

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF PETER
STROHM'S 65TH BIRTHDAY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Peter R. Strohm of Mantoloking, New Jersey as his friends and family gather to celebrate his 65th birthday on August 14, 2011. Mr. Strohm has exemplified outstanding dedication toward the members of the community through his professional and civic endeavors. His achievements are truly worthy of this body's recognition.

Mr. Peter Strohm is a successful product of Ocean County, New Jersey. By 1968, Mr. Strohm graduated cum laude from Washington and Lee University with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. Concurrently, he enlisted in the United States Army Reserve in 1968. He served honorably as a reservist for twenty-eight years, retiring in 1996 as a Lieutenant Colonel. Mr. Strohm further enhanced his education, earning a Juris Doctorate (JD) from the Columbia University School of Law in 1971 and a Masters of Laws (LL.M.) from New York University School of Law in 1981. In 1988, he graduated from the United State Command and General Staff College of Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Mr. Strohm has served as principal with the law firm of Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Must & Halm in Lakewood, New Jersey since 1971 and currently serves and chairs several committees on the Ocean County Bar Association and the New Jersey Supreme Court. As a result of his outstanding efforts, he was awarded the 2000 Professionalism Award from the New Jersey State Bar Association.

Since 2006, Peter Strohm has served as a Councilman in the Borough of Mantoloking. He currently maintains this position and continues to represent the interests of the residents of his town. In 2005, Mr. Strohm was appointed by the Governor of New Jersey to serve as a State Officer on the Tidelands Resource Council. He currently serves as State Committeeman, representing the Ocean County Democratic Committee.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in thanking Mr. Peter Strohm for his valuable contributions to the Ocean County Community and congratulate him for 65 outstanding years of commitment.

REFLECTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 11

SPEECH OF

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2011

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in observance of the tenth anniversary of the tragic events of September 11th, 2001.

First, I would like to take a moment to remember those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks, and offer my sincerest sympathy and prayers for their families and loved ones.

I would also like to honor the many heroes of that day—the brave men and women who risked life and limb to help those in need. Our first responders never cowered in their call to public service, and were joined by perfect strangers in their efforts. It made me proud to see Americans from diverse backgrounds come together in a common sense of purpose, reminding everyone that our diversity is what makes our country great.

However, I am also reminded of the costs of hate, intolerance, and warfare through any means which is why we must reaffirm our commitment to each other as fellow citizens. We must band together to better our communities and strengthen our country.

Though Sunday is the 10th anniversary of the attacks that took the lives of so many Americans, Sunday also serves as the third time our nation commemorates 9/11 as a national day of remembrance and service. And although it is a day to look back and remember, it is also a day to give back to enable us to move forward.

Volunteerism and service have been themes our country has built on for generations. And now is a time for rebuilding and making our country stronger—brick by brick, block by block.

As we continue our efforts as a legislative body to keep our country safe, I urge all of you who can to honor those whose lives were taken on 9/11 by volunteering in your community this Sunday.

I believe, as Members of Congress, it is important to pass this Resolution, but also as citizens it is important we join together with Americans from all backgrounds in a day of service.

I encourage you all to visit www.serve.gov to find a volunteer opportunity near you.

IN RECOGNITION OF PARMA FIRE
DEPARTMENT'S 9/11 MEMORIAL
DEDICATION CEREMONY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the City of Parma Fire Department's 9/11 Memorial dedication ceremony. The Parma Fire Department will also be revealing an I-beam from the World Trade Center that will serve as a memorial to the victims of the events on September 11, 2001.

The Parma Fire Department is one of fifteen Northeast Ohio fire departments that have received portions of steel from the fallen World Trade Center. Parma firefighters will dedicate and unveil the beam at the Parma Fire Department training center at Parmatown Mall on Saturday, September 10, 2011. Parma fire-

fighter, Doug Turner says, "This artifact will serve as a memorial to the innocent victims of the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pennsylvania."

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring and remembering some of the country's bravest heroes, the fallen firefighters and all those who sacrificed their lives on September 11, 2001 at the City of Parma Fire Department's 9/11 Memorial dedication ceremony.

IN HONOR OF DR. I.L. MULLINS,
SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. I.L. Mullins, Sr. for his fifty years of dedicated civic leadership and pastoral service to the communities of Thomas County, Georgia. On Saturday, September 24, 2011, Dr. Mullins' family, friends and the First Missionary Baptist Church of Thomasville, Georgia will recognize his half-century of outstanding deeds by hosting a "Golden Jubilee Extravaganza" in his honor.

Dr. Mullins is one of the most courageous and committed individuals that I have ever encountered. He has been a source of counsel and advice as well as a fountain of inspiration for me over the last several years. I have been truly blessed by his warm friendship and support.

Throughout his illustrious career, Dr. Mullins has been a preeminent role model for local government officials and community leaders in Georgia and across our great nation. During the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, Dr. Mullins marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and was instrumental in organizing the local Thomasville branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Additionally, Dr. Mullins served effectively as a Thomas County Commissioner for five-terms that spanned over two decades.

Over the course of his lifetime, Dr. Mullins has masterfully balanced his civic responsibilities with his academic accomplishments and religious commitments. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehouse College in 1957 and went on to obtain his Masters of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center & Gammon Theological Seminary in 1960. Furthermore, Dr. Mullins acquired his Doctor of Divinity degree from Faith College in Birmingham, Alabama in 1979.

Ordained as a minister on December 29, 1957, Dr. Mullins has served as the Pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church in Thomasville, Georgia since 1961. Through his ministerial service, Dr. Mullins serves as the Dean of the Thomasville Extension Center of the American Baptist Theological Seminary and is a Volunteer Chaplain at Archbold Memorial Hospital.

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Dr. Mullins is adored by many because of his unyielding zeal to help others and his passion for promoting harmonious relations among individuals from various backgrounds and different walks of life. Throughout my many years of association with Dr. Mullins, I have come to observe that it is his intrinsic intelligence and high academic acumen that make him wise, but it is his kind heart and charitable character that speak to why he is so widely beloved.

In light of his many accomplishments, my wife Vivian and I would like to extend our personal congratulations and warmest regards to Dr. Mullins, his beloved wife the former Josephine Lovejoy Ferrell, their children and grandchildren. I know that residents all throughout Georgia's Second Congressional District will forever be indebted to the Mullins family for selflessly allowing Dr. Mullins to be a mentor, father-figure and counselor to countless other families in communities throughout southwest Georgia.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Mullins for his noteworthy and dynamic career as one of our nation's most profound theologians, principled community leaders and thoughtful humanitarians.

TO HONOR THE LATE LEE ROY
SELMON

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of Lee Roy Selmon, a Hall of Fame football player and a pillar of the Tampa Bay community. As a player, Lee Roy Selmon was one of the greatest Buccaneers of all time, and his post-football career was equally distinguished.

The youngest of nine children, Lee Roy Selmon would join two of his older brothers on the defensive line at the University of Oklahoma in 1972. Referred to as a "Gentle Giant" by his peers, he would go on to be elected to the College Football Hall of Fame, leading Oklahoma to two national championships in 1974 and 1975. In 1999 Sports Illustrated magazine selected Selmon as a member of their NCAA Football All-Century Team.

In 1976, Selmon would join the Tampa Bay community as the first-ever draft pick of the expansion Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He proceeded to distinguish himself as one of the greatest NFL players of all time; during his career with the Buccaneers, he was selected to six consecutive Pro Bowls and named the NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 1979. The Buccaneers retired his number, 63, in 1986, and in 1995 he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. In 2008, Lee Roy Selmon became the first-ever inductee into the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Ring of Honor, a fitting distinction for the original Buccaneer.

Lee Roy Selmon's professional accomplishments after his retirement from football are numerous; he was a philanthropist and a banker, an athletic director and an entrepreneur. The University of South Florida football program will forever bear his mark—as the Athletic Director during the Bull's emergence as a Division 1-A football team, the program greatly benefitted from Selmon's able stewardship.

Above all, those who knew Lee Roy Selmon speak of his decency, his kindness, his gentle nature, and his integrity as often as they speak of his athletic and professional accomplishments. He was undoubtedly one of the Tampa Bay area's greatest ambassadors.

The Tampa Bay community is proud to honor the life of Lee Roy Selmon, a great athlete and a man of character. His greatness and his humility continue to inspire those who knew him, and I ask that you and all Americans join me in honoring such a remarkable man.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT THEO-
DOSIUS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Saint Theodosius Cathedral, the oldest Orthodox parish in the State of Ohio.

The St. Theodosius parish was founded in 1896 and is the oldest Orthodox parish in the State of Ohio. The Cathedral was built by Russian immigrants in 1911 and has been a landmark in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood ever since. St. Theodosius was the first Orthodox Church in the State of Ohio and for years was the only Orthodox Church in the City of Cleveland. It has had a rich history and attracted a multitude of parishioners from many of Cleveland's cultural groups.

St. Theodosius Cathedral is on the National Registry of Sacred Landmarks and is a Cleveland Sacred Landmark. The Cathedral also joined the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

The St. Theodosius Parish will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Cathedral September 9th through 11th with a series of liturgical and social events.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the 100th anniversary of St. Theodosius Cathedral. I hope their celebration this weekend will be joyous and reflective of the rich, spiritual history of the parish.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, September 12, 2011, I was unable to return to Washington, DC for votes, due to an important family event.

Had I been present I would have voted: on rollcall No. 699—"yes"—H.R. 2076, Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2011; on rollcall No. 700—"yes"—H.R. 2633, Appeal Time Clarification Act; on rollcall No. 701—"yes"—H.R. 1059, To protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact information contained in their financial disclosure reports.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. THOMAS
TIGHE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Thomas Tighe, a resident of Sayreville, New Jersey and an outstanding member of the community. On September 10, 2011, members of the Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union Number 9 will honor Mr. Tighe at the Annual Dinner Dance in New Brunswick, New Jersey. His commitment to serve the members of the community is truly worthy of this body's recognition.

