator of the Year Award, the Susan Phillips Gorin Award for Outstanding Service to University Students and the TASH (The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps) Award for Leadership in Non-Adversive Programming for Handicapped Students.

Active in his community as a member and Past President of the Northville Rotary and as a member of First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Leonard has volunteered as a Boy Scout Leader, a youth hockey and Little League Baseball coach, and with Meals for the Homeless Program. Perhaps, the most poignant recognition of his devotion to educational distinction, innovation and leadership in academics, athletics, the arts and community service is the establishment of the Dr. Leonard Rezmierski Fund for Excellence. This enduring legacy will stand as confirmation of Leonard Rezmierski's idea of valuing the unique contributions of every child and adult to their school community. His perception of educational experience transcending classroom walls and reaching beyond traditional academics innovatively prepares students to work, live and succeed in our ever more global society.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Leonard Rezmierski has faithfully served the students and citizens of Northville, Michigan. As he enters the next phase of his life with his beloved wife Virginia, his daughter Sara and his son Ryan, he leaves behind a legacy of dedication, integrity, and excellence. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Leonard Rezmierski upon his retirement and recog-

nizing his years of loyal service to our community and country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF MR. FRITZ CARL STEIN, JR.**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Fritz Carl Stein, Jr., a founding member of the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida. Mr. Stein was the vice president and secretary-treasurer of the Belle Glade cooperative and a third-generation farmer in the Everglades Agricultural Area. He also owned and operated Stein Sugar Farms and a cattle ranch in Highlands County.

A talented farmer and businessman, Mr. Stein had a heart as big as the Everglades. He was a leader in many organizations, donating his time to the Boy Scouts and the Belle Glade Little League, among others. Mr. Stein served on the boards of the South Florida Conservancy District, the South Florida Water Management District, and the Palm Beach County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Demonstrating his concern for the less fortunate, Mr. Stein was chairman of the Belle Glade Housing Authority. As an example of the trust and respect he enjoyed among his fellow Belle Glade residents, he was a founding trustee of Glades Day School. He was also a longtime member of the Belle Glade Rotary Club and the Belle Glade Missionary Alliance Church.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Stein was a graduate of Belle Glade High School and the University of Florida and he served honorably in the United States Army. He made great contributions to the sugar cane growers cooperative and contributed immensely to the economic health of the Glades area. His passing will be mourned by his wife, Lois, six children, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and people throughout the community surrounding Lake Okeechobee.

HONORING REVEREND MARVIN  
DOZIER**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement from the Southampton School Board, I rise to commend the Reverend Marvin Dozier for a life spent in service to others.

As a board member and past president of the board, Reverend Dozier devoted eleven-and-a-half years to the children and families of our community. Never concerned with recognition or accolades, he made the students his first priority. He was the first African-American to serve as president of the school board, and he worked tirelessly, with dignity and wisdom, to encourage collaboration and forge a common understanding among those with different backgrounds.

Reverend Dozier's community activism began when he was a student at Southampton

High School during the 1960s. He worked with several teachers to organize diversity training workshops for students, advocated for the hiring of black teachers and served as a voice for the minority in student government. Although he considered himself an activist, his goal was never to be divisive, but to work to bring people together.

In 1980, Reverend Dozier was ordained a minister by the First Baptist Church of Southampton and is now pastor of the Unity Baptist Church of Mattituck. He also served as chair of the Southold Town Anti-Bias Task Force. Among many other contributions, Reverend Dozier is Director of the Southampton Youth Association, an organization that coordinates sports programs and summer camps for the school district and seeks to build character through sports. He has insisted that SYA remain true to its mission to give every child an opportunity whether or not the family has money or resources to pay for it.

Furthermore, Reverend Dozier serves as the voice for those who cannot stand up for themselves, making sure they have a chance to participate and become involved. A man who always seems to have a smile and a warm welcome for everyone he encounters, Reverend Dozier makes sure his work is guided by his desire to put the children of the community first—not himself, not his own children, but all the children.

