

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO MARY “MITZI”
PERDUE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Mary “Mitzi” Perdue for her tremendous generosity to personal charities and organizations.

Ms. Perdue was born into a life of privilege, being the daughter of Sheraton Hotel founder Ernest Henderson. With her privileged life, she decided to dedicate herself to public service and philanthropic causes. At a young age her parents instilled a sense of giving that carried with her throughout her life. One of her life mottos is, “It’s the givers of the world who are the happiest”.

Ms. Perdue pursued an education at Harvard. Upon graduation she began a career in communications writing a syndicated column on the environment, first for Capitol News in California and then for Scripps Howard, nationally. At its peak, “The Environment and You” went to 420 newspapers, and the total number of columns was more than 1100. The articles focused mainly on how individuals could protect the environment, but they also encouraged students to study science, so they could play a role in saving the planet.

Ms. Perdue also wrote more than 250 columns on charities for my local paper and occasionally for national magazines. The columns and articles provided recognition to the charities and let readers know about each charity’s needs and services. Many of the charities couldn’t afford a professional writer, and yet they needed to communicate with their supporters.

Ms. Perdue understands the importance of her philanthropic activities that if philanthropies don’t develop strong bonds with their donors and volunteers, their supporters may, over time, drift away. To this extent she donates the location, the food, the beverages, the decorations, and the wait staff for parties of between 10–110 guests. In the last four years, Ms. Perdue has entertained close to 4500 people at her home. Ninety-five percent of these events have been charity-related, but some have also been book parties, since, as a (soon-to-be-former) Commissioner of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, she loves the idea of encouraging authors.

Another charitable interest of hers is supporting veterans. In the past, Perdue Farms won the nation-wide Pro Patria Award largely because her and her husband wrote personalized monthly letters to overseas Reservists.

In her life, Ms. Perdue lives by one quote by Aristotle, “the only true success in life is to find yourself in service to the community”. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Mary “Mitzi” Perdue for her dedicated public service and charitable giving.

UNITED STATES-PANAMA TRADE
PROMOTION AGREEMENT IMPLE-
MENTATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 3079, the United States-Panama Trade Implementation Act.

OPPOSING NAFTA-STYLE TRADE POLICIES

With all the talk this Congress about addressing the deficit, you might think that Democrat and Republican supporters of these agreements would be even more concerned about a larger deficit that is responsible for the displacement of thousands of American jobs—the trade deficit.

Our rapidly increasing trade deficits with countries like China and Mexico have displaced millions of jobs over the past decade. According to Economic Policy Institute (EPI), the U.S.-China Free Trade Agreement resulted in the displacement of over 2.3 million American workers between 2001 and 2007, as a direct result of the increase in China trade deficits. U.S. producers of apparel, steel and technology (parts) have been the industries most significantly impacted by imports from China. Two-thirds of those jobs displaced were in the manufacturing sector—resulting in the outsourcing of hundreds of thousands of American jobs in the computer and electronic parts, apparel and accessories and fabricated metal production sectors.

It is these same industries that will be further affected by the proposed trade deals with Korea, Panama and Colombia.

Yet today we are considering NAFTA-style free trade agreements that are projected to continue in this tradition. Those of us who were in Congress during the debates on NAFTA and CAFTA have heard the promises of more jobs and economic opportunity from supporters of free trade. These promises have never materialized.

NAFTA’s record is clear: it is negative for jobs, negative for democracy and negative for the environment.

PANAMA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT: GOOD FOR MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, BAD FOR THE RULE OF LAW

Madam Speaker, the Panama trade agreement is good for multinational corporations and bad for the rule of law.

An April 2009 report by Public Citizen on the Panama trade agreement found that it would undermine U.S. efforts to stop offshore tax-haven abuse and undermine financial regulations.

Among the key findings: some of the corporations who were the largest recipients of U.S. federal procurement contracts and money under the Troubled Asset Relief Program—including Citigroup—have dozens of subsidiaries in Panama that would be granted expansive new rights under this trade agreement. So firms that were bailed out with U.S. taxpayer

dollars, like AIG and Citigroup, are being rewarded with a trade agreement that undermines U.S. efforts to stop offshore tax-haven abuse.

As Public Citizen notes, “Panama’s tiny economy provides no prospects for significant U.S. economic gains. Panama’s total annual GDP is about 6 percent of Washington, D.C.” Like NAFTA, this trade agreement includes provisions that allow investors to challenge the U.S. government in international courts—and demand U.S. taxpayer compensation—for U.S. policies that conflict with their expansive rights under the FTA to “free transfers” (i.e.: conflict with their bottom line).

At a time when we should be focusing on strengthening worker’s rights and investing in domestic manufacturing and infrastructure and job creation, a trade deal with Panama that is unlikely to have any significant effect at all on creating jobs or increasing imports is the wrong way to go.

It is abundantly clear that this trade agreement is not about expanding opportunity for the American worker, but about expanding opportunity for multinational corporations and their subsidiaries. Just like NAFTA.

REWARDING PANAMA FOR ITS FAILURE TO ABIDE BY
INTERNATIONAL TAX NORMS

With the Panama trade agreement, we are rewarding a country for failing to abide by even the minimum transparency standards for tax norms. An April 2009 tax-haven watch list by the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) cites Panama as one of thirty countries that agreed to conform to international tax norms but failed to do so. The OECD reports that Panama made such a commitment in 2002 and has not since completed a single agreement to fulfill its commitment.

According to Public Citizen, Panama is “one of only 13 countries—and the only current or prospective FTA partner—that is listed on all of the major tax-haven watchdog lists that does not also have U.S. tax transparency treaties.”

If you’re still not convinced to vote against the Panama trade agreement, this laundry list from Public Citizen may help: The Panama trade agreement “includes extreme foreign investor privileges, and offshoring protections and their private enforcement in international tribunals, limits on financial and other service sector regulation, a ban on Buy America procurement preferences, limits on environmental safeguards and imported food and product safety, and drug patent rules that limit generics.”

The AFL-CIO correctly notes that with this agreement, we are rewarding “a country that has a history of repressing labor rights and has achieved much of its economic growth by making it easy for money launderers and tax dodgers to hide their income from legitimate authorities.”

I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing the Panama free trade agreement.

LABOR RIGHTS IN PANAMA

The rights of workers, which have increasingly come under attack in this country, are

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also at risk under these NAFTA-style trade agreements.

In Panama, a 2010 State Department Human Rights report notes that “the government lacked sufficient mechanisms to ensure that laws prohibiting employer interference in unions and protecting workers from employer reprisals were adequately enforced.”

We should not be entering into a trade agreement with a country that has yet to demonstrate its ability to uphold international standards for labor rights and financial regulation. We cannot afford to reward corporations for offshoring jobs and tax-evasion at a time of historic budget constraints.

Panama’s track record on fulfilling its promises is clear: just as it failed to adequately address its status as a tax-haven wonderland; it too has failed in its promise to adequately protect its workers from reprisals due to union activity.

JOBS LOSS UNDER NAFTA

It is undisputable that NAFTA has led to widespread job loss across this country. In a report titled “Heading South: U.S.-Mexico trade and job displacement after NAFTA,” EPI estimates that the U.S. trade deficit with Mexico totaling \$97.2 billion has displaced nearly 700,000 U.S. jobs. This number takes into account any jobs that were created through U.S. exports to Mexico. Like NAFTA, the Korea and Colombia FTAs are expected to result in the loss of over 200,000 jobs and increase our trade deficit by \$16.9 billion.

The majority of those jobs were in the manufacturing sector. Like Korea, much of our trade with Mexico is in the same industries that took a big hit under NAFTA.

We cannot have a strong economy without a strong manufacturing base. Any investments this Congress makes to rebuild our infrastructure and our domestic manufacturing sector would be significantly undermined by the passage of the three free trade agreements we are considering today. NAFTA-style free trade agreements that rapidly increase our trade deficit and lead to the further diminishment of our manufacturing employment base are not the answer.

“WHITE-COLLAR SERVICE JOBS” VULNERABLE TO BEING OFFSHORED

NAFTA-style trade policies are not just destructive to our domestic manufacturing and textile sectors. So called “White-Collar” service jobs are now some of the jobs most vulnerable to offshoring.

Alan S. Binder, a former Clinton advisor and member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve—and supporter of free trade—came up with a list of the top 100 jobs that are most likely to be offshored over the next 10–20 years as a result of our free trade policies. Those jobs include computer programmers, mathematicians, editors, actuaries and even economists. A 2007 paper by the Economic Policy Institute took the research one step further and found that the demographic most vulnerable to offshoring are persons with at least a four-year college degree.

Since the era of the WTO and NAFTA, U.S. wages have been stagnant and barely increased since 1973. Workers in the manufacturing sector displaced by our trade policies and looking for new work will be forced to go into service fields with even lower wages where jobs are not threatened to be offshored, such as in food service and hospitality.

Our \$776 billion trade deficit has already displaced hundreds of thousands of American

workers. It is time to end expansion of NAFTA to other countries. We have over a decade of evidence and the evidence is clear: this free trade model is damaging for our economy, our workers, the environment and for global economic security. It is time for fair trade, not free trade.

A TRIBUTE TO RITA COSBY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Ms. Rita Cosby, a charismatic New Yorker who’s energy and passion for her work is an inspiration to us all.

Prior to joining network news, Rita was an anchor/reporter for CBS affiliates in Bakersfield, California and Charlotte, North Carolina. During her tenure there, she broke numerous stories, reporting that Susan Smith drowned her young sons and that the father of NBA superstar Michael Jordan was murdered. Her investigative report inside a Tijuana, Mexico prison exposed government corruption and allowed an American, who was held unlawfully, to be freed.

Honors for the three-time Emmy® winner include the Matrix Award, Headliner Award and Jack Anderson Award for journalism excellence. She was also selected by *Cosmopolitan Magazine* as a “Fun and Fearless Female.” A recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the Lech Walesa Freedom Award, she hosts the National Memorial Day Parade broadcast to all US military installations around the world.

A highly sought-after keynote speaker, Rita has talked to major groups all over America, including heads of state in Washington, D.C., ambassadors and foreign ministers at the United Nations, as well as for countless celebrity, charity and especially military/veterans events from coast to coast.

Her first book, *Blonde Ambition*, was a New York Times bestseller and called “The most talked about book in America” by *Extra*. Her second book, *Quiet Hero: Secrets From My Father’s Past*, is the most personal and important story of her life, as she uncovered an amazing history of heroism and courage involving her own father and shares the incredible journey in this highly acclaimed and poignant memoir. As a result, her father Richard Cosby, was awarded a special recognition by the Medal of Honor Society for his bravery. The book has raised money for the USO to help wounded soldiers and their families.

She has headlined veterans’ events with Admiral Mike Mullen, The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as well as with performers such as Tony Orlando and Charlie Daniels. Because of Rita’s “extraordinary journalism and exemplary service on behalf of her community,” October 11th, 2010 was officially named “Rita Cosby Day” in the State of New York.

Rita earned her bachelors’ degrees from the University of South Carolina, graduating with honors. She grew up in Greenwich, Connecticut and currently resides in the New York area.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Rita Cosby for her outstanding contribution to the fields of literature and journalism.