Mr. Tighe is an active member in the Middlesex County community. Tom began his career in 1971 serving a five-year apprenticeship in the United Association of Plumbers & Pipefitters with Local 270 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Over the last forty-one years, he proudly served as an Executive Board Member and Trustee for the Pension, Welfare and Surety Fund for the United Association of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 9. In 1994, Tom was elected President of Local 9. The following year he became the first United Association organizer in the State of New Jersey and held this position until his retirement in 2011. In 2000, Tom was also appointed head of the newly formed New Jersey Building Trades Organizing Committee. Consequently, he was reappointed to head the Mega Base Organizing Committee to regain union work at the old Fort Dix, McGuire Air Force Base and Lakehurst Naval Station in South Jersey in 2005.

Mr. Tighe currently serves as the Local 9 delegate and president of the Middlesex and Somerset Counties AFL-CIO Labor Council. In affiliation with the New Jersey and national AFL-CIO, members of this organization continue to support and represent labor and trade unions in their pursuit for social and economic justice in the workplace. Through his role as President, Mr. Tighe has encouraged and motivated his members to become involved in the legislative process through activism and awareness. Since 2009, Tom has served as President and admirably represents all the union members in Middlesex and Somerset counties.

In conjunction with his professional responsibilities, Tom served as President of the Middlesex County Ancient Order of Hibernians and is the past president of the David B. Kelly Chapter, Division I of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in South Amboy, New Jersey. Since 1997, Tom has served as a member of the Sayreville, New Jersey Planning Board and Vice Chair for the past three years. He currently serves as the vice president of the Middlesex County College Board of Trustees and Trustee Ambassador for the New Jersey Council of County College. He is also the Treasurer of the Kiddie Keep Well Camp for underprivileged children in Middlesex County. A former scoutmaster, Tom is currently a committee member for Boy Scout Troop 97 and was recently named the recipient of the prestigious 2009 Boy Scouts of America Man of the Year Award. Tom is happily married to his wife Diane for twenty-nine years. Together, they have two sons, Ryan and Daniel, who are currently attending college.

Mr. Speaker, once again please join me in congratulating Mr. Thomas Tighe for receiving the honor bestowed by the Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union 9. Mr. Tighe continues to provide outstanding services to the members of the community and the constituents of my district.

IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE
JOE CIMPERMAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Councilman Joe Cimperman for his significant contribution to the Cleveland community and to acknowledge his receipt of the 2011 Pan Award. Cleveland Public Theater's annual Pan Award recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly to the community.

Councilman Cimperman, a member of the Cleveland City Council since 1997, was born and raised in the St. Clair-Superior neighborhood where his family was active in the Slovenian community. Councilman Cimperman graduated from St. Ignatius High School and John Carroll University where he was Student Council President. During his time at John Carroll, Councilman Cimperman founded Project GOLD, a service organization dedicated to helping underprivileged families.

After graduating college, Councilman Cimperman worked in an AIDS Hospice in Baltimore, helped developmentally challenged adults in Portland, Maine, and worked at the Cleveland West Side Catholic Center. In 1997, Mr. Cimperman became a City Councilman for Cleveland's Third Ward. As a City Councilman, Mr. Cimperman works to foster economic development in his ward by promoting the growth of culture and the arts. He works to foster the arts by creating new green areas in the Third Ward, establishing live-work spaces for artists, and improving the retail environment along Euclid Avenue.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Councilman Cimperman for his service to the Cleveland community and his reception of the 2011 Pan Award. His dedication to improving the community is awe-inspiring. I wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.

REFLECTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 11

SPEECH OF

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia, Mr. CANTOR for offering this resolution regarding the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and urge my Colleagues to pass it without delay.

For the families of the over 3,000 victims of the murderous attacks of September 11, 2001, every day is painful. This Sunday marks the tenth anniversary of the events that changed our Nation forever, as violent international extremists struck in the streets of Lower Manhat-

tan, the fields of Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon.

In addition to making the collective pledge to join together to protect our communities, we should never forget that on September 11, 2001, we saw good rise in the face of evil, and heroes rise in the face of danger. Many ran into the face of danger to help others escape it.

When the day was over, and as we learned that 700 New Jerseyans lost their lives, we witnessed neighbors and friends consoling one another and watched as Americans from all walks of life stood united, side by side waving the Stars and Stripes, and lighting candles to honor those missing or lost.

As America rebounded, we responded to these acts of terrorism with the skill and spirit of our military and our intelligence community. The war we continue to fight abroad began without provocation and without warning. It was not a war of our choosing but it became our priority. It was the slaughter of innocents by people with a twisted sense of religion who play by no rules.

So many of our heroes currently fighting terrorism across the globe put their lives on hold on September 11, 2001, to join the National Guard and Reserve, serve our country, and defend our freedom. They serve side by side as we speak with the active duty military, all volunteers, all dedicated, all courageous, all Americans. We are grateful for their service and sacrifice, and that of their families, each and every day.

May God bless those who continue to defend our freedom, and may God continue to bless America.

I urge adoption of the resolution.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF PETER WALKER ON THE OCCASION OF RECEIVING THE ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE AWARD

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Peter Walker, a 2011 recipient of the St. Madeleine Sophie Award. The Award is given by the Sacred Heart School Community in Atherton, California, to individuals who have made sustained and significant contributions to the Schools and embody the Goals and Criteria of a Sacred Heart education. Peter Walker's commitment to the mission of Sacred Heart education is an inspiration to everyone, and has earned him the prestigious St. Madeleine Sophie Award.

Peter Walker was born in Newton, Massachusetts, and received a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and English Literature from Boston College, a Masters in Education in Counseling Psychology, also from Boston College, and a Master of Divinity from Weston School of Theology. Peter has been at Sacred Heart since 1993, and prior to that was a campus minister at Stanford University.

As a teacher and Head of the Religious Studies Department at Sacred Heart, Peter Walker is devoted to his students and fellow faculty members, as well as being dedicated to their spiritual growth and meeting their needs every day.

Peter enjoys the arts, reading, golf and traveling. Paris is a favorite destination of Peter and Megan Walker and they return there whenever possible.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Peter Walker as he receives the St. Madeleine Sophie Award and to salute him for his tireless work on behalf of the Sacred Heart Schools community.

IN HONOR OF MRS. NORA
ROMANOFF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mrs. Nora Romanoff for her significant contribution to the Cleveland community and to acknowledge her receipt of the 2011 Pan Award. Cleveland Public Theater's annual Pan Award recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly to the community.

Mrs. Romanoff has been the Associate Director of ParkWorks for the past fifteen years where she works to revitalize neighborhoods by developing public spaces. Ms. Romanoff graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a B.A. in Urban Studies and from Cleveland State University with a Master's Degree in Urban Planning, Design and Development.

As Associate Director of ParkWorks, Mrs. Romanoff promotes both neighborhood and downtown revitalization. Through ParkWorks, she engages with grassroots constituents and civic leaders to support a variety of programs within the community such as urban beautification, reforestation, and environmental education. Through ParkWorks, she has collaborated with partners such as Downtown Cleveland Alliance, Neighborhood Progress, Inc., University Circle Inc., and Cleveland Public Art.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mrs. Nora Romanoff for her service to the Cleveland community and her reception of the 2011 Pan Award. Her dedication to improving the community is nothing short of inspiring.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 699, 700, and 701, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

REFLECTIONS ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 11TH TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, on the morning of September 11, 2001 is still vivid in my

mind—it was the start of a beautiful day in Washington. The shock and horror that ensued that morning in New York City, in a Pennsylvania field, and at the Pentagon is embedded in me. It is a permanent element of the American psyche, and it fills us all with emotions, especially fear, anger, grief, and sadness.

Nearly 3,000 victims of 9/11 were lost that day. The loved ones they left behind have spent ten years adapting to lives without husbands, mothers, brothers, and daughters. Even after ten years the loss must still be painful and difficult.

As a nation, we still feel the loss, the very sad sense of tragedy and hurt that touched us all. For all of us, September 11, 2001 remains a day that changed us and changed our country's future.

Our nation is strong. We as a people are far more powerful, resilient, and righteous than the perpetrators of the attack. The lessons of 9/11 continue to be studied, debated, interpreted, and acted on—to our collective benefit and, in some cases, to our detriment. But after ten long, difficult years since that beautiful morning, the most important lesson I can draw upon is the profound blessing I feel to be an American and to share this country, our values, and our freedoms with my fellow citizens.

We are one nation, one people and the painful, horrific tragedy of 9/11 shall always be a reminder of what it means to be an American standing together, united with my fellow citizens.

On this tenth anniversary, my thoughts, prayers, and profound sense of gratitude are with the victims of this attack, the men and women who have sacrificed their lives and bodies to keep our nation safe, and the family members who grieve for loved ones lost on September 11th and the many days since in which our fellow citizens have sacrificed for our nation.

TESTIMONIAL FREE SPEECH ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce the Testimonial Free Speech Act. This legislation prohibits the federal government from censoring an individual's account of his experience with foods and dietary supplements. Hard as it may be to believe, the government is prohibiting individuals from sharing their stories of how they improved their health by using foods and dietary supplements.

Just this year, armed federal agents raided the headquarters of Maxam Nutraceuticals, a company that produces and sells nutritional supplements for people with autism spectrum disorder and Alzheimer's disease. The raid was based on Maxam's alleged failure (a failure Maxam CEO James Cole disputes) to comply with a warning letter from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ordering Maxam to remove several "improper labels" from Maxam products. The labels in question were simply accounts from Maxam customers describing their experiences with Maxam products. That's right, the federal government sent armed agents into a private business because the business posted customers' testimonials.