Additionally, Reverend Dozier has held positions of leadership with great responsibility and dedication, always striving to raise social consciousness and create awareness. His purpose has never been to blame, but to hold people accountable for their actions.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure on behalf of New York's first congressional district to thank Reverend Martin Dozier for making our community a better place and to wish him well as he continues a life of service and contribution.

CONGRATULATING THE 2011 NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONS, THE DALLAS MAVERICKS

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dallas Mavericks, on winning the 2011 National Basketball Association Championship. This is the organization's first NBA World Championship title.

I congratulate team owner Mark Cuban, Coach Rick Carlisle, his staff, and the entire Maverick organization for their accomplishment in winning basketball's coveted Larry O'Brien championship trophy.

I also congratulate the team's captain, Dirk Nowitzki, on being named the recipient of the Bill Russell NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Award.

The Maverick's success is a result of contributions by the entire team, including players Jose Barea, Rodrigue Beaubois, Corey Brewer, Caron Butler, Brian Cardinal, Tyson Chandler, Brendan Haywood, Dominique Jones, Jason Kidd, Ian Mahinmi, Shawn Marion, DeShawn Stevenson, Peja Stojakovic, and

Jason Terry; head coach Rick Carlisle, and assistant coaches Terry Stotts, Dwane Casey, Darrell Armstrong, Monte Mathis and Robert Hackett, head athletic trainer Casey Smith, and assistant trainer Dionne Calhoun, led the Mavericks to their first NBA championship by stressing teamwork and determination.

The Mavericks have such a loyal following not only because they are champions on the court, but because they are champions in the community as well. The Dallas Mavericks possess a strong sense of social responsibility, acknowledging that a community is only as strong as its weakest link. The team displays a strong commitment to the community through its foundation. The Dallas Mavericks Foundation is dedicated to inspiring and motivating youth to take their education seriously, strive for healthy bodies and minds, become involved in community service activities, set personal goals, visualize their dreams and take responsibility for their own lives and neighborhoods.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating each member of the 2011 NBA Champion Dallas Mavericks for their many victories on the court and in the community. They are champions to their sports fans, to beneficiaries of their Foundation, and to the entire Dallas community. We thank them for bringing the NBA championship trophy where it belongs—the American Airlines Center located in the heart of the 30th Congressional District of Texas.

HONORING SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar is a renowned spiritual leader and multi-faceted humanitarian whose mission of uplifting human values and creating a stress-free, violence-free world has inspired millions of people around the world over the past 30 years; and

In 1981, Sri Sri established the Art of Living Foundation, an international nonprofit educational and humanitarian organization, with a presence in 151 countries, which offers educational and self-development programs designed to eliminate stress and foster well-being, including programs which are helping inner city youth turn away from gang violence and programs which are helping transform the lives of veterans, prison inmates, terrorists and victims of trauma around the world; and

Through Sri Sri's message of religious harmony, non-violence, equality, tolerance and peace transcends class; race, religion and nationality and promotes ecumenical and universal human values; and

In 1997, Sri Sri founded the International Association for Human Values, a humanitarian nonprofit organization that advances and strengthens society by strengthening the individual.

The Art of Living Foundation and the International Association for Human Values collaborate on humanitarian initiatives that include some of the following: trauma relief at the site of the world's most horrific natural disasters and conflicts, including helping such traumatized populations as survivors, refu-

gees, veterans, Katrina and 9/11 survivors, earthquake and tsunami survivors in Japan, and others; and prison settings, where more than 350,000 staff and inmates in 32 countries have participated in stress relief and life-skills programs, including both adult and juvenile offenders; and corporate, military, and government settings, bringing stress relief, team building, and a competitive edge to the World Bank, IBM, Shell Oil, Intel, the Third Circuit Court, the Army National Guard, and many other organizations in the U.S. and around the world; and addressing corruption and ethics, including hosting the World Forum for Ethics and Business each year at the European Parliament and speaking out against corruption in India; and the Youth Leadership Training Program, which has trained 100,000 at-risk youth and others to become leaders, who in turn have brought transformation to more than 36,000 rural villages; and the environment, with numerous environmental initiatives, including clean-up and awareness programs, sustainable agriculture and the planting of 10 million trees around the world; and U.S. school initiatives, with more than 12,000 U.S. students participating in school stress relief and life-skills programs in the last year alone; and