HONORING KAYE FLANAGAN,
LYNN KRAEMER GOLDFARB,
GAIL KELLY AND DONNA M.
LORING

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kaye Flanagan, Lynn Kraemer Goldfarb, Gail Kelly and Donna M. Loring on being awarded the 50th Annual Deborah Morton Award by The University of New England.

The Deborah Morton Award, first presented in 1961, was the first annual award in Maine to honor women who have achieved high distinction in their careers or whose leadership in civic, cultural or social causes has been exceptional. The award was named in memory of Deborah Morton of Round Pond, valedictorian of the 1879 class of the Westbrook Seminary. Morton was a teacher, dean, linguist, historian and prominent Portland civic leader whose service to the State of Maine spanned more than 60 years.

Kaye, Lynn, Gail and Donna all display the exceptional commitment to public service that Deborah Morton did. Their tireless efforts have improved the lives of thousands of Mainers from all walks of life. While their backgrounds and careers are diverse, their selfless devotion to their communities is a shining example to all of us. Their efforts are a testament to the legacy of Deborah Morton, and I wish them all continued success in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in recognizing Kaye Flanagan, Lynn Kraemer Goldfarb, Gail Kelly and Donna M. Loring for their outstanding commitment to the state of Maine and for the impressive example they set for Maine’s young women.

IN SUPPORT OF THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS, H.R. 3078, H.R. 3079, H.R. 3080

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Korea, Colombia and Panama Free Trade Agreements.

Mr. Speaker, global leadership is not attained with mere rhetoric; it is achieved, preserved and strengthened by demonstrating a commitment to action. Today, as the U.S. economy struggles through a prolonged period of slow-growth, our economic competitors are proactively engaged in eliminating or reducing barriers to their exports in foreign markets around the globe, especially in Asia and Latin America. If America intends to remain a global leader we cannot disengage from our critical strategic partnerships with Korea, Colombia and Panama.

Mr. Speaker, decades ago the U.S.-Korean partnership was forged on the battlefield. Soldiers from both of our nations fought and died together defending the freedom of the Korean people. Over the years, our relationship has flourished and Korea is now one of America’s most trusted allies in the world. A vote for this trade agreement is a representation of America’s ironclad commitment to Korea’s future

and a clear demonstration of our enduring friendship with the Korean people.

Colombia and Panama are two of the United States' most critical allies in Latin America. With our help, and aided by their own determination, these two countries have made remarkable progress. Mr. Speaker, these two trade deals will build upon the investments that we have already made in these two countries. Colombia has demonstrated—with concrete actions—a genuine commitment to protecting its own people from violence. The rapidly expanding Panama remains a critical strategic partner and a literal gateway to maritime commerce in the Pacific. These new trade deals demonstrate America's long-term commitment to Colombia and Panama.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support these Free Trade Agreements.

A TRIBUTE TO LORRAINE CANCRO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Lorraine C. Cancro for her outstanding work with Veterans in my Brooklyn District.

Ms. Cancro has been working with returning veterans for most of her professional career—gaining a specialization as a clinician in treatment of returning veterans suffering from Traumatic Brain Injury, TBI, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, PTSD. In this capacity Ms. Cancro has served many in her community that deal with this very serious disorder.

When Ms. Cancro is not dealing with individuals directly she contributes as a mental health editor for Exceptional Parent Magazine, writing articles on topics that include returning veterans who suffer from TBI and PTSD, and chronic pain among other disorders. These articles furthered her efforts to spread awareness of psychiatric disorders which impact the general population as well.

Ms. Cancro also serves as Director of the Global Stress Initiative, GSI, an affiliate of the International Committee against Mental Illness, ICAMI. Together with Emmy Awarding winning Anchor Rita Cosby, they have launched the American Heroes Tour, which is a fundraising arm of the GSI. The Tour will visit Major League Ballparks throughout the country and offer veterans, first responders, and their families' acknowledgement for their heroic efforts to preserve our freedom.

In response to those who suffer from PTSD, Ms. Cancro along with her colleagues spearheaded cutting edge research and treatment for TBI and PTSD. The tour culminated at the 11th Annual World Congress on Disabilities in Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 23rd and 24th, 2011. At last year's event in Dallas, Rita Cosby emceed the event and Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was the keynote speaker.

Ms. Cancro has a specialty in Journalistic advocacy and development of mental health programs for research and treatment. She is a member of the International Committee Against Mental Illness (ICAMI)—Association for Stress Disorders, The David Lynch Foundation's Operation Warrior Wellness, Autism Speaks and Fountain House, Mental Health Advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Lorraine Cancro for her contribution to the education and awareness of veterans suffering from the various disorders of service can create.

PRESIDENT & CEO OF JEMNI, INC.,
MARK ELLSON, OF WOODBURY, MN

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, this month, veteran business owners from across the nation are receiving special training through the National Center for the Veteran Institute for Procurement (VIP). Upon completion of this training, these veteran employers are equipped with the knowledge and skills to compete in the federal government contract process. Today it's my honor to recognize one of those veterans, President and CEO of JEMNI Inc., Mark Ellson, of Woodbury, Minnesota upon his graduation from VIP.

As a small-business owner, Mark brings more than 20 years of experience to providing services and products for his customers. Mark was a perfect candidate for the VIP certification because of his distinction as an Army combat and service disabled veteran and his dedication to hiring other disabled veterans. VIP invests in veteran-owned businesses because they know owners, like Mark, will strongly consider hiring and mentoring a veteran for future business growth. This VIP certification strengthens Mark's ability to secure federal government contracts that will grow his business, and in turn, increase job opportunities for veterans.

Mr. Speaker, Mark's dedication to veterans is admirable in every way and it is my sincere wish that the VIP certification will continue to create jobs for these heroes in Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District and beyond. Please join me in congratulating Mark Ellson of JEMNI, Inc. on his graduation from the National Center for the Veteran Institute for Procurement.

UNITED STATES-KOREA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, thanks to my good friend and Michigan colleague DAVE CAMP for his leadership on this issue. I come from the State of Michigan, where there is no single issue of greater importance than jobs and the economy.

The fact is hundreds of thousands of American jobs rely on exports, and promoting a robust trade agenda will only help bolster our economy and create more jobs. 95 percent of the world's consumers live outside of the United States, so opening up their markets for our manufactured and agricultural goods is a matter of common sense.

In 2010, U.S. exports totaled more than \$1.8 trillion, or 12.5 percent of GDP. Michigan

ranks 8th in the nation for the number of export-dependent jobs. In 2008, nearly 12,000 companies exported goods from locations within our state. And last year, Michigan export shipments totaled some \$44.5 billion.

The three pending free trade agreements are expected to increase Michigan agriculture exports by \$45 million per year—the agreement with South Korea alone will increase Michigan pork exports by \$4.5 million annually.

The medical device industry also stands to benefit greatly from these agreements. Demand for medical devices in South Korea is expected to grow by 10 percent each year, and the new duty-free status given to devices will give companies like Stryker, headquartered in my district, unprecedented access to that market. In fact, it is my understanding that medical device sales may increase as much as \$1 billion. This legislation finally allows us, the United States, to reverse course and export products rather than jobs. Isn't that a good thing? Of course it is!

By removing barriers to U.S. exports, American job creators will have significant new market access: that good news for business, jobs, and Southwest Michigan; and the entire country.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. DOUGLAS LAZZARO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Mr. Douglas Lazzaro for his exceptional service to Brooklyn and the Greater New York area in the field of corneal transplantation and other complex corneal surgeries.

Dr. Lazzaro, the Richard C. Troutman M.D. Distinguished Chair in Ophthalmology and Ophthalmic Microsurgery, serves as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at SUNY Downstate. Dr. Lazzaro received his MD degree and his residency training in ophthalmology at SUNY Downstate and then completed a cornea and refractive surgery fellowship at the Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital and Cornell Medical Center.

Dr. Lazzaro has been involved in residency training since 1994 and has served in a variety of roles since then. He was director of surgical training at the Kings County Hospital Center for a decade and has been its Chief of Ophthalmology from 2001 to the present time. This eye service is the largest in the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation and currently sees over 27,000 outpatients regularly. In addition to being responsible for the design of the clinic, Dr. Lazzaro has been serving as President of the Medical Board at Kings county since 2010.

The ophthalmology residency that Dr. Lazzaro directs is one of the largest in the United States and is recognized as one of the top training programs in the NYC area. Dr. Lazzaro serves on the board of the Eye Bank for Sight Restoration and the NY Society for Clinical Ophthalmology, and was recently elected to the NY Ophthalmic Laser Society.

Dr. Lazzaro has also been the recipient of many other awards including: Attending of the

Year in Ophthalmology at Kings County Hospital Center in 2002 and 2007, and Attending of the Year in Ophthalmology at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in 2003 and was the recipient of the Community Service Award for Visions/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired in 2007, he has been elected to New York Super Doctors in 2008, 2009, and 2010 and was elected a lifetime member of Swathmore's Who's Who. Dr. Lazzaro also received the Outstanding Faculty Award from the Daniel Hale Williams Society at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in 2010.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. Douglass Lazzaro for his contribution to the health of Brooklyn residents.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on Rollcall No. 781 on passage of H.R. 3078. To implement the United States-Columbia Trade Promotion Agreement; Rollcall No. 782 on passage of H.R. 3079, To implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement; Rollcall No. 783 on passage H.R. 3080, To implement the United States-Korea Trade Agreement; and Rollcall No. 784 on the motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2832, To extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes, I am not recorded because of an absence due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay," "nay," "nay," and "yea," respectively.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF
EASTERN OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 27 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Friday in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon. On behalf of a grateful State and country, we welcome these heroes to the Nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are: Raymond Kurshner, U.S. Air Force; Lelus Jack Baucum, U.S. Army; Frank M. Chuk, U.S. Army; Audrey J. Johnson, U.S. Army; Albert J. Phillips, U.S. Army, and Harold M. Tucker, U.S. Army; Duane Gilchrist, U.S. Army Air Corps; Truman D. Logan, U.S. Army Air Corps, and Victor E. Mattila, U.S. Army Air Corps; Rex E. Esch, U.S. Coast Guard; Hattie H. Kelley, U.S. Marines; Floyd E. Kirby, U.S. Marines, and Dwight Patit Riggs, Jr., U.S. Marines; Lawrence Bird, U.S. Navy; Phoebe Helen DeGree, U.S. Navy; Anthony Galluzzo, U.S. Navy; Robert P. Maley, U.S. Navy; Lorene F. Mattila, U.S. Navy; Richard J. Nelson, U.S. Navy; Robert Leo Olson, U.S. Navy; Paul R. Scandlyn, U.S. Navy, and George N. Fogg, U.S. Navy/Air Force.

These 22 heroes join more than 63,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home States

to Washington, D.C. to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our Nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a Nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country.

A TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL DUNSTON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Samuel L. Dunston for his financial business that serves the greater Brooklyn community.

Mr. Dunston has been working to improve worker benefits for the better of 40 years, and has lead an outstanding minority operated and owned businesses in New York. Mr. Dunston takes pride in knowing that he offers a highly regarded service to the residents of Brooklyn and has gained the esteemed support of many organizations in his career. Groups such as the Boys Scouts Council, numerous church councils & the Kiwanis Club are as eager for this counsel as are the boards of directors of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, for which he is chairman of the Women & Minority Business Development Committee, the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, the Central Brooklyn Coordinating Council, the Brooklyn Hospital Community Advisory Board and New York City Technical College Small Business Advisory Council.