Mr. Speaker, restricting communication of individuals' accounts of their experiences with foods and dietary supplements is a blatant violation of the First Amendment. The necessity for this bill shows how little respect the federal bureaucracy has for the Bill of Rights and the principles of a free society. I therefore urge my colleagues to join me in taking a small step toward restoring free speech by cosponsoring the Testimonial Free Speech Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAKEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL CEREMONY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Lakewood Fire Department's firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty and who will be honored at this year's annual Fallen Firefighter Memorial ceremony. This year's ceremony will be especially significant as it coincides with the 10-year anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001. The Lakewood Fire Department will also be revealing a sculpture constructed with steel beams from the World Trade Center at Station #1.

Lakewood Fire Department's annual Fallen Firefighter Memorial ceremony honors the firefighters who have sacrificed their lives, saving others. This year's ceremony will be dedicated to the four Lakewood firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Additionally, a special tribute will be made honoring the 343 firefighters who gave their lives on September 11, 2001.

Mayor Summers, Chief Gilman, Fire Marshal Dunphy, the Lakewood Firefighters, Cleveland Fire Department Color Guard, American Legion Honor Guard, Lakewood Fire Department Honor Guard, Lakewood High School Ranger Marching Band, Boy Scouts of America, and the Red Hackle Pipes and Drums will all be participating at this year's ceremony.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring and remembering some of the country's bravest heroes, the fallen firefighters from Lakewood and all the firefighters who sacrificed their lives on September 11, 2001 at this year's Fallen Firefighter Memorial ceremony.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I was not in attendance on Friday, September 9, 2011, due to catastrophic flooding in Pennsylvania's Fifth Congressional District. My presence was needed at home, on the ground, with my constituents, first-responders, and recovery teams. While back in Pennsylvania, I met with local officials and constituents to help assist in disaster recovery efforts. I also toured many of the towns in the

5th District of Pennsylvania that were most affected by the floods. Consequently, I missed the vote on the Hunter Amendment to H.R. 1892, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

Had I been present for rollcall vote number 695, my vote on Amendment #6, offered by Mr. HUNTER of California, to H.R. 1892 would have been "yes."

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOHN LOUTH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Louth, Jr., a forty-year member of the United Association, and an outstanding member of the community. On September 10, 2011, members of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union Number 9 will honor Mr. Louth at the Annual Dinner Dance in New Brunswick, New Jersey. His commitment to serve the members of the community is truly worthy of this body's recognition.

Mr. Louth is an active member in the Middlesex County community. Mr. Louth served his apprenticeship with Local 432 in New Brunswick, New Jersey and, subsequently, became a member. Upon graduation in 1976, he became a Local 432 journeyman. In 1994, Mr. Louth was elected to the Executive Board of the newly created Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union Number 9. Mr. Louth was also elected delegate to the United Association's convention in 1996. He was also elected Business Agent in 1997 and held this position for thirteen years until his retirement in 2010. Mr. Louth was also a member of the Middlesex County Building Trades and the New Jersey Pipe Trades.

He has proudly served as an active member of the New Brunswick Elks for thirty years and is currently enjoying his retirement in Midway Beach. John is also happily married to his wife Joanne for twenty-six years and has raised four children, Kelli, Eric, Marc, and Michael. John is an avid Yankees and Giants football fan and enjoys following Rutgers, and Notre Dame college football.

Mr. Speaker, once again please join me in congratulating Mr. John Louth, Jr. for his forty years of service and thanking him for his outstanding dedication to the residents of New Jersey.

EXTENSION OF REDACTION AUTHORITY CONCERNING SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 1059, a bill to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports. This legislation will provide a vital safety measure for judges who have dedicated their lives to serving the public.

As a senior Member of both the Judiciary and Homeland Security committees, I have worked tirelessly to ensure the safety and integrity of those who are members of the judiciary. The Ethics in Government Act requires judges, like Members of Congress and other high ranking public officials to file annual financial disclosure reports. This requirement serves to bolster the confidence of the public in the professional integrity of individuals who serve their community.

Although the intent of the Act is to bolster public confidence in the judiciary it has an unintended consequence inherent in full public disclosure. Full financial disclosure impacts the personal safety of judges, particularly the safety of judges who sentence criminals. Some of the information contained in financial disclosure reports could reveal information which pertains to the schools, workplaces, and homes of judges and their families. This type of information provides easy access to personal information that could be used by an individual to intimidate or harm a judge or her family. In order to mitigate these risks, section 7 of the Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act of 1998 allows the Judicial Conference to redact information found in financial disclosures that would place a judge or their family at risk.

This legislation does not exempt judicial employees and judges from filing financial disclosures. The Judicial Conference's Committee on Financial Disclosures works in coordination with the U.S. Marshals Service to determine the merit of requests for redaction. The Judicial conference reports that between 2007 and 2010, of the 17,658 financial disclosure reports filed, there were only 750 redaction requests, or 4.2 percent of the reports filed. There were 645 redaction requests that were fully granted, and 70 that were partially granted.

This legislation protects judges and their families from those that may seek to harm or intimidate the judge. The majority of redaction requests that were approved contained information that indicated the whereabouts of the filer's family on a regular basis, or the residence at which the filing party lived. H.R. 1059 does not exempt anyone from fulfilling their requirement to file a financial disclosure.

In the 110th Congress, my colleagues and I extended the authorizing section of the Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act twice to ensure continued protection of our judges and their families. The last extension will expire on December 31, 2011, leaving thousands of dedicated public servants and their loved ones vulnerable to harm or harassment.

I applaud my friend from Michigan, the Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee for introducing this important legislation to protect judges and judicial employees. I urge my colleagues to lend their support to the bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I was not in attendance on Friday, September 9, 2011, due to catastrophic flood-

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Had I been present for rollcall vote number 696, my vote on Amendment #7, offered by Mr. Carney of Delaware, to H.R. 1892 would have been "yes."

CELEBRATING THE SERVICE OF LINDA S. ADAMS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Linda S. Adams on the occasion of her retirement as the State of California's Secretary for Environmental Protection. More than thirty years of service to California and its residents make her most deserving of this honor.

Linda was appointed as Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2006, by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Her appointment was historical, as she was the first woman to ever be appointed to this position. As California's EPA Secretary, Linda had a number of responsibilities which helped ensure the well-being of the people of California. During her time as secretary, Linda oversaw the activities of the Air Resources Board, State Water Resources Control Board, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, Department of Toxic Substances Control, Department of Pesticide Regulation, and approximately 5,000 employees.

Upon her appointment, Linda began to do innovative work to address climate change and global warming. She was selected by Governor Schwarzenegger as the lead negotiator on Assembly Bill 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. She was instrumental in launching the Green Chemistry Initiative, which calls for a more comprehensive look at California's chemical policies, as well as California's biomonitoring program which seeks to find links between environmental contaminants and human health. She has since continued to work closely with a number of states and countries to develop climate initiatives to achieve the greatest global reductions.

Before her service as Secretary of California's EPA, Linda functioned as the director of the California Department of Water Resources and as a member of Governor Gray Davis' staff. Prior to becoming a member of Governor Davis' staff, Linda served Californians for 20 years as a staff member for the California State Legislature. Of note was her time as chief consultant to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water Resources. During her time as a legislative staffer, she worked diligently on assisting the passage of Proposition 204, the Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Act.

Linda has spent her life working on behalf of the people of California and has been a long-time friend of California's Central Valley. She has worked on several air quality issues—a deeply important issue to the Central Valley, and most recently served as a member of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

I applaud Linda for her many years of diligent work on behalf of all of the people of California and the Central Valley. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Linda on her retirement and thanking her for her innovative approach to enriching the lives of all Californians.

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE FRANK SCROGGINS

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. ROSS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true, dedicated public servant who left us much too soon. On Saturday, August 28, 2011, Frank Scroggins, county judge for Lafayette County, Arkansas, died unexpectedly at the too-young age of 62.

Throughout my term in Congress, I have had the distinct pleasure of working with Judge Scroggins and I have long admired and respected him. He was a very good friend.

The people of Lafayette County first elected Judge Scroggins of Stamps, Ark., in 1991 and he had served as county judge ever since. For 20 years, Judge Scroggins gave his all and fully embodied what it meant to be a public servant.

Judge Scroggins was so much a part of his community that, upon his passing, a newspaper proclaimed Lafayette County government had "lost its cornerstone." Indeed, there is a deep absence in the heart of south Arkansas.

Judge Scroggins always worked tirelessly on behalf of the people of Lafayette County, never losing sight of what he was elected to do. From city council to the quorum court to the U.S. Congress, anyone who had the privilege of working with Judge Scroggins can attest to the sincerity, honesty and ferocity in which he served as county judge.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife of 42 years, Brenda, and the rest of his family and friends during this very difficult time.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me as we honor the life and legacy of Judge Frank Scroggins, who will be deeply missed in Lafayette County and throughout the state of Arkansas.

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Had I been present for rollcall vote number 697, my vote on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions to H.R. 1892 would have been "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 699, 700, and 701, I was unable to cast my vote due to a delayed arrival to Washington, DC, caused by a mechanical problem with the aircraft.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF JAN REEVES ON THE OCCASION OF RECEIVING THE ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE AWARD

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jan Reeves, a 2011 recipient of the St. Madeleine Sophie Award. The Award is given by the Sacred Heart School Community in Atherton, California, to individuals who have made sustained and significant contributions to the Schools and embody the Goals and Criteria of a Sacred Heart education.

Jan Reeves has taught for thirteen years at Sacred Heart Lower and Middle Schools. As a teacher for 33 years, Jan says her years at Sacred Heart have been the most rewarding because she has had the "opportunity to expose students to a deeply enriched art experience." Her lessons combine art history and world history, anthropology, music appreciation, poetry, religion and current events. This combined approach brings art to life for the students and keeps it fresh and relevant to them.

Jan Reeves credits her own middle school art teacher with introducing her to the visual arts and teaching her to appreciate them. She has patterned her teaching on his inspirational work, and has worked to teach her students as she was taught.