The Foundation's self-development programs have benefitted over 30 million people around the world over the past 30 years.

GINA CALABRESE

**HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great woman and constituent, Gina Calabrese. Ms. Calabrese is the principal of the Rotella Interdistrict Magnet School in Waterbury, Connecticut, and was recently honored as the National Principal of the Year by the Magnet Schools of America. This award is presented annually to an exemplary school leader who has created and fostered innovative academic and extracurricular programs in magnet schools.

The students of the Rotella Magnet School and the community of Waterbury as a whole are fortunate to have a leader like Gina Calabrese, and I am proud that the Rotella School is in my district. Her dedication to education and her students is remarkable. In fact, largely because of Ms. Calabrese's leadership, the Rotella Interdistrict Magnet School was also honored in 2008 with the Magnet Schools of America's Dr. Ronald P. Simpson Distinguished Magnet Schools of Excellence.

Ms. Calabrese has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to innovation and education, and her efforts have raised the bar for magnet schools and educational institutions in Connecticut and across the country. Gina's achievements represent the highest dedication to success, and I am proud to recognize her contributions here today.

Although the Rotella School only opened in 2000, it has quickly distinguished itself as one of the best Magnet Schools in the country. It embodies a dedication to a holistic education that incorporates a strong academic program and an emphasis on the performing and visual arts. This approach combines the most valu-

able aspects of the arts—self-expression, creativity and practice—with academics, leading to a unique and valuable student experience.

On behalf of the people of Waterbury, I want to congratulate Ms. Calabrese for this award and thank her for her tireless efforts to educate the future leaders of Connecticut.

STANLEY K. SHEINBAUM

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 91st birthday of Stanley Sheinbaum, one of our country's most unique civic leaders. In his early years, Stanley served as a cartographer in World War II and was a student at Stanford, where he received top honors. He went on to become a Fulbright scholar and a professor of economics—first at Stanford, then at Michigan State. In 1964 he married Betty Warner and together they moved to Santa Barbara, where Stanley became one of the most vocal opponents of the war in Viet Nam. He twice ran for Congress on an aggressive anti-war platform and helped raise money for the legal defense fund of Daniel Ellsberg, the Defense Department analyst who leaked the "Pentagon Papers" to the New York Times.

After the war, Stanley remained deeply involved in the causes that were dear to him. His many interests, accomplishments, and important relationships are too numerous to recount. A few of the highlights include the nine years he served as chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Southern California, where his leadership led to a tenfold increase in contributions. In 1988, he was the leader of a Jewish-American delegation that convinced Yasser Arafat to recognize Israel and disavow terrorism. From 1991–93 he served as president of the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners in the wake of the Rodney King beating, during which time he led the fight for justice and accountability, during that explosive period in the city's history.

His many achievements are in a delightful documentary, Citizen Stanley, which pays tribute to his many years of service and activism. Today, here in Congress, we have the opportunity to wish "Citizen Stanley" a happy birthday as we celebrate his extraordinary life and many contributions, especially to American justice and foreign affairs. At 91 years of age, Stanley Sheinbaum continues to inspire the best of the American progressive tradition.

REPUBLICAN POLICY PROPOSALS  
HARM SENIORS

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss how the proposed Republican policies will harm our seniors. Republicans are attacking our seniors' most vital support systems.