Mr. Dunston works equally as comfortably with the neighborhood as he does with Corporate Leaders. He puts as much energy into protecting the family of a client who can only afford \$4.00 a week for a Life Insurance policy as he does for an impressive list of companies on his clients' roster. Several companies he represents are Amalgamated Union, Bethel Baptist Church, and Social Concern Community Development Corp.

In addition to his advocacy through his organization, Mr. Dunston sits on the boards of the Greater New York Chapter of the 100 Community Advisory Board; the CABS Nursing Home, the Brooklyn Sports Foundation, Brooklyn Hospital and the United States-New Independent States Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Dunston cherishes his family which consists of his own children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mr. Dunston and his wife, Pastor Patricia Dunston, are long time residents of Freeport, New York.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Samuel Dunston for his financial services expertise and community partnerships he has built with Brooklyn and its residents.

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI FOR CELEBRATING ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOMECOMING

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Missouri for celebrating its 100th anniversary of Homecoming.

In 1891, Missouri and Kansas began what is believed to be the oldest college football rivalry west of the Mississippi River. After 20 years of playing at neutral sites, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) passed legislation to move collegiate games to campus football fields. This was the birth of a vision for the first Homecoming celebration at Mizzou.

That vision began with two words from athletic director and head football coach Chester Brewer in 1911. Determined to add excitement to the rivalry with the Jayhawks, Coach Brewer called on graduates to 'come home.'

And come home they did—with a spirit rally, parade and, of course, a football game. And so the Homecoming tradition at Mizzou began.

Mizzou still has its annual parade and rally and holds the world record for the largest peacetime blood drive on a college campus, which occurs during Homecoming. Also part of the celebration are community service projects, a talent competition and the Homecoming Hall of Fame.

In closing, I ask all my colleagues to join me in offering the University of Missouri congratulations on the 100th anniversary of Homecoming.

Go Mizzou!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed Rollcall vote numbers 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall vote numbers 780, 784, and 785. I would have voted "no" on Rollcall vote numbers 781, 782, 783.

H.R. 3078, Motion to Recommit, No. 780, "aye."

H.R. 3078, Final Passage, No. 781, "no."

H.R. 3079, Final Passage, No. 782, "no."

H.R. 3089, Final Passage, No. 783, "no."

H.R. 2832, Motion to Concur, No. 784, "aye."

H.R. 2433, Motion to Suspend Rules, Pass, No. 785, "aye."

A TRIBUTE TO REV. ROBERT
WATERMAN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Rev. Robert Waterman for his leadership as a pastor, doctor,

proprietor, and activist in Brooklyn and the greater New York State.

Rev. Waterman is the fifth Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church located in Brooklyn, New York. Reverend Waterman has brought many gifts to Antioch—the three most notable being his exuberance, a willingness to get the job done and spirituality. Rev. Waterman tries to impress on people that God desires our praise and worship, and has been labeled “The Preacher of Thunder” by the late Dr. William A. Jones. He encourages his congregation to know God so that hearts, and thereby lives, can be changed.

Being born in Brooklyn, New York and raised in Hemingway, South Carolina, Rev. Waterman is a very ambitious businessman in his spare time when not actively operating the church. He fully embodies the notion that he truly can do all things through Christ. In his ninth year, Rev. Waterman’s focus is on moving the church toward building God’s Kingdom by restoring people, both spiritually and physically. Antioch is concerned about the health and spirituality of the community. Building the Church, Building the People, and Building the Community. Antioch continues on its path, uniting for fellowship and following Christ.

Rev. Waterman is a premier example of an activist. He is a lifetime member of the NAACP and serves on Community Board # 3 as the Chairperson of the Transportation Committee. Rev. Waterman is a part of the Black Brooklyn Empowerment Convention as the Chair of Securing Our Institutions Cluster. He serves as the Ecumenical Chair in Brooklyn for BLCA, Black Leadership Commission on Aids and is the President of the A.A.C.E.O., African American Clergy and Elected Officials Organization of Brooklyn.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Rev. Robert Waterman for his excellent leadership of faith based initiatives in Brooklyn and commitment to service.

CONDEMNING THE IRANIAN PLOT TO CARRY OUT BOMB ATTACKS IN WASHINGTON, DC

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn the Iranian plot to carry out bomb attacks in our Nation’s Capital and to praise our law enforcement officials who have once again stepped in to thwart terror and preserve our safety.

Two days ago, law enforcement officials revealed Iranian participation in a plan to assassinate a foreign ambassador on U.S. soil by blowing up a busy D.C. restaurant. They also cited plans to attack Israeli embassies in Washington, DC and Argentina. Without the efforts of our law enforcement agencies, these attacks could have killed possibly hundreds of innocent bystanders right here in our Nation’s Capital and elsewhere.

This plot goes beyond a handful of individuals; it once again displays the Iranian regime’s cruel disregard for innocent human life.

Iran continues to sow violence and instability in the Middle East, to traffic weapons, to pursue the acquisition of nuclear capabilities and to brutally suppress its own people. This

is the country whose leader threatened to “wipe Israel off the map.” This latest attempt to murder diplomats and citizens in D.C. and abroad is proof positive that Iran remains a serious danger.

Last year, I helped lead the effort to pass sanctions on the Iranian regime—to end its ability to finance repression and terrorism. This attempted attack on our homeland demonstrates the world must do more. China and Russia, in particular, can do a lot more—for too long they have avoided applying tough pressure on the Iranian regime. But we too can do more. Iran remains a threat to U.S. national security and to global peace and stability, and it is time to increase U.S. and multi-lateral pressure even further.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,868,218,296,426.05.

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 \$4,229,792,550,132.25 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT CANCRO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Dr. Robert Cancro, a charismatic Brooklynite who carries the energy to inspire and motivate others.

Dr. Robert Cancro received his M.D. degree in 1955 from the State University at Brooklyn. In 1962, he obtained his Med. D.Sc. Degree from the same institution. Following a straight medical internship, he completed his residency training at Kings County Hospital.

From 1959–1966, he was on faculty of the State University of New York and developed and ran the first alcohol rehabilitation unit in New York City. In 1966, he went to Menninger Foundation, where he was director of research training. He spent a sabbatical year in 1969, at the University of Illinois at their Center for Advanced Study, and as a Professor of Computer Science.

He returned to the East in 1970, as Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Connecticut, and joined the faculty at NYU, as Professor and Chairman in 1976. In 1982, he added the directorship of the Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research, NKI, to his other responsibilities. Dr. Cancro retired as a Chairman of the Psychiatry Department and as Director of NKI in 2005. He continues as a Professor of Psychiatry at NYU.

Dr. Cancro’s major academic interest has been in the psychoses and, in particular schizophrenia. He has worked on a number of dif-

ferent aspects of schizophrenic psychoses, but focusing on the interface between the nervous system and behavior. He has over two hundred publications including a dozen books.

In addition to his academic record, he has been active in the World Psychiatric Association, chairing their Section on Psychiatric Rehabilitation, and has served as consultant to the World Health Organization for a number of years. At the national level, he has served as a consultant for the U.S. Secret Service, the Department of Justice, and the New York Yankees.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Dr. Robert Cancro for his contribution the field of medicine and his service to the Brooklyn community.

HONORING THE COLD SPRING FIRE DEPARTMENT ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cold Spring Fire Department on their 100th anniversary this year. It is my honor to join with the Cold Spring community in celebrating this milestone marking a century of service.

Since ancient Rome, communities have depended on fire departments to control and prevent fires to homes, businesses and public buildings. Today’s community fire department continues the work of fire management and prevention, but has added the responsibility of first responders for medical and other rescue situations as well. When so much is depending on individuals to volunteer for this dangerous work, we owe them our deepest gratitude. As the city of Cold Spring gathers to show their thanks to the firefighters who have trained, worked and lived in their community, let me add my gratefulness for the support they have shown these everyday heroes this last century.

October is also National Fire Prevention Month, so I also thank the Cold Spring Fire Department for their efforts to educate and train the public in fire prevention at home and in the outdoors. Mister Speaker, please join with me in thanking all of America’s firefighters for their prevention efforts and then in congratulating the Cold Spring Fire Department on their 100th Anniversary.

HONORING THE CHESHIRE HOME 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Cheshire Home located in Florham Park, Morris County, New Jersey, as it celebrates its 30th Anniversary this year.

Established in 1981, the Cheshire Home has served the area’s physically disabled adults with a time-honored philosophy first carried out by Lord Leonard Cheshire, a World War II Royal Air Force Pilot, who established

the international organization to serve disabled veterans. Since 1948, hundreds of Cheshire Homes have opened up worldwide, each acting independently, but all being guided by the same set of values.

The unique setting of the Cheshire Home provides a stimulating living experience where residents not only receive professional medical care, but also have the opportunity to contribute to their community and live an independent lifestyle. As only one of twenty-four licensed specialized care facilities in the state of New Jersey, the Cheshire Home is the only facility that specializes in the 18–55 age range, making it a truly unique facility. The residents at Cheshire Home are offered a myriad of services including, medical, educational, recreation and counseling programs and services.

In 1986, Cheshire Home began its first expansion when two community-based homes were added. The residences were built for individuals with the ability to live with an increased measure of independence. In 1988, the Cheshire Home established its onsite Community Resource Center. The Center is a place where an array of programs and services are conducted, including vocational training and education.

Cheshire Home and its residents have also reached out to the community through multiple programs. Members of the surrounding community are invited to take part in computer classes where Cheshire residents frequently act as mentors. A second program, the Awareness by Learning Experience (A.B.L.E.) program, was created to raise awareness in children, teens and adults of the challenges and capacities of disabled persons. Activities such as a “wheelchair obstacle course” give participants a glimpse at the challenges faced by disabled persons. The residents of Cheshire Home have presented this program to hundreds of communities and schools throughout New Jersey.

Cheshire Home is a place dedicated to serving disabled adults by providing a specialized environment that fosters the growth of a personal measure of independence in each resident. They have also proved over and over to be a good neighbor to the community. But above all, Cheshire Home provides young, disabled adults with the most important thing: a home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Cheshire Home, their board of trustees, staff and volunteers as they celebrate their 30th Anniversary.

A TRIBUTE TO KIM GODWIN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Ms. Kim Godwin, an exceptional former Brooklynite who demonstrates ambition and a passion for her work to inspire us all.

Kim Godwin joined CBS News as Senior Producer in April 2007. In her current role on the CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley, she is exclusively in charge of planning future CBS News editorial coverage of day to day and major news events, both domestically and

internationally, including most recently, the launch of the final Shuttle mission from Kennedy Space Center. In her previous role on the CBS Evening News with Katie Couric, Godwin was in charge of Domestic News, overseeing editorial coverage and story production for all CBS bureaus in The United States, excluding Washington, D.C.

Most recently Godwin received a 2010 Emmy Award for “Outstanding Business and Economic Reporting in a Regularly Scheduled Newscast” for her groundbreaking series “Financial Family Tree.” The unique series provided viewers with an in-depth, analytical look at the immediate and long-term ripple effects of the recession.