Jan Reeves says that receiving the St. Madeleine Sophie Award is "amazing," but what she will remember most fondly from her years as a teacher is "how the students responded to those fine arts experiences".

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jan Reeves as she receives the prestigious St. Madeleine Sophie Award and salute her for her extraordinary work and deep commitment to teaching her students the life-enriching appreciation of the arts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ELBERON MEMORIAL CHURCH'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Elberon Memorial Church as its members gather to celebrate its 125th anniversary. Since its founding in 1886, the church has provided a safe and hospitable environment for summer residents to worship. Their upcoming celebration is truly worthy of this body's recognition.

The Elberon Memorial Church touts a proud and longstanding history. From its humble beginnings when it was dedicated in 1866, the Elberon Memorial Church has continued to flourish. The lavish antique furnishings and beautiful stained glass windows continue to enhance the church's rich carvings, high ceilings and various gothic designs. Beautiful music can still be heard from the Roosevelt organ, an instrument built by the prestigious Hillborne Roosevelt. Ninety-eight percent of the church's original structure remains intact and continues to provide a venue for the parishioners to host family-oriented and community events. Sunday services, held from the first weekend in July through the first Sunday in September remain the cornerstone of the Elberon Memorial Church's activities. The success of this organization could not have been accomplished without the generous public support of parishioners and the community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in acknowledging The Elberon Memorial Church as the parishioners celebrate its 125th anniversary and thanking the countless men and women who supported this thriving community. The Elberon Memorial Church community is tremendously valued in my district and the State of New Jersey.

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Had I been present for rollcall vote number 698, my vote on passage of H.R. 1892 would have been "yes."

CONGRATULATING GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Grambling State University (GSU) on its 110th anniversary. This milestone is a testament that GSU is a true leader in education.

Opening on November 1, 1901, GSU was organized by a group of African American farmers who wanted to organize and operate a school for African Americans in north Louisiana. What began as an industrial school, Grambling State shifted its focus to rural teacher education in the late 1930s. GSU transformed in the early 1950s into an institution that offered students education in the areas of science, liberal arts, and business. The university now offers 68 degree programs to its students.

In recent years, Grambling has incorporated new academic programs and has added new facilities including a business and computer science building and school of nursing. Throughout the university's 110-year history, the value of each individual student has always been emphasized. GSU continues to be an institution "where everybody is somebody."

I commend Grambling State University on this significant milestone, and its dedication to positively influencing the lives of its students. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Grambling State University for this momentous occasion.

INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR VIOLENT CRIMES ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2076, the Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2011. This legislation is an appropriate and necessary measure to keep our citizens safe.

Currently the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) does not have statutory authority to assist in the investigation of mass killings or other violent crimes that are carried out in non-federal public places, such as schools and universities. As of now, when the FBI is asked by state and local law enforcement to assist with related investigations, they frequently comply with the request, despite the possibility that in doing so, the responding officers may be found to be acting outside of their jurisdiction.

The Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act grants the FBI specific authority to respond when asked for help by state and local law enforcement, without expanding the FBI's jurisdiction. The bill allows the FBI to assist in the investigation of violent crimes or mass killings, only when asked to do so.

In recent history the FBI has lent their resources to several high profile investigations. Last September, when an armed intruder entered the Discovery Communications Building

in Rockville, Maryland; the FBI SWAT team assisted the Montgomery County Police Department, and FBI investigators processed the crime scene. In 2009, the American Civic Center in Binghamton, New York was the site of a mass killing when an armed subject killed 13 people. The FBI was asked to assist, and lent their Evidence Response Team, Victim Assistance program, and Behavioral Analysis unit. The FBI also assisted in the investigation to identify the student who opened fire at Virginia Technical Institute in 2007.

The FBI lent invaluable support to state and local law enforcement officials on several occasions. However, as the law currently holds, there is no specific statutory authority allowing them to do so. The Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act specifically authorizes, by statute, that which the FBI is consistently asked and expected to do.

This bill is an important measure aimed at increasing the safety and security of the American people. When faced with a mass killing or other violent crime, our state and local law enforcement officials should have access to every necessary resource in order to mitigate the situation, identify the perpetrators, and bring them to justice. In Houston, Texas, where I represent the 18th Congressional District, the FBI reports 22,491 violent crimes in 2010. I know that my constituents would appreciate knowing that their local law enforcement officials have access to the resources of the FBI, should they need them.

As a senior Member of both the Judiciary and Homeland Security committees, I have worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of the American people, and this legislation does just that. I am pleased at the bipartisan manner in which this bill is being considered, and urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2076, the Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act.

HONORING REVEREND AND MRS.
LESTER COUSIN

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Doctor Lester Cousin and his wife, Mary Katherine Simpson Cousin. Their devoted service to the Calvary Baptist Church in White Plains, New York, will be recognized at the Retirement Banquet in their honor on September 17th, 2011.

For the last 38 years, Rev. Cousin has been the pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church. Under his leadership and vision, the church has tripled the size of its physical space—which now includes 18 classrooms, a youth church chapel, computer room, games and exercise room—and greatly expanded the spiritual and educational services it provides to meet the needs of a growing congregation.

Rev. Cousin, known fondly as the “Senior Pastor of White Plains” because of his long tenure, also carries out his ministry in the broader community. He served as Chaplain for the White Plains Police and Fire Departments for 25 years, a Commissioner for the Public Access Cable TV Commission for seven terms, Treasurer of the Ministers Fellowship Council of White Plains and Vicinity, and is an active member of the White Plains/

Greenburgh NAACP. He assists with the Pastoral Care Ministry of the White Plains Hospital Center and the Chaplain Staff at the Norwood E. Jackson Correctional Facility in Valhalla, New York, and has chaired the Annual Neighborhood Health Fair which his church co-sponsors annually. Rev. Cousin also is a member of the Advisory Board of the Schnurmacher Nursing Home and an honorary member of the Board of Directors of S.H.O.R.E. (Sheltering the Homeless is Our Responsibility).

Rev. Cousin has been the worthy recipient of countless certificates, citations and honors. In 1987 he was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Shaw Divinity School in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is also a nationally known Gospel singer and recording artist.

Rev. Cousin and Mrs. Cousin, who have been married for 58 years, are deeply committed to serving their church and our community at large. I am proud to recognize Reverend Doctor Lester Cousin and Mrs. Mary Katherine Simpson Cousin for their almost four decades of inspirational leadership and example, hard work and dedication, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring their many contributions to the spiritual and civic life of White Plains and Westchester County.

COMMENDING MRS. RUTH
BROUSSARD

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor a true living legend. This September, Mrs. Ruth Broussard will be honored by her induction into the “Order of Living Legends.” Mrs. Broussard’s dedication to the Acadian Museum, her town of Abbeville, Vermillion Parish, and the Acadian community as a whole make her deserving of this recognition.

After the completion of Mrs. Broussard’s Bachelor of Arts degree from Louisiana State University, she began her career as an educator in Lake Charles before returning to her birth town of Kaplan, La. Upon her return to Kaplan she became an active member of her community by joining the La Clique D’ Etud where she organized many fundraising drives to help raise money for cancer research, and by forming the first Girl Scout Troop. Shortly after marrying her late husband, Justin John Broussard in 1941, he joined the U.S. Coast Guard and they were briefly relocated to Galveston, Texas while he served his country. Upon their return to the state they so dearly loved, they made their new home in Abbeville, La. where they raised 3 children, Jay, Rebecca, and Eric. It did not take long for Mrs. Broussard to once again become an active part of her community. Over the years she has played an important role in many local organizations throughout the Acadian region, such as the Vermillion Historical Society, which reflects her love for history and the history surrounding South La., serving as chairman of the Executive Committee for the Acadian Museum, her founding role of the Abbeville Tour Guides, a member of the St. Anne Alter Society, her involvement with the historic St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church that she loves so much, and is a member of the Abbeville Arts

Council, as well as being a very talented artist in her own right. In addition to her numerous roles of community service, she continued teaching elementary students for 18 years at Eaton Park Elementary. Mrs. Broussard’s strong belief and value of education continues to be evident as she recently, at the young age of 93, began taking continuing education classes at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

Altruistic service and commitment to one’s community like Mrs. Broussard’s are what make our Bayou State’s rich history transparent. The love for her culture and region has created a lifelong passion for service to her community and state. I ask my colleagues to join me in passing good wishes to a true living legend, Mrs. Ruth Broussard.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, on September 9, 2010, I missed the following rollcall votes because I was unavoidably detained out of town: rollcall vote No. 695—on agreeing to the Hunter amendment; rollcall vote No. 696—on agreeing to the Carney amendment; rollcall vote No. 697—on motion to recommit H.R. 1892; and rollcall vote 698, on final passage of H.R. 1892. All of these rollcall votes were related to H.R. 1892, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

If present, I would have voted “aye” on all four rollcall votes.

IN HONOR OF CHABOT COLLEGE’S
50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 50th anniversary of Chabot College in Hayward, California. Chabot College was the first college opened by the Chabot-Las Postas Community College District. On January 10, 1961 voters approved the formation of a junior college district, with the first board of trustees elected on April 18, 1961.

Chabot College opened for classes on September 11, 1961, on a 7.5-acre temporary site in San Leandro, California and an enrollment of 1,163 students. On September 20, 1965 students began classes on the 94-acre Chabot College site in Hayward. Today, Chabot has an enrollment of close to 15,000 students and is a fully accredited institution that offers a curriculum of over 175 majors of study spread among its six academic divisions.

Fostering civic responsibility is one of the college-wide learning goals of Chabot. During the 2010 fall semester, senior faculty in the Administration of Justice and Political Science engaged in discussions about ways to revive the culture of civic engagement and service learning at the college. A key outcome of those discussions was an idea for a course in Law and Democracy as well as a Law and

Democracy lecture series. California State Treasurer Bill Lockyer will deliver the inaugural lecture in this series on September 15, 2011 and the first Law and Democracy course will be offered during the Fall Semester of 2012.