The Republican budget would replace Medicare with an underfunded voucher system that



eliminates guaranteed Medicare benefits. Private insurance companies, which would be much more expensive than traditional Medicare, would be in charge of seniors' health care for those currently under the age of 55. It is estimated that seniors' health care costs would increase by more than \$6,000 a year and costs would continue to skyrocket over time.

Republicans have claimed that their budget does not affect current Medicare beneficiaries; however, this claim is false. In fact, the Republican proposal would immediately cut benefits and would require seniors to pay more out-of-pocket for prescription drugs.

With respect to Medicaid, the Republican budget would cut almost \$800 billion dollars over the next decade. Currently, Medicaid is the primary payer for nursing home care; massive cuts in this area would result in staffing shortages and reduced care quality.

At a time where our seniors are struggling to stay afloat in an unstable and unpredictable economy, we should be creating policies that will protect them instead of proposing policies that will place them in harm's way. Balancing the budget on the backs of seniors is reprehensible to say the least. We must fight for our nation's seniors and defend them against these reckless attacks on their health, economic security, and peace of mind.

#### TRIBUTE TO JESSICA BOLAND

### HON. BENJAMIN QUAYLE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Mr. QUAYLE. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize Jessica Boland, a third-grade teacher at Rose Lane Elementary School in Phoenix, Arizona, who on April 28th, 2011, received the 2010 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science. This honor is recognition of teachers with an exemplary record in both mathematics and science. Ms. Boland is one of only 85 recipients of this celebrated honor.

Ms. Boland always knew she wanted to be a teacher. The goal of all teachers should be to do everything possible to encourage, support, and promote excellence in the classroom, and she eagerly takes on this challenge every day. Ms. Boland has proven that she is up to this task, and while she is humbled and honored by this award, the satisfaction she gets every day when a classroom of eager students "get it," is by far her greatest reward.

Jessica's day does not begin with the first bell, nor does it end when her class is dismissed. She provides before and after school assistance to students who are struggling with their school work, offering a greater opportunity to succeed. She facilitates math academies for parents so that their children have more than just one teacher to help them understand. Her belief is that if a parent can help at home, then the child never runs out of opportunities to learn. She also works with student teachers who will soon be entering the field of education. This allows for each new generation of teachers to have a greater feeling of comfort when entering the classroom for the first time. Students then receive a quality education, regardless of the experience of their teacher.

Few awards offer such esteem and honor as the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science. This award is testimony to the gratitude that our nation shares for teachers like Jessica Boland. I am proud today to enter this recognition of Jessica's achievements into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and hope that all teachers across our great nation share in the responsibility that she has undertaken. It is with great joy and honor that I recognize Jessica Boland, and thank her with never-ending gratitude for giving her students the greatest opportunity to succeed.

#### HONORING MARINE SERGEANT SEAN T. CALLAHAN

### HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, Marine Sergeant Sean T. Callahan of Warrenton, Virginia, made the supreme sacrifice for his country on April 23, 2011, while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Callahan was assigned antitank missile duties and was with the 3rd Battalion of the 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Sean joined the Marine Corps in March 2008 and received a combat meritorious promotion to the grade of sergeant on February 2, 2011. He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from August until October 2009. He deployed again in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in December, 2010. His awards include a Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Valor Device. Sean was escorted home from Dover, Delaware, by his brother, Corporal Daniel J. Callahan, who is assigned to the 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion at Camp Pendleton, California.

Sean was born on Flag Day, June 14, 1987, in Manassas, Virginia, the youngest of four children. He grew up in Prince William County and graduated from Brentsville High School in 2005. He was an accomplished guitar player who loved music and went out of his way to encourage younger musicians to pursue their shared love of music.

Sergeant Callahan's leadership qualities, his loyalty and dedication all found a purpose when he joined the United States Marine Corps. He believed deeply in his calling to defend the freedoms granted in America and in the defense of dignity and freedom in other countries.

Sean was a true son of Virginia and will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved him.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate com-

mittees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 15

9:30 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the "Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act" and implementation of Title VII one year later.