She also recently won two New York Association of Black Journalists Awards for producing “Conquering Cancer” and “The Changing Face of AIDS.” She also received an Emmy nomination for “Conquering Cancer.” In her prestigious career, she has won numerous awards for excellence in journalism, including a Los Angeles area Emmy for Investigative Journalism for the report “One Gun,” in which one handgun was linked to multiple violent and deadly crimes. She is affiliated with numerous organizations, including the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications, the National Association of Black Journalists, and the National Association of Female Executives. She is also the Chair of the Board of Managers at the North Brooklyn YMCA in New York City.

Godwin was born in Panama City, Florida but grew up in Queens, New York and is a graduate of Bayside High School. She graduated from Florida A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in broadcast journalism. Godwin currently resides in Poconos, Pennsylvania with her two children Kimberly and Kirsten.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Kim Godwin for her outstanding contribution to the field of journalism.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY LOCATED IN BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

HON. ALLEN B. WEST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. WEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Florida Atlantic University (FAU) as it marks the 50th Anniversary of its establishment in 1961. FAU is Florida’s fifth largest public university.

Through the last five decades, FAU has pursued a mission of delivering top-quality higher education, research, creative activities and civic engagement. Today FAU provides a national model of excellence in serving students across a very large geographical region through a well-developed distributed campus system.

From its humble beginning on an abandoned World War II-era United States Army airfield in Boca Raton, FAU has expanded to include campuses and sites in Davie, Fort Lauderdale, Dania Beach, Jupiter, Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce.

The university is currently serving a record-high student body of more than 29,000 individ-

uals including the founding class of the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, America’s newest medical school.

FAU takes special pride in the fact that its student body ranks as the most racially, ethnically and culturally diverse among the 11 institutions in Florida’s State University System. Forty-six percent of students classified as minority or international.

In the last 50 years the university has awarded degrees to more than 120,000 alumni. The University and the alumni is a strong engine of economic growth and FAU generates an estimated \$2 billion annually in its six-city service region.

FAU’s 10 distinguished colleges offer students the opportunity to pursue more than 170 degree programs on the undergraduate and graduate levels. The students are taught by a faculty of 1,500 skilled and dedicated men and women who possess expertise in their fields and a true passion for passing on their knowledge to the next generation of leaders. Areas in which FAU has earned national recognition include ocean engineering, marine science, business, accounting and public administration.

Long recognized as an outstanding teaching institution, FAU is now claiming a place among America’s great research universities. FAU researchers are at work in a host of essential areas, ranging from discoveries in the life sciences to new engineering technologies.

In 2010, the United States Department of Energy awarded FAU’s Center of Excellence in Ocean Technology the broader designation of the Southeast National Marine Renewable Energy Center. Researchers at this interdisciplinary center are working to address our nation’s energy needs through the development of technology to generate energy from Florida’s strong offshore currents. FAU is ranked as a “High Research Activity” university by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

While FAU excels in the sciences, FAU is also a vibrant center of the arts showcasing faculty and student presentations of many kinds, including lectures, plays, concerts and exhibitions. The university also recognizes its role in the community by offering South Florida’s retired citizens the opportunity to take a wide variety of interesting classes through the FAU Lifelong Learning Society which happens to be the largest and most successful program of its kind in the nation.

FAU’s students, alumni, faculty, administrators and staff can take pride in all that their university has accomplished during its first 50 years as they look forward to even greater achievements in the next decades to follow. This institution is an asset of great value to all Americans and to all Floridians deserving recognition and commendation during their Semicentennial.

HONORING THOMAS MORAN, THE HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL OF PAINTING

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues from New

York, Representative ENGEL and Representative HINCHEY, in honoring America's first and most prestigious school of painting. Known as the Hudson River School of Painting, this 19th century school popularized the American landscape.

I, too, have a connection to the Hudson River School. One of the school's most popular and prolific artists, Thomas Moran, grew up in my district in Philadelphia. He later worked at a local engraving firm, which sparked his interest in painting. Moran soon garnered attention for his paintings and was hired to paint scenes of the wilderness of the American West. These paintings, for which Moran is best known, are primarily from the area that is today Yellowstone National Park.

Moran's massive landscapes, and works by other Hudson River School painters, inspired Congress to dedicate Yellowstone, as well Yosemite and Acadia National Parks. Eventually, these paintings were used by environmental conservationists to encourage Congress to form the National Park Service in 1916.

Another result of the School was the creation of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City in 1870. Many painters from the Hudson River School helped guide the Met's formation, meeting with the President, donating funds, and serving as a trustee or member of the executive committee. Fittingly, today, many works by the School's painters can be found there.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my distinguished colleagues to join me in my appreciation for the works of painter Thomas Moran, and for the lasting legacy of the first indigenous American school of painting, the Hudson River School.

A TRIBUTE TO IAN LIFSHUTZ

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Ian R. Lifshutz for his extensive work representing physicians and other health care providers in New York.

Mr. Lifshutz is a graduate of St. Johns School of Law admitted to practice law in New York, New Jersey, Florida and Connecticut. He has experience in Health Care Law, representing physicians and other health care providers and institutions in all matters of health care transactions.

Mr. Lifshutz is responsible for assisting providers in matters relating to Fraud and Abuse and Medicaid/Medicare compliance plans and audits, the purchase and sale of health care practices, HIPAA and state based patient privacy, management, MSO, and billing companies, shareholder agreements, formation, dissolution and operation of corporations and other professional partnerships, asset protection as a means to limit physicians' exposure to malpractice claims and other civil liability, and leases and real estate transactions for healthcare facilities and medical practices. Among the many issues he handles, Mr. Lifshutz is most versed in Anti-Kickback and "STARK", state and federal prohibition against self-referral law as well as professional misconduct and "Fee Splitting" issues, and Medicare and Medicaid insurance policy.

Mr. Lifshutz has structured many health care facilities in New York, New Jersey and Florida, including proper pension structuring in order to maximize pension benefits. He has negotiated complex transactions for surgery centers and Article 28 facilities, and structured complex Asset Protection for physicians and others in the field of health care.

He has lectured at the Bronx County Medical Society and N.Y. Chiropractic College, as well as hospitals, regarding HIPAA compliance, asset protection, risk management and professional misconduct, fraud and abuse and regulatory issues surrounding health care professionals.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Ian Lifshutz for his contributions to the Brooklyn legal and healthcare communities.

JO-ANN YANNUZZI

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Jo-Ann Yannuzzi for a career filled with professionalism and passion. Mrs. Yannuzzi has displayed a spectacular work ethic in both business and the community. Throughout her career, she has been known as a proprietor, entrepreneur, and philanthropist. For those reasons, and for her service to the community, she is being recognized as the Humanitarian of the Year by the Mountain City Lions Club in Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

A Hazleton native, Mrs. Yannuzzi was one of the first four women inducted into the Hazleton Rotary Club in 1992. She also spent many years with the YWCA, serving as its president as well as on its Board of Directors. In 1999, she received the YWCA Pearl Award for Business and Industry. In 1994, Mrs. Yannuzzi received the Athena Award from the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce for her outstanding professional achievement as an area businesswoman.

Mrs. Yannuzzi knows what it takes to run a successful business. With her husband, she has owned and operated Job Johnny, and she was an associate in Yannuzzi Inc. and Amity Oil. From 1991 to 1995, she was the sole proprietor of Hazleton Floral Design, where her responsibilities included making financial transactions and decisions.

She served in various directorships in organizations such as the Committee to Help Handicapped Infants Parents Succeed (CHHIPS) and the FunFest Committee. But Mrs. Yannuzzi is likely best known for her work at the American Cancer Society. She joined the American Cancer Society in 1997, and four years later became the Community Income Development representative for Greater Hazleton. She has coordinated numerous events for the society in Mount Pocono, Wilkes-Barre, and Nanticoke. Since 1985, she has co-chaired Daffodil Days and other fundraisers for the national level of the society in an attempt to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Jo-Ann Yannuzzi for her many years of dedicated service. She has shown great purpose in her career and in her passions, and I hope she continues to make the world a better place.

HONORING SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION WITH THE 2011 BIOBLITZ

HON. RAUL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Saguario National Park for their participation in the 2011 BioBlitz, sponsored by the National Geographic Society and the National Park Service. Starting in 2007 and leading up to the National Park Service's Centennial in 2016, only one national park from among the park service's 395 units is selected each year to host the nationally recognized event. This year, Saguario National Park and the community of Tucson have been chosen for this honor. The 2011 Saguario BioBlitz is the fifth of 10 events, with Tucson joining the communities of Washington DC, Los Angeles, Chicago and Miami as a host.

The 2011 BioBlitz, to be held this October, is an exciting 24-hour race to find, identify and count as many plants and animal species as possible inside Saguario National Park. Teams of students and the general public will be partnered with scientists and experts in fields of biology, ecology and botany to scour the park and work together to do the counting. For two days surrounding the event, Saguario National Park will simultaneously host a Biodiversity Festival, where the public can interact with scientists as they come in from the field to identify and catalog species. One thing is clear; the BioBlitz will introduce many to some of the most ecologically valuable lands in the Sonoran Desert: Unique topography, rare desert flora; scenic and recreation opportunities; and prime habitat for a host of desert creatures.

Saguario National Park is a shining example of the Sonoran Desert's magnificent beauty and biodiversity. First established as a National Monument in 1933 for the purpose of protecting the giant Saguario Cactus and then designated a National Park by President Bill Clinton in 1994, Saguario National Park has been part of the Tucson community for over 75 years. Today, the National Park Service works to preserve desert, mountain and riparian habitats in the Tucson and Rincon Mountains. Saguario National Park covers 91,327 acres and, of that acreage, 78 percent is designated wilderness. This land was not just preserved for its scenic views but also for its ecological wonders that must continue to be explored by the young and old, alike.

As the 2016 Centennial approaches, there is a consensus that this milestone must be viewed as an opportunity to recommit ourselves to protecting and preserving our National Park System. It is events such as this that will create new generations of stewards to safeguard our National Parks for the next 100 years. In direct alignment with the White House's America's Great Outdoors initiative and the National Park Service's Call to Action, the BioBlitz gets kids outside, connecting communities with our public lands.

Saguario National Park, its staff, and the volunteers are vital players in the protection of America's public lands. As Ranking Member of the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands and having seen our

community grow to over a million people during my lifetime, I know the importance of protecting our beloved desert. Saguaro National Park is a vital part of not only my community's history, but this Nation's history. I know that the BioBlitz will help teach our youth about the importance of protecting these special places, fostering greater appreciation, enjoyment, and stewardship for the future.

I congratulate Saguaro National Park and its staff for being part of the BioBlitz experience.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM T. LOCKE
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION
AGENCY

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge an individual whose contributions have changed the lives of people in my district and throughout Ohio.

William T. Locke served as the President and CEO of the Lorain County Community Action Agency in Lorain, Ohio for two terms; from 1986 to 1999 and again in 2007 to 2011. Throughout his tenure, William has led the Agency with temperance and humility, and always placed the needs families and seniors first.

William has had an extensive career working in Community Action Agencies, which work to make our country a better place to live. In 1974, William began his career of community service as the Executive Director of the Portage County Community Action Council where he helped people achieve economic security. He was later appointed to lead the Office of Community Services within the Ohio Department of Development by Governor Richard Celeste in 1983. William left the State of Ohio to become the Deputy Executive Director for the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency before continuing on to the Lorain County Community Action Agency. In addition, William served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and received an Honorable Discharge.