Lockyer's Law and Democracy lecture will be the keynote event of a weeklong celebration and will kick-off three days of student-centered community engagement events that will culminate on Citizenship/Constitution Day on September 17, 2011. In conjunction with these other events, Chabot will provide its students with a training program in community organizing on September 16th and 17th.

A primary goal of the Law and Democracy lecture series is to expose Chabot College students, and the broader community, to a wide range of ideas and policy issues that impact their communities. Additionally, the organizers of the lecture series hope to help initiate conversations in the college and community about civic participation and responsibility.

I offer my congratulations to Chabot College on its 50th anniversary and for the launch of its curriculum in Law and Democracy and its Democracy Lecture series. Chabot is committed to nurturing an awareness of the importance of active civic engagement and responsibility in its students. I send best wishes for every success.

EASTERN IOWA'S VETERANS OF
THE SECOND WORLD WAR

HON. DAVID LOEBSACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, today I have the great honor of welcoming to our nation's capital ninety Iowa veterans of the Greatest Generation. Accompanied by seventy volunteer guardians, these veterans have travelled to Washington, DC, to visit the monument that was built in their honor.

For many if not all of these veterans, today will be the first time they have seen the National World War II Memorial. I can think of no greater honor than to be there when they see their memorial for the first time and to personally thank Iowa's—and our nation's—heroes.

I proudly have in my office a piece of marble from the quarry that supplied the marble that built the World War II Memorial. That piece of marble, just like the memorial that it built, reminds me of the sacrifices of a generation that, when our country was threatened, rose to defend not just our nation but the freedoms, democracy, and values that we hold so dear. They did so as one people and one country. It is still awe inspiring today.

The sheer magnitude of what they accomplished, not just in war but in the peace that followed has stood as an inspiration to every generation since. The Greatest Generation did not seek to be tested both abroad by a war that fundamentally challenged our way of life and at home by the Great Depression and the rebuilding of our economy that followed. But, when called upon to do so, they defended and then rebuilt our nation. Their patriotism, service, and great sacrifice not only defined their generation—they stand as a testament to the fortitude of our nation.

I am tremendously proud to welcome Eastern Iowa's veterans of the Second World War

to our nation's capital today. On behalf of every Iowan I represent, I thank them for their service to our country.

CONGRATULATING WILMER RAY
BAILEY

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Wilmer Ray Bailey for being selected as a recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Award for Cooperative Weather Observing. This award is testament that Wilmer is a true leader for his volunteer service to National Weather Service in Jena, La.

Wilmer has served as a volunteer weather observer for over 43 years, working closely with the local forecast office and serving his community as a long-standing reliable resource for weather and storm information. In addition, he served Louisiana for 30 years as a fire protection coordinator and dispatcher with the state's Office of Agriculture and Forestry. He works with the National Weather Service in Shreveport by giving accurate, timely, and reliable weather observations, but also as a trained Storm Spotter. Wilmer provides the irreplaceable service of relaying important and potentially dangerous weather conditions and damage reports from his community, which is hard hit by hazardous weather on a regular basis.

He is an example of how one person can affect the lives of many, and I commend Wilmer for his hard work and dedication to making a positive difference in the community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Wilmer Ray Bailey for this significant achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF NORTH HILLS
HOSPITAL'S 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the North Hills Hospital as it has been providing excellent health care services to northeast Tarrant County for 50 years.

Originally named Glenview Hospital, North Hills Hospital was founded by six family physicians in 1961 with initial funding provided by Rice University of Houston. When the hospital opened, it was the first suburban hospital in Northeast Tarrant County, and only the second hospital within the county to be located outside of downtown Fort Worth. In 1983 the facilities were moved to the current location in North Richland Hills and renamed as North Hills Hospital.

In the late 1990s the North Hills Hospital accomplished the impressive feat of becoming one of the only hospitals to score a perfect score on the Joint Commission Accrediting Survey. This hospital's commitment to stellar healthcare service is evident as it became the first hospital in the United States to achieve a Level 2 Chest Pain Center as well as the first

hospital in Tarrant County to be named a Center of Excellence for Bariatric Surgery.

In order to improve upon their already outstanding healthcare services, North Hills Hospital now offers less invasive and highly innovative robotic surgery. Additionally, the hospital has implemented a \$33 million hospital expansion to provide better convenience for their patients.

Since its inception, North Hills Hospital has grown more than three-fold, expanding from a 50-bed facility to a 176-bed hospital with 700 employees and 400 physicians.

I am honored to represent the staff, physicians, administration and patients of North Hills Hospital as the representative of Texas's 26th district and celebrate the hospital's 50 years of commitment to health care.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND
NORWOOD RICHARD CUFF

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Reverend Norwood Cuff for his thirty years of dedication to the ministry. On September 10, 2011, members of the Trinity African Methodist Episcopal Church in Long Branch, New Jersey will gather to recognize his devotion to members of the congregation. His thirty years of dedication and commitment to his faith and community are truly worthy of this body's recognition.

Rev. Cuff is an esteemed member of Salem High School's class of 1965. Beginning just eight months after graduation, he faithfully served his country as a member of the United States Navy. After completing his tour of duty, Rev. Cuff attained various retail positions before answering a strong religious calling. Rev. Cuff became an active member of Mt. Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal (AME) in Salem, New Jersey, filling the role of church organist. Under the pastoral leadership of Rev. John Boxley and the Mt. Pisgah church family, Rev. Cuff was recommended as a member to the New Jersey Conference Ministerial Institute of the AME Church. Shortly after, Rev. Cuff enrolled at Philadelphia College of Bible and completed his degree in 1984. In 1988, he graduated from the International Seminary with a Masters degree in Biblical Studies. He was later ordained as an Itinerate Deacon during his third year in the Ministerial Institute of the AME Church. Rev. Cuff would later preside as Pastor at Bethel AME Church in Port Norris, New Jersey upon completion of his post graduate studies. He was ordained as an Itinerate Elder in the AME Church by Bishop Frank Cummings in 1984 and was later assigned the Pastor of St. Mark AME Church in Lindenwood, New Jersey. After two years of service, he was reassigned to Mt. Zion AME Church in Woodstown, New Jersey where he remained for twenty-two years. Rev. Cuff currently serves as Pastor at Trinity AME Church in Long Branch, New Jersey.

In addition to his religious service, Rev. Cuff was an admirable member of the West Deptford High School staff for fifteen years and officially retired from his position at the Woodbury Junior Senior High School in 2008. Among many worthy organizations, Rev. Cuff

currently serves as Vice President of the Long Branch Urban Ministry, member of the Long Branch Housing Advisory Board and is Vice Chairman of the New Jersey Natural Gas—Long Branch Community Advisory Panel. Rev. Cuff is happily married to his wife, Bonita Wilson, for twenty-nine years. Together they have raised two daughters, Erinmarie C. Cuff-Feltcher and Lauren M. Cuff. He is also the proud grandfather of two granddaughters.

Mr. Speaker, once again please join me in congratulating Rev. Cuff for thirty years of outstanding service. Pastor Cuff's record of outstanding leadership and impressive mentorship is a shining example of what hard work and dedication can accomplish.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to return to Washington, DC last week, and so I was not present for rollcall votes held on September 7th, 8th, and 9th.

Had I been present I would have voted:

“Yea” on Rollcall No. 692, on H. Con. Res. 67, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

“No” on Rollcall No. 693, on Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 392, the Rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 2218 and H.R. 1892, in order to allow Mr. Garamendi of California to offer his amendment to the Rule to give priority to eligible entities that plan to use materials made in America for the construction and renovation of school facilities.

“No” on Rollcall No. 694, on H. Res. 392, the rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 2218—Empowering Parents through Quality Charter Schools Act and H.R. 1892—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

“Yes” on Rollcall No. 695, on the Hunter amendment to H.R. 1892, which would require the Director of National Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense to establish a coordinated strategy to identify and counter network activity and operations in Pakistan and Afghanistan relating to the development and use of improvised explosive devices.

“Yes” on Rollcall No. 696, on the Carney amendment to H.R. 1892, which would express the sense of Congress that railway transportation security has been and must continue to be a priority of the intelligence community in infrastructure threat assessment.

“Yes” on Rollcall No. 697, the motion to recommit H.R. 1892, which would place priority on funding activities that counter the threat posed by transnational drug trafficking and the protection of U.S. borders from drug-related crime, violence and gang-related activity in connection with transnational drug trafficking.

“Yes” on Rollcall No. 698, final passage of H.R. 1892, although I share the concern expressed by a number of my colleagues about the CIA's role in Libya.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I did not return to Washington in time on Monday September 12, 2011 and missed three votes.

Had I been present I would have voted “yes” on H.R. 2076—Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act (Rollcall No. 699), “yes” on H.R. 2633—Appeal Time Clarification Act (Rollcall No. 700), and “yes” on H.R. 1059—Protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports (Rollcall No. 701).

COMMENDING THE CITY OF DEARBORN'S “RESPONSE TO BULLYING BEHAVIOR”

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city-wide response to bullying behavior in Dearborn, Michigan. Today, September 14, 2011, marks the first annual anti-bullying day in Dearborn. I am proud to have a city like this in my district, where they will not sit back and allow bullying behavior to go unnoticed and unpunished.

On this day, Dearborn Public Schools are also celebrating Diversity Day, a day for accepting and respecting everyone for who they are, and treating them all equally; a day to bring our wonderful community together. I ask, what better day is there for acknowledging the fight against bullying? Bullying doesn't only create rifts between families, students, and schools, but it is also detrimental to our local communities. We must not let individuals or groups be allowed to engage in misbehavior without punishment, rather it is important to send the message that such behavior will not be tolerated in our communities. Community leaders holding a public forum such as this one to raise awareness on the societal costs of bullying is an important first step to combating this problem.