SR-328A

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012.

SR-232A

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the "Clean Air Act" and public health.

SD-406

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine enhancing safety and soundness, focusing on lessons learned and opportunities for continued improvement.

SD-538

11 a.m.

Appropriations

Department of Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012.

SR-232A

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jennifer A. Di Toro, Donna Mary Murphy, and Yvonne M. Williams, all to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

SD-342

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control

To hold hearings to examine the continued construction of illegal tunnels on the southwest border of the United States and the role these tunnels may play in the transport of drugs, weapons and human beings.

SD-562



			JUNE 21
9:30 a.m.		Court of the Virgin Islands, and Major General Marilyn A. Quagliotti, USAF (Ret.), of Virginia, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President.	2:30 p.m.
Armed Services			Judiciary
Closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012.			Crime and Terrorism Subcommittee
	SR-232A		To hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, focusing on evaluating the Administration's proposals.
10 a.m.		Small Business and Entrepreneurship	SD-226
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs		To hold hearings to examine Small Business Administration programs, focusing on eliminating inefficiencies, duplications, fraud and abuse.	Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider S. 1180, to authorize the President to confiscate and vest certain property of the Government of Libya and to authorize the use of that property to provide humanitarian relief to and for the benefit of the people of Libya; to be immediately followed a hearing to examine credit unions, focusing on member business lending.			To hold hearings to examine evaluating goals and progress in Afghanistan and Pakistan.
	SD-538		SD-106
Environment and Public Works		10:30 a.m.	Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee		Energy and Natural Resources	Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold a joint oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's preliminary results of the nuclear safety review in the United States following the emergency at Fukushima Daiichi power plant in Japan.		To hold hearings to examine S. 343, to amend Title I of PL 99-658 regarding the Compact of Free Association between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Palau, to approve the results of the 15-year review of the Compact, including the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau Following the Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review, and to appropriate funds for the purposes of the amended PL 99-658 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2024, to carry out the agreements resulting from that review.	To hold hearings to examine inspiring students to Federal service.
	SD-406		SD-342
Foreign Relations			JUNE 22
Business meeting to consider S. Res. 194, expressing the sense of the Senate on United States military operations in Libya, and the nominations of William J. Burns, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary, Gary Locke, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, and Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, all of the Department of State.			10 a.m.
	S-116, Capitol		Judiciary
Judiciary		2:15 p.m.	To hold an oversight hearing to examine intellectual property law enforcement efforts.
Business meeting to consider S. 1103, to extend the term of the incumbent Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, S. 978, to amend the criminal penalty provision for criminal infringement of a copyright, S. 1145, to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the United States, and the nominations of Steve Six, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Marina Garcia Marmolejo, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Michael Charles Green, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, Wilma Antoinette Lewis, of the District of Columbia, to be Judge for the District		Indian Affairs	SD-226
		To hold an oversight hearing to examine achieving the policy goals of the "Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act" (NAGPRA).	JUNE 23
			9:30 a.m.
			Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
			To hold hearings to examine farm bill accountability, focusing on the importance of measuring performance, while eliminating duplication and waste.
			SD-G50
		2:30 p.m.	2:15 p.m.
		Intelligence	Indian Affairs
		To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.	To hold an oversight hearing to examine the "Indian Reorganization Act" 75 years later, focusing on restoring tribal homelands and promote self-determination.
		SH-219	SD-628
		JUNE 17	SD-628
		9:30 a.m.	Foreign Relations
		Armed Services	Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs Subcommittee
		Closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012.	International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs and International Environmental Protection Subcommittee
			To hold joint hearings to examine Haiti, focusing on reinvigorating aid under Martelly.
			SD-419
		JUNE 20	JUNE 29
		2 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
		Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe	Veterans' Affairs
		To hold hearings to examine 2050, focusing on implications of demographic trends in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) region.	Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
		2247, Rayburn Building	SR-418