William Locke has made a difference in our community, and it is an honor to have worked with him to give children, families, and our seniors a better way of life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments and dedicated service of Mr. William T. Locke as he retires from the Lorain County Community Action Agency.

RECOGNIZING NORTH COLLIN
COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize before the United States House of Representatives an outstanding charitable organization—North Collin County Habitat for Humanity, (NCC-Habitat)—on the occasion of the Grand Opening of its new facility in McKinney, Texas.

Incorporated in 1992, NCC-Habitat's mission is to "work in partnership with God and His people to develop communities by enabling families to achieve the dream of homeownership with dignity." Over its nearly twenty years of service to the communities of northern Collin County, this organization has built 64 homes for families in need.

Many of the resources required to complete these projects are donated to or funded by the McKinney ReStore. Habitat for Humanity operates over 900 ReStores throughout the United States and Canada. These facilities are retail outlets, open to the public, which sell new and gently used building materials, furniture, and other home decor items.

The McKinney ReStore operated by NCC-Habitat has been so successful that it needed to expand. Today marks the first day of business at the ReStore's new 40,000 square foot facility. The building also houses NCC-Habitat's office space.

On behalf of the people of the Third Congressional District of Texas, I want to thank the great folks of NCC-Habitat for helping to build our community.

Congratulations on your new facility. God bless you, and I salute you!

UNITED STATES-COLOMBIA TRADE
PROMOTION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION
ACT

SPEECH OF

DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 3078, the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act.

This trade agreement continues in the NAFTA tradition of trampling on human and economic rights.

Colombia is the world's most dangerous place to be a unionist. More trade unionists were killed last year in Colombia than in the rest of the world combined. The Labor Action plan signed by Colombia in April of this year has not done enough to address these significant human rights abuses. Sixteen trade unionists have been killed since it was signed. Now we're going to pass a trade agreement that will further weaken the rights of workers whose lives are at stake?

Workers in the U.S. will be hurt by this trade agreement too. The Economic Policy Institute estimates that the Colombia FTA will result in the loss or displacement of 55,000 U.S. jobs. We have heard the promises of economic prosperity from free trade advocates before. Those promises have consistently failed to materialize.

Workers in the U.S. and Colombia cannot afford a NAFTA-style trade agreement that significantly weakens their economic security and fundamental labor rights.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill.

HONORING OAKHURST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, Oakhurst Presbyterian Church has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our county for the past ninety years; and

Whereas, Pastors Gibson "Nibs" Stroupe and Pastor Caroline Leach and the members of the Oakhurst Presbyterian Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our county; and

Whereas, the Oakhurst Presbyterian Church family has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our District; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the ninety (90) years by preaching the gospel and living the gospel; and

Whereas, Oakhurst has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with DeKalb County and the world their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Oakhurst Presbyterian Church family on their 90th Anniversary and for their leadership and service to our District;

Now therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. do hereby proclaim September 25, 2011 as Oakhurst Presbyterian Church Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of September, 2011.

HONORING THE SISTERS OF
CHARITY OF ST. HYACINTHE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sisters of Charity of St. Hyacinthe on over a century of committed service to the city of Lewiston.

From the moment of their arrival in 1878, the Sisters of Charity of St. Hyacinthe made themselves an integral part of the Lewiston community. Immediately looking for ways to give back to the town, they established a school for the community's French speaking children within their first year. A decade later, they established the first Catholic hospital in Maine. As the years progressed, the Sisters would go on to establish an orphanage for the children of mill workers, as well as long-term care facilities for the elderly.

The tremendous impact that the Sisters have had on Lewiston continues to be felt by the city's residents today. Perhaps the most

important example of this is the work of St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. St. Mary's embodies the remarkable caring of the Sisters, providing preventive, restorative and supportive services with compassion and respect for thousands of Lewiston area residents. Although the Sister's involvement in the management of the hospital has receded in recent years, their legacy lives on in members of the staff who continue to treat to some of Maine's most needy.

There is no way to quantify the immense good that the Sisters of Charity of St. Hyacinthe have brought to the city of Lewiston and to the state of Maine. The impact of their service to the community is a shining example of the power of love and faith. I join the city of Lewiston in expressing an unending gratitude for their kindness and their devotion to helping the less fortunate.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the Sisters of Charity of St. Hyacinthe for their numerous contributions to the Lewiston community and the state of Maine.

UNITED STATES-PANAMA TRADE
PROMOTION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 3079, the United States-Panama Trade Implementation Act.

With our nation's unemployment rate continuing to hover around 9 percent, it is unconscionable that we are considering NAFTA-clone free trade agreements that will further facilitate the outsourcing of American jobs and undermine the rights of American workers. Proponents of free trade agreements like to purport that they are good for the U.S. economy and will create jobs. But history is on the side of those of us who opposed NAFTA, CAFTA and other damaging trade agreements over the last decade.

Free trade agreements play a significant role in exacerbating the negative effects of globalization, including the rapid privatization of vital public resources. They have resulted in the loss of domestic jobs and manufacturing industries and in significant decreases to labor and environmental standards. In addition, FTAs result in significant job loss and privatization of labor-intensive industries for the countries we enter in trade agreements with. Unionizing in countries like Mexico and Colombia has resulted in death or imprisonment of union leaders.

Every state in this country has been affected negatively by our destructive trade policies. The Economic Policy Institute estimates that nearly 700,000 U.S. jobs have been displaced since the passage of NAFTA in the 1990s. The majority of the jobs displaced—60 percent—were in the manufacturing sector. My home State of Ohio is one of the top ten states with the most jobs displaced by NAFTA, having lost 34,900 jobs. Our rapidly increasing trade deficits with countries like China has resulted in the loss over 5 million jobs over the past decade. Of that 5 million, the State of Ohio has lost 103,000 jobs as a result of the increase in our trade deficit with China.

This is not a debate about being for trade or against trade as some of my colleagues have framed it. This is a debate about learning from the free trade policies we have pursued over the last decade that have proven to be significantly damaging to the American economy and American workers. The numbers speak for themselves.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this agreement.

PANAMA IS A TAX HAVEN

Panama is one of the world's worst tax havens, allowing rich U.S. individuals and corporations to skirt their responsibility to pay taxes that are vital to the local communities that depend on those revenues. The U.S.-Panama free trade agreement does nothing to address this issue. At a time when potentially damaging austerity measures are being proposed to balance the budget, we should not be considering a free trade agreement that fails to deal with an issue critical to addressing our deficit.

This FTA includes provisions that even undermine our own laws to combat tax haven activity. Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch reports that the "FTA's Services, Financial Services and Investment Chapters include provisions that forbid limits on transfers of money between the U.S. and Panama. Yet, such limits are the strongest tools that the U.S. has to enforce policies aimed at stopping international tax avoidance."

Many have cited a tax treaty signed by Panama earlier this year as a reason to support the Panama-FTA and dismiss the concerns of Panama as a tax haven. In reality, the agreement (the "Tax Information Exchange Agreement") fails to hold Panama and corporations accountable for tax evasion. The agreement only requires Panama to stop refusing to provide information to U.S. officials in specific cases if U.S. officials know to inquire. It also includes a significant exception which allows Panama to reject requests for information if it is "contrary to the national interest."

By passing this free trade agreement, we are rewarding and condoning corporations who offshore jobs and practice international tax avoidance—practices that significantly hurt American workers and the American economy.

BUY AMERICAN PROVISIONS—AND U.S. WORKERS—
UNDERMINED

The U.S.-Panama FTA requires the U.S. to waive Buy America requirements for all Panamanian-incorporated firms, and even many Chinese and other foreign firms incorporated in Panama that are there to exploit the tax system. This means that work that should go to U.S. workers can be offshored because of rules which forbid Buy America preferences requiring U.S. employees to perform contract work by a federal agency in the federal procurement process. According to Global Trade Watch, the U.S. would be waiving Buy America requirements for "trillions in U.S. government contracts for any corporations established in Panama and in exchange would get almost no new procurement contract opportunities in Panama for U.S. companies."

If you support the NAFTA tradition of weakening offshore protections, limiting financial service regulations, banning Buy America procurement preferences, limiting environmental, food and product safety safeguards, and the undermining U.S. workers and our economy, than this is your agreement.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LA
POSADA HOTEL

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of La Posada Hotel, a historical treasure and cultural icon of the community of Laredo, Texas.

La Posada Hotel stands on the banks of the Rio Grande and in the heart of Laredo's Historic Business District, a quiet but proud tribute to the Spanish, Mexican and Texan architectural influences that many Texas cities are proud to call their own. The hotel's classic entrance, its windows wrapped in decorative wrought-iron, and Spanish-tile decked veranda draped with the Seven Flags of Texas all face the historic San Agustin Plaza.

The building was established in 1916 and was first the home of old Laredo High School until 1961, when Tom Herring opened the hotel centered on the school building. La Posada is comprised of three additional historic 19th-century buildings: the Tack Room, formerly the Bruni House, the Republic of the Rio Grande Museum and the San Agustin ballroom, formerly a convent. Renowned for its world-class accommodations and high-quality customer service, La Posada is also home to two award-winning restaurants, Zaragoza Grill and The Tack Room. It has undergone a \$17-million renovation that has enabled it to become a premier hotel in Laredo and to continue its role as a contributor to the community's economy.

La Posada has also become the elegant setting of some of Laredo's most acclaimed events, including the George Washington's Birthday Celebration, and host to illustrious figures including U.S. Senators, U.S. Congressmen, and international public officials and diplomats.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the time to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of La Posada Hotel and its historical, cultural and economic significance to the community of Laredo, Texas. I thank you for this time.

SECOND U.S. POW DELEGATION TO
JAPAN, OCTOBER 15-23, 2011

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor veterans from America's greatest generation and thank the Government of Japan for recognizing the sacrifices of these men. On Saturday, October 15, seven former members of the U.S. Army and Army Air Corps, who fought in the Battle for the Philippines at the start of World War II, from December 1941 to May 1942, will travel to Tokyo as guests of the Japanese government. These brave soldiers and airmen were all prisoners of war of Imperial Japan.

The conditions in which they were held are unimaginable. Their first trip to Japan was on aging freighters called "Hellships," where the men were loaded into suffocating holds with little space, water, food, or sanitation. At the

POW camps in the Philippines, Japan and China, they suffered unmerciful abuse aggravated by the lack of food, medical care, clothing, and appropriate housing. Each POW also became a slave laborer at the mines, factories, smelters, and docks of Japan's largest companies, including Mitsui, Nippon Steel, Showa Denko, Mitsubishi, and Japan Metals & Chemicals Company. In the end, nearly 40% of the American POWs of Japan perished; compared to the two percent of those in Nazi Germany's POW camps.

The men traveling to Japan this weekend include five residents of California, one from Arizona and one from Missouri. There are two survivors of the infamous Bataan Death March and four who were captured during the surrender of Corregidor. Furthermore, two of the veterans believe that they were subject to medical experimentation.

In September 2010, the Japanese government delivered to the first American POW delegation an official apology for the damage and suffering these men endured. Although the Japanese government had hosted POWs from U.S. wartime Allies, this was the first trip to Japan for American POWs. It was also the first official apology to any prisoners of war held by Japan.