Bullying can take on various forms and affect children and young adults of all backgrounds. With the vast use of online resources by children and young adults, more and more young people are being emotionally and physically victimized on a daily basis. In order to stop bullying we all need to do our part, this includes both students and teachers maintaining a vigilant lookout for this abhorrent behavior. Additionally, it is crucial that the victims of bullying have strong moral support from friends and family alike. Aside from lending emotional support, parents, friends, peers and teachers have a responsibility to report these incidents to their school in order to help prevent further incidents.

I commend the effort being made by the Dearborn community to end bullying. This is the all important first step in a fight to keep our children safe from the ridicule and abuse of bullies. I ask all of my colleagues to rise and join me in recognizing the magnificent

work being done by the entire community of Dearborn, Michigan on the occasion of the first annual anti-bullying day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following vote on rollcall No. 700—a recorded vote on H.R. 2633, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the time limits for appeals in civil cases to which United States officers or employees are parties.

Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote No. 700 on H.R. 2633. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 699, 700 and 701, I missed because of airline delay (4 hr.).

Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on all three.

IN RECOGNITION OF KELLY KRAFT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent of the 26th District of Texas, Kelly Kraft. Mr. Kraft graduated from Ryan High School in Denton, Texas after lettering for four seasons and serving as captain of their golf team; he is currently a senior at Southern Methodist University where he has just completed his last season as an accomplished member of the Mustangs golf team. One of Mr. Kraft's most recent achievements includes beating a top ranked opponent from UCLA as the national tournament came down to the wire. In the end, Mr. Kraft persevered and defeated his opponent to win the 111th U.S. Amateur Championship.

This victory was enough to solidify his spot on the U.S. Walker Cup team. The Walker Cup is a biennial golf tournament between teams comprising the leading amateur golfers of the U.S., Great Britain and Ireland. As the U.S. Amateur champion, Mr. Kraft has also qualified for next year's U.S. Open, Masters, and the British Open.

Mr. Kraft intends on finishing his Bachelors in Sociology this upcoming year at Southern Methodist University. Kelly Kraft excels in athleticism and perseverance, and I am proud to represent him in the U.S. House of Representatives.

REMARKS IN HONOR OF U.S. ARMY
SPECIALIST MICHAEL C. ROBERTS

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Army Specialist Michael C. Roberts who was killed on August 27, 2011 in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while serving with the 561st Military Police Company, based at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Specialist Roberts was 23 years old and was from Watauga, Texas. He graduated from Richland High School in Fort Worth, Texas in 2006 where he played tuba in the band and was a varsity wrestler. Specialist Roberts was the youngest of three brothers to join the Army when he enlisted in November 2007. According to his brother Patrick, Specialist Roberts relished the opportunity to "have a positive influence." Specialist Roberts' first tour was to Iraq in 2009 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a communications specialist with the 1st Cavalry Division based at Fort Hood, Texas. He re-enlisted in 2010 and transferred to Fort Campbell, Kentucky in February 2011.

Specialist Roberts was on his second tour when he was killed. He lost his life to a vehicle borne improvised explosive device that detonated near his patrol. Specialist Roberts was protecting a secured area outside a police station when a vehicle attempted to breach the area. Specialist Roberts engaged the enemy, forcing them to detonate the device prematurely, and preventing them from injuring or killing a large number of fellow soldiers. Specialist Roberts was recognized for his actions by being awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Combat Action Badge. Our nation can never repay the debt we owe to this brave man and his family, who understand firsthand the meaning of service and sacrifice. Specialist Roberts represents the best values of this nation and of the United States Army.

Specialist Roberts is fondly remembered as someone who lived life to the fullest, laughed every day, was extremely generous, and stood strongly for what he believed.

I wish to extend my condolences to Specialist Roberts' parents, David and Kathy, and his brothers Patrick and Brian, and hope that they continue to find solace in his lasting impact on both this grateful nation and his fellow soldiers.

**MARKING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY
OF ORGANIZED CAMP IN
THE UNITED STATES**

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, this summer marked the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of organized camp in the United States. Summer camps throughout the nation provide valuable educational experiences and offer the chance for children from all different backgrounds to spend time outdoors, connect with their peers, and learn life-long skills. In the summer of 1861, William Frederick Gunn

and his wife Abigail organized the first summer camp in America by taking a group of kids into the wilderness along the Long Island Sound for two weeks. Since then, thousands of camps have been founded, and 150 years later there are over 12,000 summer camps nationwide. While times have changed, the purpose of summer camp has remained the same—to provide our youth with havens in which to grow and learn in nature.

In the State of Maine, we have nearly 200 camps—most of which are accredited by the American Camp Association—including sleep-away camps, day camps, and specialty camps. More than 18 of those have been operating for more than 100 years. In 1902, Wyonegonic Camps in Denmark, Maine opened its doors to girls and, today, remains the oldest continuously operating camp for girls in the country. Girls' camps play a pivotal role in young women's lives—providing settings in which they can grow confidence and develop as bright young women. Also in 1902, Pine Island Camp for boys opened in Belgrade Lakes, Maine and remains the oldest continuously operating camp for boys in the state. In 1908, two camps were opened by non-profit agencies in Maine: West End House Camp in East Parsonfield and Camp Jordan YMCA in Ellsworth.

Camp is a special place where kids get a chance to re-create themselves, develop independence, be physically active, and learn new skills outside of the traditional school setting. And, through exposure to new experiences, friendships with kids from other states and around the globe, campers gain perspectives on their own lives that augment their education during the school year. Camps are also a place to build lasting friendships—a home away from home where the camp community becomes a second family. In a fast changing world, summer camps continue to be a mainstay of American society—providing kids a time for quiet reflection away from the pressures of growing up in a modern world. As millions of summer campers head back to start another year of school, let's remember the valuable role that summer camps play in the year-round education of children.

**REMEMBERING LOUISIANA STATE
UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR DR.
ROY K. DOKKA**

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday September 13, 2011

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I want to offer condolences upon the passing of Dr. Roy K. Dokka, professor and researcher at Louisiana State University, who died unexpectedly on August 1, 2011. His contributions as an educator in LSU's College of Engineering were invaluable, and he will be dearly missed by his family, peers, and the community.

Dr. Dokka held the Fruehan Family Professorship in Engineering, and was responsible for groundbreaking research during his tenure at LSU. Instrumental in establishing LSU's Center for Geoinformatics (C4G), Dokka served as the center's first Executive Director.

Since 2001, researchers at C4G have been dedicated to studying the causes of coastal erosion in Louisiana and other important geo-

graphic relationships. Use of the Global Positioning System (GPS), along with geodetic leveling, enables C4G engineers to closely study these relationships, providing essential data in understanding many geographic problems our state faces.

Dokka's research contributions continued in 2002 when he spearheaded a cooperative with Louisiana Spatial Reference Center (LSRC) and the National Geodetic Survey-NOAA. Together, this alliance works on creating an advanced positioning system for Louisiana.

Dokka also worked with the state legislature to ensure the efficient usage and application of C4G's resources across Louisiana and provide them with the knowledge to better understand and prevent coastal erosion.

Thanks to the contributions of Dr. Dokka, LSU's C4G will continue to be a valuable asset for government, industry and higher education. The center's work is especially timely considering the opportunities available through Geoinformatics to provide critical information and roadway assessment.

LSU acknowledges the importance of the research activity taking place at C4G, and has expressed its intention to continue and grow the institution in the absence of its founding executive director.

Dr. Dokka left an admirable legacy in his profession, and will be remembered as a vital member of the engineering community and a distinguished citizen of the State of Louisiana.

**APPEAL TIME CLARIFICATION ACT
OF 2011**

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2011

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2633, the Appeal Time Clarification Act of 2011. This legislation provides an important clarification to the law.

Under the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, the law allows 60 days to file a notice of appeal for civil cases if the United States or a federal officer is a party. However, the legislation fails to disclose whether the 60 day period applies to current and/or former federal employees who are sued in an individual capacity.

The Appeal Time Clarification Act of 2011 performs as a means to clarify the discrepancies created by the initial policy. It essentially amends the federal judicial code requirements concerning the time limits for the filing of appeals to any judgment, order, or decree in a civil action, suit, or proceeding.

According to the Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate, as ordered by the House Committee on the Judiciary, H.R. 2633 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The CBO estimates that enacting the bill "would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply."

There are no solid concerns that have been raised in the House regarding this legislation. However, the Senate Judiciary Committee has expressed its observation that the bill's language regarding individual capacity lawsuits

may be read in such a way as to exclude those cases where the individual is represented by the Senate Legal Counsel or the House Office of General Counsel rather than the Department of Justice (for example, in a lawsuit between the legislative and executive branches concerning executive privilege).

Summarily H.R. 2633 extends the 60 day filing deadline to any civil action, suit, or proceeding in which one of the parties is "a current or former U.S. officer or employee sued in an individual capacity for an act. This amendment provides the government with the time it needs to review the case, determine whether an appeal should be taken, and secure the Solicitor General's approval for that appeal. These same policy reasons apply in a case where the United States—through DOJ or some other federal litigating entity—decides to represent a current or former officer or employee sued in his or her individual capacity.

I applaud my friend from Michigan, Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee for introducing this important legislation to protect past and present federal employees. I urge my colleagues to lend their support to the bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF VICKI AND
DAVID PORTMAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Vicki and David Portman, the 2011 Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Monmouth County's Tribute Dinner honorees. Mr. and Mrs. Portman have dedicated their lives to serving the community and are truly worthy of this body's recognition.