I know that the American POWs fought hard for this recognition. I appreciate the courage of the Japanese government for their historic and meaningful apology. I thank the POWs for their persistent pursuit of justice, and commend the U.S. State Department for helping them. Now, it is time for the many Japanese companies that used POWs for slave labor during World War II to follow the example of their government by offering an apology and supporting programs for lasting remembrance and reconciliation. Furthermore, I invite my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in a making a small, but significant, gesture to show these men that Congress has not forgotten their experience and sacrifice by co-sponsoring House Resolution 333, which I introduced earlier this year.

I wish these men a fulfilling trip to Japan, and I hope that their trip contributes to securing the historic peace between the U.S. and our important ally Japan.

SECOND U.S. POW DELEGATION TO JAPAN, OCTOBER 15–23, 2011

Harold A. Bergbower, 91, lives in Peoria, Arizona. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1939 and was part of V Bomber Command, 19th Bomb Group, 28th Bombardment Squadron, Far East Air Force. He was at Clarke Field when Japan attacked on December 8, 1941. He was knocked out in the bombardment and when he awoke he found himself in the morgue at Fort Stotsenburg. Bergbower crawled out and went back to his squadron to fight in the Battle of Bataan. By escaping to Mindanao after surrender, he avoided the Bataan Death March and was captured in May. On the Philippines, he was imprisoned at Malaybalay on Mindanao and the Davao Penal Colony. In August 1944, he survived the sinking of several Hellships only to end up on Mitsubishi's Noto Marti; a trip he has completely blocked out. He was a slave laborer scooping iron ore into an open hearth furnace at the Nagoya-6B-Nomachi (Takaoka) camp for the Hokkai Denka Company which was involved in ferro-alloy smelting. Today, the site remains in ferro-alloy business as Takaoka Works. It is, as was Hokkai Denka, still part of

Japan Metals & Chemicals Co., Ltd (JMC, Nihon Jukagaku Kogyo). Bergbower stayed in the U.S. Air Force and returned to Japan (1954–1957) to train Japan's Air Self-Defense Force. He and his family lived near air bases in Hamamatsu, Shizuoka Prefecture and in Fukuoka (Itazuke), Fukuoka Prefecture. After retiring in 1969, he became a golf pro for Dell Webb's Sun City, Arizona. He is a past Commander of the American Defenders (2005–6) and helped to establish its Descendant's Group. POW#89

James C. Collier, 88, lives in Salinas, California. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1940 at the age of 16. As a member of U.S. Army 59th Coast Artillery, Battery D "Cheney" he was captured on Corregidor. Before being shipped from the Philippines to Japan on Mitsubishi's Noto Maru in August 1944, he was held in Cabanatuan and Clark Field. Collier was a slave laborer feeding iron ore into the open hearth furnace at the Nagoya-6B-Nomachi (Takaoka) camp for the Hokkai Denka Company, which was involved in ferroalloy smelting. Today, the site remains in ferroalloy business as Takaoka Works. It is, as was Hokkai Denka, still part of Japan Metals & Chemicals Co., Ltd (JMC, Nihon Jukagaku Kogyo). After WWII, he earned two master's degrees: one in the Teaching of English from San Jose State and another in School Counseling from the University of Oregon, Eugene. He taught English and Psychology and worked as a guidance counselor in a high school and community college for 31 years. POW#130

Harry Corre, 88, lives in Los Angeles, California. He joined the U.S. Army in 1941 and was sent to the Philippines as part of the 59th Coast Artillery Regiment, Battery C "Wheeler." He was captured by the Japanese with the surrender of Bataan on April 9, 1942 and began the infamous Bataan Death March. He escaped by swimming, with the assistance of a hastily improvised floatation device, the three-and-a-half miles to Corregidor, where he rejoined his unit. Corre was surrendered on Corregidor and imprisoned at Cabanatuan #1 and #3. He was shipped to Japan in July 1943 on Mitsubishi's Clyde Maru to mine coal at Omuta Fukuoka #17 Branch POW Camp for Mitsui Mining (now Mitsui's Nippon Coke & Engineering Company Co., Ltd.). After the war he worked odd jobs for several years and then moved to California to work in the aerospace industry. He returned to school in 1971 and graduated from Western Electronic Institute in Los Angeles as an electronics engineer. He worked in the aerospace industry for 40 years with his last position at TRW. Corre presently works at the Los Angeles, California Veterans Administration Hospital as a Patient Advocate and as a Veterans Service Officer for the American Ex-Prisoners of War as well as a POW Coordinator for the Veterans Administration Hospital & West Los Angeles Veterans Administration Regional Office. POW# 283

Roy Edward Friese, 88, lives in Calimesa, California. He joined the U.S. Army in 1941 and became a member of the 60th Coast Artillery Regiment Battery E "Erie." He arrived in the Philippines in April 1941 for basic training. He was assigned to a searchlight battery on the tip of Bataan and then evacuated to Corregidor when Bataan fell April 9, 1942. He was imprisoned on the Philippines in Bilibid and Cabanatuan. Friese was shipped to Japan in July 1943 on Mitsubishi's Clyde Maru to mine coal at Omuta Fukuoka #17 Branch POW

Camp for Mitsui Mining (now Mitsui's Nippon Coke & Engineering Company). After WWII, he reenlisted in the U.S. Army and in 1947 transferred to the U.S. Air Force. He retired after 20 years of service. In civilian life he was employed doing various types of electronics work. In 1975, Friese established his own company installing & repairing micrographic equipment. In retirement he pursues hobbies of travel, photography, woodworking, and collecting antique clocks. POW#173

Ralph E. Griffith, 88, lives in Hannibal, Missouri. He enlisted in the army in 1941 at the age of 17 and received his basic training on Corregidor, the Philippines. He was captured on Corregidor in May 1942 with his unit, the U.S. Army 60th Coast Artillery Regiment Battery F "Flint." On the Philippines he was a POW in Bilibid and Cabanatuan. He was shipped to Mukden, China (today's Shenyang) in October 1942 on Mitsubishi's Tottori Maru via Korea to Manchuria. Griffith was a slave laborer at MKK (Manshu Kosaku Kikai, which some researchers believe was owned by Mitsubishi and known as Manchuria Mitsubishi Machine Tool Company, Ltd.) factory working as a planer operator. He believes that the multiple shots and blood tests that he received while at Mukden were part of human medical experiments conducted by the Imperial Army's 731st Biological Warfare Unit. At liberation, he walked out the main gate of the POW camp and was immediately taken by the hand by a little Chinese girl. She brought him to her home where her family had prepared a meal for him. This family fed and cared for him until he was repatriated. Ever since, whenever he sees a Chinese family dining at a restaurant he quietly pays their bill. After the war, he went to work for railways both in Missouri and Alaska. Not liking the cold weather, he went to work for the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway in northern Indiana. After 37 years, he retired from the Railway and returned to his hometown of Hannibal, Missouri where he was born and raised. POW#552

Oscar L. Leonard, 92, lives in Paradise, California. He joined the Idaho National Guard 116th Cavalry in 1939 and the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1940. He was sent to the Philippines to be an airplane mechanic with 28th Heavy Bomb Squadron at Clark Field. He was surrendered on Mindanao in May 1942 and held as a POW in Malaybalay and Bilibid. Leonard was then shipped to Japan on Mitsubishi's Tottori Maru in October 1942. In Japan, he was held in a prison in Kawasaki and at Tokyo-2B-Kawasaki POW Camp (Mitsui Wharf Co., Ltd. known as "Mitsui Madhouse") to be used as stevedore and steel mill slave labor for the Mitsui Corporation as well as mixing chemicals for ammunition for Showa Denko. He was then held at Tokyo-5D-Kawasaki POW Camp where he was forced to work at a steel mill for Nihon Kokan (Japan Steel Pipe, now part of JFE Holdings). He was sent finally to Tokyo-7B-Hitachi POW Camp to refine copper ore for Nippon Mining (today, JX Holdings Ltd., Inc.). He weighed only 85 pounds at liberation. After World War II, Leonard felt he was too old to return to medical school and decided to become a pharmacist. He attended Marin College and graduated from Idaho State College School of Pharmacy Pocatello in 1954. He still works relief at local pharmacies, sometimes helps his youngest daughter plant trees on her ten acres of land, cuts and chops his own firewood, and enjoys world travel. POW#247

Robert J. Vogler, Jr., 90, lives in Rancho Bernardo, San Diego, California. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in January 1940 at the age of 19. Stationed in Manila as part of the 24th Pursuit Group 17th Pursuit Squadron, he completed aircraft instrument training and attended the University of Philippines to study engineering. He serviced aircraft and then fought as an infantry soldier during the Battle of Bataan. As a POW, he survived the Bataan Death March, Camp O'Donnell, and Cabanatuan in the Philippines. He was shipped to Mukden, China (today's Shenyang) in October 1942 on Mitsubishi's Tottori Maru via Korea to Manchuria. Vogler was a slave laborer at MKK factory (Manshu Kosaku Kikai, which some researchers believe was owned by Mitsubishi and known as Manchuria Mitsubishi Machine Tool Company, Ltd.), working as a grinding specialist. He believes that the multiple shots and rectal probes that he received while at Mukden were human medical experiments conducted by the Imperial Army's 731st Biological Warfare Unit. In May 1944, he and 150 American POWs were transferred to Nagoya-1B-Kamioka, Japan as punishment for bad behavior to be slave laborers for Mitsui Mining (now Kamioka Kogyo, a 100% subsidiary of Mitsui Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd.) mining lead and zinc. Mitsui now operates a recycling center at the former POW camp site. The mine was also the source of one of Japan's four major cases of mass industrial poisoning in the 1960s. After the war, he remained in the U.S. Air Force, retiring in 1960. He was then employed by General Dynamics as a manufacturing and development engineer, but was forced to retire in 1976 due to health issues caused by his POW experience. In 2000, Mr. Volger and his wife returned to Kamioka to a warm welcome from mine representatives, town officials, citizens, and school children. He said that the visit brought him to tears and helped rest the many demons that haunted him from his maltreatment in Japan's POW camps. POW#138 and #0336.

STATEMENT TO THE WIRELESS
SAFETY SUMMIT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

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

Good morning and thank you for the opportunity to talk with you about wireless technology. It is an honor to be in a room with people who are so ahead of their time when it comes to thinking about the effects of widespread wireless technology. This is an issue of great interest to me. Many of you know I held a hearing on the topic—the first in at least a decade if not the first ever—on the effects of cell phones on human health. My hearing was followed by a hearing in the Senate which also generated some interest.

I walked away from that hearing thinking the evidence that cell phones could cause brain cancer was fairly compelling. It was far from being authoritative but it was compelling. At a minimum, the current lack of research in the US is not at all justified, especially since some estimates are that half of the world population uses a cell phone.

One of the most important areas we discussed at my hearing was the mechanism.

The wireless industry likes to claim that the only way a cell phone could cause harm to a human being is by heating tissue directly—the so called thermal mechanism. This is the way a microwave oven works. But we heard some evidence that a non-thermal mechanism is at work. It is certainly feasible since there are many existing therapies using electromagnetic radiation to induce some effect in the body using non-thermal mechanisms.

It is an important conversation to have because this belief—that there is no non-thermal mechanism—is preventing some influential agencies from being open to the possibility that cell phones and other wireless technologies are a real public health problem. I'm talking about the National Cancer Institute mainly, who is in turn influencing the Federal Communications Commission and the Food and Drug Administration.

These agencies are using this conversation about thermal and non-thermal mechanisms as a red herring, effectively claiming that we can't move forward with any kind of precautionary action until we know the mechanism. Let me explain.

When trying to link any given environmental exposure to a health problem, scientists like to know exactly how it is happening at the 10,000 foot level and at the micrometer level. In other words, they like to be able to look over vast numbers of people and compare who was exposed and who was not exposed and show that there is a link there. But before they conclude the link is rock solid, they also like to know what, exactly, is happening at the cellular level—how are the molecules changing in cells to make this happen? That is called the mechanism. Scientists are hesitant to say with certainty there is a link until that mechanism is nailed down. And the mechanism is usually the last thing to be discovered—usually years if not decades after epidemiology first uncovers the problem.

That's fine for scientists. But The NCI, the FCC, the FDA, and Members of Congress are not scientists. We are policy makers. And we have to look at things the scientists don't. For example, we have to consider that we knew tobacco was killing people in the 30s. The Surgeon General didn't even weigh in until the 60s. And there was no substantive action on cigarette bans until the mid 90s. In fact there are many places in the US where you can still smoke in public places even though it is well established that people die from exposure to it. It is not an accident that almost 70 years have passed and we're still fighting to protect public health from tobacco. That was the result of a sophisticated campaign to manufacture doubt in the mind of the public about the link between cigarettes and health. What we have to consider as policy makers, not scientists is this: How many people died between the time we knew tobacco caused cancer and dozens of other major lethal health problems and the time policy makers took real action to protect the public and educate them?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Each year, an estimated 443,000 people die prematurely from smoking or exposure to secondhand smoke, and another 8.6 million live with a serious illness caused by smoking."

So, yes, let's talk about what the non-thermal mechanisms are. But let's not let that discussion get in the way when millions of lives are at stake. If we see a danger or even a potential danger to human health, we must act to protect health before acting to protect profits.

I announced that I would be introducing a bill that would do three things. It would re-establish a research program in the US to look at the health effects of cell phones. Almost all meaningful research in the field is now done overseas, save for a few selected pockets at places like the University of Washington and Cleveland Clinic.

Second, the bill would call for a real measure of exposure to replace the inaccurate, misleading, and downright false numbers used now to depict exposure levels. You know this measurement as the Specific Absorption Rate, or SAR, and it is mostly only accessible in places that are invisible to the consumer as they shop for phones. The SAR has multiple problems; among them is that they are designed for adults, not children; they ignore the fields created by phones that use increasing amounts of power, which smart phones do; and the science has developed significantly since the standards were set, mostly by engineers, not by people with medical training.

The third thing the bill would do is call for a label on cell phones, using the new measure of exposure that is created under this bill. Until we can say with greater certainty whether this is a link between electromagnetic radiation and various health problems, the consumer should be able to decide what they want. But markets are not truly free when the consumer has inadequate information. As it stands, the consumer cannot practically know what a particular phone or smart meter would expose them to. First the SAR is obsolete, as I mentioned. Second, even if it were useful, the SAR can't be readily accessed when buying a phone. We need labels.

The bill has already accumulated cosponsors and I am awaiting the right moment to introduce it. It will not be easy to make legislative progress because of the enormous financial resources the industry has at its disposal. They have already tried a few tricks to get us to pony up information about the bill's contents, timing and strategy. But I am convinced we can make legislative progress anyway. We just have to be very strategic about it.

I am also keeping a close eye on the other uses for wireless technology. Certainly there are a lot of questions about the dangers posed by towers. Increasingly, we're seeing popular resistance to smart meters as well because of the additional exposure they cause. And the wireless spectrum is being sold off to make room for more wireless gadgets like keyboards.

The use of the radiofrequency spectrum is one of three emerging technologies that are proof for the maxim that we are developing technology faster than our ability to manage it. Another textbook case is nanotechnology, which is proliferating by leaps and bounds while research on the effects on the environment and health is slowly lumbering along. What little research we have seen to date is deeply concerning. The third case, of course, is genetically engineered food; another topic which I have held hearings on.

In each of these cases, any progress that has been made has only come as a result of the efforts of a thoughtful, dedicated few who have raised the hard questions for industry and for policy makers. It is a privilege to join you in your efforts to put public health over private profit. Thank you again for the invitation to be with you today.

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS FOR
OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE
SCOUT

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Adam John Avellan for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Adam has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

CATHERINE FOX TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Catherine Fox, a science teacher at Mancos High School in Mancos, Colorado. Ms. Fox was chosen to participate in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Teachers at Sea Program for 2011.

Ms. Fox was accepted into the program along with 32 other teachers out of a pool of over 250 applicants. The Teachers At Sea Program was established in 1990 and since then has given over 500 teachers from across the country the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with science at sea. Ms. Fox spent 18 days at sea aboard the NOAA Ship *Oscar Dyson* in the Gulf of Alaska where she aided scientists in the conducting of walleye pollock surveys.

Through this program, Ms. Fox was able to bring home experience and knowledge that she could pass along to her science students. Ms. Fox was quoted in an associated press release saying, "Students in Mancos are far from the ocean, but this experience has allowed me to bring the ocean to them."

The Teachers at Sea Program has allowed educators like Ms. Catherine Fox to grow their curricula and provide more hands-on knowledge for their students.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincerest pleasure to recognize Ms. Catherine Fox. Her dedication to her profession has helped improve our educational system and ensure that our students are receiving the best education available to them. I rise today to thank Ms. Fox for her commitment to learning and congratulate her on her acceptance into the 2011 Teachers at Sea Program.

VETERANS' BENEFITS TRAINING
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the passage of H.R. 2349, the Veterans' Benefits Training Improvement Act of 2011. This important legislation makes much-needed improvements to benefits and services for our nation's veterans. It improves the claim-processing system by establishing a pilot program to assess the skills of employees responsible for processing veterans' claims, authorizing the use of electronic communication to contact claimants regarding their benefits, and assisting veterans in obtaining private records, among others.

Included in this legislation is a bill that I sponsored entitled, the Veterans Pensions Protection Act of 2011 (H.R. 923). My bill protects veterans' pensions by exempting the reimbursement of expenses related to accidents, theft, loss or casualty loss from being included into the determination of a veteran's income. Under current law, if a veteran is seriously injured in an accident or is the victim of a theft and receives insurance compensation, he or she may lose their pension if the payment exceeds the income limit set by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This means that the law effectively punishes veterans when they suffer from an accident or theft.

Such a tragedy happened to one of my constituents, a Navy veteran with muscular dystrophy who was hit by a truck when crossing the street in his wheelchair. His pension was abruptly cut off after he received an insurance settlement payment to cover medical expenses for himself and his service dog, and material expenses to replace his wheelchair. As a result, he could not cover his daily expenses and mortgage payments and almost lost his home. To me this is unacceptable.

I am extremely pleased that H.R. 923 was incorporated into H.R. 2349 and I want to thank my Florida colleague, Chairman JEFF MILLER, as well as Subcommittee Chairman JON RUNYAN and Ranking Member JERRY MCNERNEY for their continued support on this important issue.

At a time of economic hardship, it is essential to guarantee the continuity of our veterans' pensions and ensure that no veteran will have their benefits unfairly and abruptly depreciated or cancelled.

Mr. Speaker, our nation's servicemen and women are currently fighting two wars abroad and engaged in action in other parts of the world. As they return home, many bear the mental and physical wounds incurred in the defense of our nation and deserve the highest quality care and services that we can provide them. Therefore, I thank my colleagues for supporting this much-needed legislation.

ENCOURAGING OBSERVANCE OF
NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION
AWARENESS WEEK

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, during National Fire Prevention Awareness week, I would like to encourage that we as a community make preparations to protect our families and neighbors from the tragedy and destruction caused by fires. This is a great opportunity to thank our community's fire fighters who are the first to respond and put themselves at risk for our safety.

Our Manhattan Congressional District is fortunate to have many brave first responders, including those from the Uniformed Fire Association of Greater New York, FDNY Engine 69, Ladder 28, Battalion 16 'Harlem Hilton,' FDNY Engine 53, Ladder 43 'El Barrio's Bravest' and FDNY Rescue 3 'Big Blue,' and the Vulcan Society, Inc. We must continue to show our cooperation and appreciation towards our fire-fighters, first responders and those who continuously ensure our neighborhoods are safe.

Simple precautions such as installing and maintaining smoke detectors in every apartment unit and on every floor of our homes and buildings, having an escape plan, and following fire codes can save countless lives. I would hope that people in my District and all across our great nation would take proper measures to prevent fires and potential harm in our communities."

LEROUX RANCH TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Leroux Ranch of Radium, Colorado. Leroux Ranch was settled in 1905 by cowboy and miner Owen F. Leroux at the suggestion of John Winslow, Owen's future father-in-law.

Owen married Ida Winslow, settled down, and started a family. The Leroux estate thrived for many years and after Owen's death, his family began purchasing land from homesteaders and the farm operated as Leroux Cattle Company. In 1973, part of the farm was sold off, but the original homestead remained.

In 2008, the final interest in the farm was purchased by descendants of Owen and Ida Leroux and today raises Angus and Hereford cattle. The Division of Wildlife has placed a conservation easement on the property in an attempt to establish a habitat for big game.

The Leroux Farm is another fine example of the rich agricultural heritage of the State of Colorado. The Centennial Farms Program is honoring the Leroux Farm for its longevity and long-time cultural value. It is truly a pleasure to represent a district of a state with such a fantastic display of entrepreneurial spirit.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Leroux Farm today on the floor of the House. The farm is truly a valuable historic and cultural asset of the State of Colorado.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
PATUXENT RESEARCH REFUGE

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to commend the Patuxent Research Refuge on the occasion of their 75th Anniversary. Sited on almost 13,000 acres of green space, Patuxent is the largest contiguous block of forest land in the Baltimore-Washington Corridor. Some have referred to it as the "green lungs" of the region.

Established in 1936 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Patuxent is the Nation's only national wildlife refuge created to support wildlife research. Patuxent includes the National Wildlife Visitor's Center which is one of the largest science and environmental education centers operated by the Department of Interior. Many of my constituents appreciate and value the Visitor Center's interactive exhibits which focus on global environmental issues, migratory bird studies, habitats and endangered species. Many visitors also can enjoy the hiking trails, tram tours, seasonal fishing programs, wildlife management demonstration areas and the outdoor education sites for local schools.

In addition to the Visitor's Center, Patuxent is home to the Wildlife Research Center which conducts research on a diverse range of wildlife and conservation issues. The exemplary research by the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center has helped develop important management techniques for conserving and protecting our Nation's wildlife and habitat. Research at the Center has led to efforts to restore the whooping crane population from near extinction to providing the scientific research that ultimately led the ban of the pesticide DDT in 1972. Currently, the Center has over 100 scientific research projects ranging from the impact of rising sea levels to Chesapeake Bay black duck populations to nocturnal bird migrations through the Central Appalachians.

Patuxent continues to be at the forefront of conserving our precious natural resources and maintaining an ecosystem that will continue to be robust and vibrant for generations to come. It provides a place for hikers, fisherman and hunters to enjoy green space in the Baltimore-Washington Corridor. I am proud that the 3rd Congressional District is home to the Patuxent Research Refuge, and hope they can continue to serve as an archetype for future environmental research facilities. I hope my fellow Members will join me in congratulating them on their 75th anniversary.