Mrs. Vicki Portman was compelled by childhood memories to give back to the community. Instilled with the basic tenets of Judaism, Mrs. Portman has been involved in the Jewish Federation of Monmouth County, where she chaired the Business and Professional Women Foundation and served as Vice President of Campaign as well as Allocations. Most recently, Mrs. Portman has been involved with the New York United Jewish Appeal (UJA) Federation and continues to hold several positions with the Manhattan Women's Campaign. Mrs. Portman is presently a member of Women's Executive Circle (WEC) and on the Board of Directors of UJA New York Federation, as well as many other prestigious organizations. She also sits on the Ethiopian Taskforce. Mrs. Portman earned her Bachelor of Arts from New York University and a Master's degree in Speech Pathology from Seton Hall University. She also completed a graduate certificate program in Training, Development & Organizational Diagnosis through the New School's Graduate School of Management. Mrs. Portman's professional endeavors led her to teach high school Public Speaking and English and she also served as school speech therapist. In 1988 she began Executive Communication, a communications consulting organization which she continues to manage today.

Mr. David Portman is the second of three children who were born and raised near Atlantic City, New Jersey. Mr. Portman's values of community, motivation to succeed and the de-

sire to share his success with those less fortunate are evident through his various activities. He touts an impressive history of involvement and volunteerism in the Jewish Community, most notably filling the role of Building Fund Chairman and Vice President of Temple Beth Torah. Mr. Portman served two terms as President of the Monmouth County Jewish Federation and also held many other notable positions with this organization. Similarly, he is recognized for his role as Monmouth County Representative to New Jersey Board of Federations and was subsequently appointed Commissioner for Economic Development between Israel and New Jersey for his impressive actions. He has also served on the National Campaign Cabinet for Israel Bonds and as Vice President and on the Board of Directors for Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS). Mr. Portman is the current Chairman of Development for the Home for the Aged of the Workman's Circle organization.

The Portmans share a passion for travel and often relate their travel destinations to their desire to further enhance their knowledge of Jewish history and culture around the world. Dedicated to protecting human rights and civil rights issues worldwide, Mr. and Mrs. Portman are lifetime members of the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Education Center. They have also arranged separate scholarship funds to financially support a student's trip to Israel. The Portmans are the proud parents of three sons, Howard, Lee and Billy and have welcomed into their family their daughter-in-law Emily and three grandchildren, Ava, Max and Easy. Their continuous commitment to the Jewish community is only surpassed by their devotion to family.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Vicki and David Portman for their outstanding service to the community and congratulate them on the honor bestowed by the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Monmouth County. Their philanthropic efforts are a shining example of what hard work and dedication can accomplish.

SPEECH BY JEFFREY BLEICH, U.S.
AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share a speech given by Jeffrey Bleich U.S. Ambassador to Australia commemorating the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks. Mr. Bleich's speech eloquently addresses the tragedy of that day, our struggle to come to terms with what happened and our resiliency in the years since 9/11. The harrowing experience of his friend, Jeff Thompson, reminds us that while September 11th left an indelible mark on the nation, it was also a deeply personal tragedy for the thousands of Americans in New York City, Washington, DC, Pennsylvania and elsewhere, who felt the full brunt of the violence of that day on their families and friends. I am pleased to enter the Ambassador's full speech into the RECORD today.

SEPTEMBER 11TH 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION SPEECH JEFFREY BLEICH U.S. AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA

The Honorable Ms. Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia and Mr. Tim

Mathieson, Your Excellencies, Ambassadors and High Commissioners, of more than 70 nations, The Honorable Mr. Tony Abbott, Leader of the Opposition, Ms. Katy Gallagher, Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory, General David Hurley, Chief of the Australian Defence Force and Mrs. Linda Hurley, Members of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, Chiefs of the Australian Defense Force Services, Senior Members of the Australian Public Service, Members of Australian First Responder Services, and welcome to our visiting international dignitary, the Honourable Mr. Peter MacKay, Canadian Minister of National Defence, Distinguished guests, friends and family from many countries.

We come together today to remember a terrible day; but even more to consider the days that have followed and that will follow.

It has been ten years since September 11.

The world that we imagined on September 10, 2001 all changed—changed utterly—in 24 hours. That morning of 9/11, thousands of men and women, Americans, Australians, and people of dozens of nationalities, Christians, Jews, Muslims, awoke thinking it was a normal day. In New York City they headed to work in the World Trade Towers. In Boston, Newark, and D.C., they rushed off to the airport to catch the early morning flight to San Francisco. In New York, firefighters and police officers—men and women—kissed their spouses or partners goodbye as they left for the station. They all had their plans for the day: their meetings, who they would see at lunch, friends, appointments, errands with children. The world they imagined that morning, like the life they imagined, was one filled with many more days and years. They assumed life in all its fullness, whatever that life was. The ideals they held, the religion they practiced, the people they chose as their friends, their political views, the words they chose to say.

We don't refer to these things usually as "freedom of religion," "freedom of speech," "freedom of association," "equality," or "liberty." We just call it living. We call it life. And likely so did the people on that day too.

But that casual belief changed on September 11. These men and women—sons, daughters, fathers, mothers—were killed that day for simply living as they did, and where they did. People from over 90 nations were killed because they chose to live in a land that celebrated these values.

For those of us who survived, it was also a day we never imagined. Wherever we were, in countries around the world, we imagined a normal day as well. None of us expected the world to stop, and for us to watch in horror as people—people like us—perished before our very eyes, in flames, and ash, and rubble.

Faced suddenly with a world that we'd never imagined, the stark question for each of us to answer was this: "what do we do now?"

If people like us were going to be killed for living as we did, what would we do now?

One of the people asking this question was my college roommate, Jeff Thompson. Jeff and his girlfriend lived in New York, where he worked in finance and also sometimes went on the road to play with his band.

On September 11, he was at work, on one of the top floors of the Second World Trade tower, when the first plane hit Tower One. Seeing the destruction next door, he started downstairs, but no one followed. He was half-way down, when the second plane hit—above him—cutting off all of his colleagues; everyone he knew from work. The stairwells filled with people as they marched down to get out of the building, while firefighters and police struggled to get up. Jeff was barely out of the tower when it all collapsed behind him. He was covered in dust, and blood, and tears.

There were no phones. No cars. No way to get back home to his flat except to walk. And so he walked. He walked 18 miles, back to his apartment. When he arrived his girlfriend was home mourning his death. And when she opened the door, Jeff—covered in dust—looked like a ghost. They stood crying at one another. And then, he dropped to one knee and he asked her to marry him. That is how he answered the question, “what do you do now?”

In the days and years since, they have married. They have a son. Jeff has left the glamorous lifestyle of high finance and show business, for a quiet life in a small town, where he teaches math. He has committed to the things that matter most to him: his wife, his child, his community, and to educating the next generation. He can never make sense of that day, and he will never be able to accept why he was spared when so many other good people perished. But in the days and weeks that have followed he has rededicated himself to doing the things they might have done if they had lived: living a free and good life.

Each day since that terrible day offers each of us the chance to do good things that help others. In the face of the question of September 12—what do I do now? There is no answer other than: I will be better.

In the 10 years since September 11, survivors of terrorism around the world have struggled just as Jeff has to understand what happened, and why, and how to stop it from happening again. Free people have come together from New York to Nairobi, Bali to Belfast, Mumbai to Manila, Lahore to London, and many other places and nations afflicted by terrorism. We have all been more careful at our borders. We have been more aware in our intelligence. We have been more aggressive in our response to terror.

But we have been more than that. We have looked inward; and we have looked outward. We have been more inclusive of religions—learning each others traditions, hosting Iftars together, celebrating Ramadan and renewing our commitment to religious tolerance. We shared our thoughts and hopes and beliefs even more freely through our political processes. We innovated and built new ways to communicate—social media—that connected us to more people around the world than ever before in human history. We made more friends. And we invested more than ever in our alliances and in our communities around the world. We gave more aid. We supported more charities. We welcomed new Countries like South Sudan. And we celebrated the spirit of democracy among the people of Tunisia and other nations in this Arab Spring.

We fought even harder against agents of hate, and fear, and intolerance wherever they lived. Tens of thousands of us have served this cause, often putting our lives at risk in difficult and dangerous places. We've lost some of our best and bravest men and women. And all of us have invested billions of dollars to save the world from killers like Osama Bin Laden, and those who followed his sick beliefs.

The terrorists wanted us to respond in terror—to be afraid to live as we had, and to believe as we did. In the 10 years that have followed, we have done just the opposite. We went back into our office buildings. We went back onto our airplanes. We came together in our temples, and churches, and Mosques. We lined up at our ballot boxes. We volunteered to serve our nations. And we gathered publicly without fear, whether to enjoy the simple pleasures of a football game, or a concert, or a barbeque. And we came together each year on this day to remember those who we lost, and to rededicate our lives in their memory.

Today members of the Embassy did not mourn. They went to the Arboretum and planted new trees to make the world cleaner and more beautiful. They ran around Lake Burley Griffin to raise money to help those suffering from heart disease. We joined with our Australian friends to volunteer at homeless shelters, and with organizations throughout this City to live the principles and freedoms we cherish.

Around the world, we resisted the natural instinct of people when attacked to withdraw and close off; our response has been to reach out and embrace.

Confronted with hate, we choose not to hate.

Confronted with death, we choose to live.

Confronted with fear, we choose to hope.

We have done, as Jeff did 10 years ago tonight. Faced with unimaginable fear and death, he knelt to pledge his faith in love.

Thank you.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SECOND HARVEST
FOODBANK OF SOUTHERN WISCONSIN

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 25th anniversary of Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin and to honor all those who worked to make this exceptional food bank successful over the last quarter century.

In the summer of 1984, the dream of a food bank in Dane County became a reality when the Southern Wisconsin Regional Foodbank, Inc., eventually renamed Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin, was created. It wasn't until 1986 that the first warehouse was established in Madison, but by the end of the year nearly three million pounds of food had been donated to 85 partner organizations. Over the next two decades, the food bank saw an explosion of increased services and growth, including countless new partnerships and programs, awards, and food distribution topping 6.8 million pounds by 2009.

Today, Second Harvest works hard to address the issue of hunger in our community. They handle 20,000 pounds of food per day, distributing over 8 million pounds through 350 partner agencies in sixteen Wisconsin counties annually. Second Harvest also operates services like the Kids Café and the Backpack programs, which provide food, nourishment, and health education to children. These programs are essential because statistics show that over 43% of those who do not have access to adequate amounts and types of healthy foods are children. Furthermore, the food bank operates thirty Mobile Pantry Program sites and has a long-standing partnership with the local NBC affiliate for their annual holiday food drive, providing an additional 1.5 million meals for families facing hunger.

Over the years, numerous people helped to make Second Harvest Foodbank an ongoing success. Today, a dedicated board of directors and admirable staff work to assist over 141,000 people in southwestern Wisconsin who continue to lack proper nutrition. It is without a doubt, however, that the impact that Second Harvest makes on our community

would not be possible without the ongoing generosity of volunteers. These inspirational and essential workers average over 5,000 hours of monthly service, equaling the work of 30 full-time employees. Further, each hour of donated time equals 63 meals, and with over 62,000 hours donated volunteers have helped share more than 3.9 million meals.

It is hard to overstate the positive impact that Second Harvest has had and will continue to have on our community. For the fifth year in a row, Charity Navigator rated Second Harvest with four stars, highlighting its commitment to returning 94 cents of every dollar donated back to support the charity. Last year, with the help of so many donations, the food bank shared over 8.1 million pounds of food and each of their five different programs saw great success and growth.

In the words of Second Harvest's President and CEO, Dan Stein, “It is possible to end hunger.” From Juneau to Green County, Crawford to Jefferson County and everywhere in between, Second Harvest has been a beacon of hope for our community and a model for charitable organizations. I proudly join those across Southern Wisconsin, the entire state, and the nation in celebrating the 25th anniversary of Second Harvest Foodbank and in thanking the employees, volunteers, and donors for their exemplary service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE GREATER LAFAYETTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR BEING NAMED NATIONAL CHAMBER OF THE YEAR

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday September 13, 2011

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce for being named National Chamber of the Year by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives.

This distinguished honor is awarded to chambers with superior member relations, operation management, and leadership within their community. The Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce has excelled in these areas over the past year. Panel members and former award recipients around the country determine which chambers are deemed most worthy to receive this title. I am very pleased our Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce was ranked as the best in the United States this year.

On August 4th, 2011, Lafayette's chamber was informed of this monumental accomplishment. This is the chamber's second national honor this year. Before receiving National Chamber of the Year, the Lafayette Chamber was given five stars by the United States Chamber of Commerce. Only one percent of chambers in the entire United States can claim this elite ranking.

The chamber's contributions to Lafayette and the surrounding areas continue to foster development and stability in the business arena. I thank them for their continued efforts to strengthen our community. The chamber is absolutely deserving of this esteemed award. On behalf of the people of South Louisiana, I offer my sincere congratulations.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAPE COD TIMES

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Cape Cod Times, a daily newspaper circulated throughout the towns and villages of Massachusetts' Cape and Islands.

Seventy-five years ago, businessmen J.P. Dunn and Basil Brewer came together in a Hyannis garage to publish the Cape Cod Standard-Times. This union grew out of the men's desire to provide the residents of the Cape and Islands with access to community news, so they teamed up with the New Bedford Standard-Times for joint distribution through the 1960s. By 1970, however, the success of local small businesses and industries had brought an era of expansion to the region, augmenting the need for a local paper to service the needs and interests of the unique communities of the Cape and Islands. In 1975, the first Cape Cod Times edition was published as an "independent Cape Cod newspaper, printed and published on the Cape, by Cape Codders, for Cape Codders."

Today, the Cape Cod Times provides over 60,000 readers in the region with daily headlines of national and local relevance—from summer beach closings to breaking news across the globe. The paper's circulation reaches beyond the Cape and Islands through its online subscription, allowing readers to stay up-to-date on community happenings no matter their location.

Time and time again, the paper has been recognized for its national significance, having been named to such prestigious awards as "Newspaper of the Year," "Website of the Year" and "Sunday Newspaper of the Year" by the New England Press Association, the New England Newspaper Association, and the New England Associated Press Executives Association.

Having owned a home on Cape Cod for twenty years, it is with pride and gratitude that I congratulate the Cape Cod Times, its editors and staff on providing seventy-five years of authentic journalism to the people of the Tenth Congressional District of Massachusetts. I extend my best wishes to the paper for many more years of award-winning journalism to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, on September 12, 2011, I missed rollcall vote 699.

Had I been present for vote 699, on H.R. 2076, to clarify that the Department of Justice can provide investigatory assistance at the request of State and local authorities with respect to certain violent crimes, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING THE CHESTER LIBRARY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Chester Library located in Morris County, New Jersey, as it celebrates its 100th anniversary this year.

The Chester Library officially opened on Labor Day in 1911 as a joint library of the Chesters. The library originally occupied a very small space above a metal shoe-support factory and was only open for selected hours on Saturdays. Due to difficulty attaining funding, it constantly moved from one location to another until it finally settled in its current home in 1981.

The library expanded in 2004 with the addition of a Children's Room and a public meeting room. The new room not only provided extra meeting space for the library, but it is also available for local non-profits to use.

With a collection of over 70,000 books, music CDs, audio books, movies, video games, e-books and periodicals, the Chester Library has come a long way from its modest start with merely 138 books. Available for borrowing are books, magazines, audio books, DVDs, video tapes, CDs, video games, puppets and puzzles. Residents of Chester Borough and Chester Township, as well as any person with a Morris Automated Information Network (M.A.I.N.) card, are free to search the shelves and take advantage of all the library has to offer.

With more than 300 programs for visitors, there is something for everyone. From story time for children to book discussions with the Young Adult Club and Computer Education for seniors, the Chester Library is a rich resource for the community. The library has 12 public computers with free Internet that provide visitors with convenient access to the Internet and other databases.

The Chester Library serves a vital role in the community. Not only does it provide access to numerous books, collections and databases, but the library also offers the people of Chester with a social community where everyone is welcome to share and enjoy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Chester Library as they celebrate 100 years of supporting access to knowledge and information in the local community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,688,259,374,281.24.

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

This means the national debt has increased by \$4,049,833,627,987.44 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, on September 12, 2010, I missed the following rollcall votes because I was unavoidably detained out of town: rollcall vote No. 699—on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2076, the Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2011; rollcall vote No. 700—on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2633, the Appeal Time Clarification Act of 2011; and rollcall vote No. 701—on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1059, to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes.

If present, I would have voted "aye" on all three rollcall votes.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF JOHN N. HUNTER ON THE OCCASION OF RECEIVING THE ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE AWARD

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John N. Hunter, a 2011 recipient of the St. Madeleine Sophie Award. The Award is given by the Sacred Heart School Community in Atherton, California, to individuals who have made sustained and significant contributions to the schools and embody the goals and criteria of a Sacred Heart education. John Hunter's commitment to the mission of Sacred Heart education spans decades, is an inspiration to everyone, and has earned him the coveted St. Madeleine Sophie Award.

John N. Hunter is a 1951 graduate of Stanford University and served his country as a member of the United States Army. He is a successful entrepreneur and has made significant contributions in the fields of education and community development.

John N. Hunter joined the Sacred Heart Schools Board of Trustees in 1978. This was a time of transition for the schools. John helped craft the first strategic plan and was a leader of the schools' first capital campaign. He has served on the board of the Religious of the Sacred Heart's Oakwood Retirement Community, and played a key role in expanding the facility and building a chapel.

John has been married to the former Josephine Kegley since 1959, and they are the proud parents of five children: Julene, Wendi, Elizabeth, John and Mary, all of whom attended Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating John N. Hunter as he receives the St. Madeleine Sophie Award and salute him for his tireless work, his humility, his wonderful sense of humor, and his lasting commitment to the extraordinary education of the Religious of the Sacred Heart and their schools in Atherton, California, where generations of children have been shaped, strengthening our community and our country.

HONORING RAYMOND F. "DOC"
KIERNAN

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Fire Commissioner Raymond F. "Doc" Kiernan who will be honored September 15 upon his retirement after a 45-year career with the New Rochelle, New York Fire Department.

A lifelong New Rochelle resident, Doc Kiernan was a true "firefighter's fire commissioner," rising through the ranks to become New Rochelle Fire Commissioner in 1985. His experience at every level of the Department prepared him well. As Commissioner, he advocated tirelessly at all levels of government for increased resources for firefighter training

and equipment. His knowledge became especially valuable after September 11, 2001, as I and other elected officials turned to Commissioner Kiernan for advice on complex issues such as emergency preparedness and radio interoperability.

Doc Kiernan's lifetime of dedicated service extends far beyond the New Rochelle Fire Department. He served in the United States Coast Guard on active duty and in the Reserve from 1965 through 1971. He was active in a number of professional organizations, including the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Northeastern States Fire Consortium, the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, the Westchester Career Fire Chiefs Association, the National Fire Protection Association, and the International Society of Fire Service Instructors. Additionally, Ray serves as a member of the Fire Advisory Board to the Westchester County Executive, on the Board of Directors of the Westchester Fire Fighters

Emerald Society Pipe Band and as the current past chairman of the New York State Career Fire Chiefs Committee. He previously was a member of the New Rochelle Fire Fighters Association Executive Board and is a past president of the New Rochelle Fire Officers Association.

Commissioner Kiernan also has shared his time and talents with a host of community organizations, including the United Way, on both the local and county level. He was a chair of New Rochelle Heart Committee of the American Heart Association. His many volunteer contributions have won him honors and awards from numerous organizations including the Knights of Columbus, Huguenot Lions Club, and Casa Calabria.

I am proud to recognize New Rochelle Fire Commissioner Raymond F. "Doc" Kiernan for his exemplary service and commitment, and I urge my colleagues to join with me in wishing him many happy years in retirement.