HONORING TAIWAN ON ITS 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Taiwan, which celebrated its 100th anniversary earlier this month. The events of October 10, 1911, marked the beginning of the Wuchang Uprising, which ultimately resulted in the collapse of the Qing Dynasty in China and the creation of Taiwan.

Under the leadership of Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou, relations between China and Taiwan have greatly improved. Both China and Taiwan have been able to benefit from this new era of cooperation. Chinese tourists have been flooding into Taiwan, bolstering the local economy and creating good will between the neighbors. Last year, both governments signed the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement, ECFA. The agreement streamlines business between China and Taiwan. As a result of Taiwan's leadership, daily flights between the two countries continue to grow considerably.

We are grateful for President Ma's efforts to create peaceful relations with its neighbors and congratulate Taiwan again on its 100th anniversary.

McLAIN RANCH TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the McLain Ranch of Parlin, Colorado. McLain Ranch was settled by John Jay McLain and his wife Olive Colter in 1908. John Jay settled in Cripple Creek in the late 1800's. A teamster at the time, John mined and conserved his money with the ultimate aspiration to become a rancher.

In the early 1900s, John and his wife moved to Ohio City where he was Superintendent of the Raymond mine. In his free time and as part of his money-saving practices, John panned gold out of the nearby creek.

Finally, in 1908, John had saved enough money to purchase his ranch in Gunnison County. He and his wife saw many years of healthy crops, raising oats, potatoes, horses, chickens, hogs, sheep, and cattle. The couple also raised five children, one of which, Jack, would take over the farm with his wife Louise in 1952. In 1988, Jack and Louise's son David purchased the farm and ever since, he and his wife Ladonna have continued to raise cattle as well as grass pasture and hay.

The McLain Ranch is one of several farms in Colorado that have contributed greatly to our agricultural success over the past century. The Centennial Farms Program is honoring the McLain Ranch, along with seventeen other farms, for its great role in making the State of Colorado the agricultural powerhouse it is today.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the McLain Ranch today on the floor of the House. The ranch is a symbol of the entrepreneurial spirit our Nation has so long enjoyed and exemplified.

ROFEH INTERNATIONAL—NEW
ENGLAND CHASSIDIC CENTER
HONORS THOSE WHO HAVE CON-
TRIBUTED GREATLY

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, for some years now I have had the privilege

of sharing with our colleagues information about a very important event that is held annually in Massachusetts by an organization that does great work in making health benefits available to people who need them, in the best possible setting.

ROFEH International was founded by the Boston Rebbe, Grand Rabbi Levi Horowitz, and is now led by his son, Grand Rabbi Naftali Horowitz. Rabbi Levi Horowitz was widely respected for his expertise in the field of medical ethics, and Project ROFEH, founded by him at the New England Chassidic Center, does extraordinary work in making the great healthcare available in the Greater Boston area accessible to people in other places. On November 20th, at their annual dinner, Project ROFEH—New England Chassidic Center will, as it has in the past, honor people who have performed extraordinary service for others.

The ROFEH International Award will go to Dr. Joseph Upton. The Grand Rabbi Levi Horowitz Legacy Award goes to Professor Neil Hecht. And in a special award, the 50th Jubilee of Congregation Bais Pinchas, the Jubilee Award is being given to the Blechner family, the descendants of Sidney and Toby Blechner, who did so much to make this organization the great success it is today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the biographies of Dr. Joseph Upton and Professor Neil Hecht and Sidney and Toby Blechner be printed here, along with the explanation from Grand Rabbi Horowitz of the Jubilee Award to the Blechner family.

DR. JOSEPH UPTON

With a broad background in surgical training Dr. Upton was originally recruited by Joseph Murray to be the first designated hand and microsurgeon in the Longwood teaching hospitals. During the past 34 years his practice has been focused on clinical surgery, education and clinical research. His large practice draws patients from well beyond all regions of the United States and he is known nationally and internationally as a reconstructive surgeon with expertise in upper limb surgery and microsurgery and excels in the evaluation, planning and technical expertise of difficult problems.

Dr. Upton was one of the original plastic surgeons who ushered in the advent of free tissue transfers and limb reattachment surgery in the 1980's. He is known for taking a difficult problem and finding a better, easier solution. Many of the first transfers in this region of the country, in fact, the world were performed by Dr. Upton in the 1980's.

During his few decades on staff he was an active participant in the gross anatomy course at the Harvard Medical School. Dr. Upton continues to perform many flesh dissections and teaches yearly flap dissection courses. He has always been eager to take new and some old technologies directly to patient care. In the operating room he is known for his innovative approaches, which incorporate old and new ideas with new technologies.

As an educator he has functioned at many levels in his daily routines and usually has a medical student, resident and clinical fellow in attendance. All participate as he can teach at all levels. His microvascular/hand fellowship program is based at BIDMC within the Department of Orthopedics and the Division of Plastic Surgery. He has given lectures, keynote addresses, instructional courses and completed many visiting professorships nationally and internationally. Original papers in peer-reviewed journals are evidence of his scholarship. More detailed descriptions of many of these procedures are

found in the textbooks or invited discussions in peer-reviewed publications.

Dr. Upton's research has been almost entirely clinical and he rarely describes a new procedure without medium or long-term outcomes. At the Boston Children's Hospital and Shriners Burns Hospital he has accumulated the largest experience with congenital problems in the world. His collection of hand models of congenital malformations is unique. He has had an exhibit in the Boston Museum of Science for 30 years. He was an active participant in the Joseph Vacanti Tissue Engineering lab for 13 years and worked on cartilage and skeletal constructs and prior to this worked in the Folkman Laboratory at The Children's Hospital.

PROFESSOR NEIL S. HECHT

Neil Hecht is professor of law and Founding Director of the Institute of Jewish Law at Boston University School of Law, where he has taught for almost 50 years. He received Rabbinical Ordination from Yeshiva University, a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School and a research doctorate from Columbia University School of Law.

In 1980 Professor Hecht fulfilled his lifelong dream of introducing Jewish law into the curriculum of a major American law school. Through his efforts, Jewish law is now taught in over thirty law schools, and he was instrumental in creating a permanent Jewish Law Section in the Association of American Law Schools. Moreover, its successful reception at BU Law School led to his founding of The Institute of Jewish Law in 1983, which was established for the purpose of publishing treatises, monographs, and teaching materials. Under its auspices, he has written or edited 36 volumes to date. Among these works are Jewish Jurisprudence (a two-volume commentary on Choshen Mishpat, Jewish Civil Law, which contains the only preface ever written by Rabbi Joseph Solovetchik, zt'l), The Jewish Law Annual, and Controversy and Dialogue in Halachik Sources (a four-volume work in Hebrew and English exploring the nature of controversy and authority, machloket, in Jewish law).

From 1985 to 1986, Professor Hecht served as the Visiting Gruss Professor of Talmudic Civil Law at New York University School of Law. In the 1990s, he also served as co-director of the Joint Project in Jewish Legal Bioethics, a collaborative initiative of the Institute of Jewish Law and Boston University's Schools of Medicine and Public Health. His many professional and public service activities include serving as a founding director on the Board of Directors of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, chairing the Jewish Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools, and becoming an elected member of the American Law Institute.

Among other honors, he was recognized by the Ashmolean Museum of Oxford University, by Boston University School of Law where he received the Silver Shingle Award for distinguished service and the Melton Award for Teaching Excellence, and by Yeshiva University which awarded him the Bernard Revel Memorial Award for his contributions in the field of Jewish legal scholarship.

The relationship between the Hechts and the Rebbe's family dates back to the early part of the 20th Century. Professor Hecht's great-grandfather was a close friend and strong supporter of the Rebbe's grandfather, Grand Rabbi Pinchus Dovid Horowitz, zt'l, when the latter lived in Brooklyn.

SIDNEY AND TOBY (THURM) BLECHNER A'H
EPITOMIZED WHAT GIVING OF SELF TO COMMUNITY MEANS

“V'kol mi she'oskim b'tzarchei tzibur
be'emunah”

Toby, daughter of Menachem Mendel Thurm, founder of World Cheese Company, the first kosher cheese company in the USA, came to America from Germany. Sidney, fortunately and with the hashgacha pratis of God, survived six years in concentration camps and arrived in New York in 1947 where he met his beloved partner to be of 59 years. They married on Lag B'omer 1948, and soon settled in the Roxbury section of Boston.

Though having gone through the fires of Europe, this “ood mootzal may'aish” together with his eishet chayil decided to look only forward and rebuild what their families and communities lost in Europe. They started to build a family and Sidney became successful in the lighting industry. His honesty and integrity were admired by all he came into contact with, Jew and non-Jew alike. Toby, meanwhile, worked tirelessly with the fledging Roxbury community to build up religious Jewish institutions. Both became active in the Young Israel of Greater Boston, Congregation Beth Pinchas of Roxbury, Maimonides School, and New England Lubavitch Yeshiva. When the Jewish community migrated to Brookline, Sidney made himself and his resources available to help with lighting up the makom Tefilah or makom Limud Torah of many institutions that moved to Brookline.

At the same time, the Blechner family became very close to the Bostoner Rebbe Z'L and Rebbetzin A'H while sharing their philanthropic efforts among CJP, Young Israel of Brookline, Daughters of Israel, Religious Zionists of America, Yeshiva University, Talner Congregation, B'nai Brith, Israel Bonds, and many “matan b'seser” recipients. But it was the special charisma and charm of the Bostoner Rebbe Z'L and his Rebbetzin A'H that attracted Sidney and Toby to daven at the Rebbe's shul. Toby had a special seat next to the Rebbetzin and Sidney especially enjoyed the Rebbe's nusach and warmth on the Yamim Noara'im. They became active supporters of ROFEH as well as the New England Chassidic Center where Sidney was honored as “Man of the Year”. Instead of plaques on his office wall, Sidney preferred simple thank you letters as appreciation for the tzedakah and chessed that he and Toby were able to provide to others.

It takes a lot of hakarat hatov for people in today's generation to think back to those who built up a minuscule Torah community of Boston in the 50's to what is has become today for all newcomers to benefit from.

Sidney and Toby Blechner were the patriarch and matriarch of a beautiful family of 4 children, 18 grandchildren who are Roshei yeshiva dedicated to teaching Torah in their communities, professionals in finance, law, education, computers, graphic design and who serve in the Israeli army.

It is therefore most fitting to bestow the “Congregation Bais Pinchas Jubilee Award” in their memory.

THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE THE 50TH JUBILEE OF CONGREGATION BAI PINCHAS IN BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

Receiving the Jubilee Award on behalf of their parents, the Blechner family

It is important for people in today's generation to recognizing and appreciate the good done by those who built up a community of Boston in the 50's to what is has become today for all newcomers to benefit from. Mr. and Mrs. Blechner were dedicated their time and efforts in seeing to it that the Boston community should be successful and

thrive. Sidney and Toby Blechner were the patriarch and matriarch who helped to build and beautify the Boston community, of a beautiful family of 4 children, 18 grandchildren who are to teaching in their communities, professionals in finance, law, education, computers, graphic design and who serve in the Israeli army.

It is therefore most fitting to bestow the “Congregation Bais Pinchas Jubilee Award” in their memory.

Sincerely,
GRAND RABBI NAFTALI Y. HOROWITZ,
Bostoner Rebbe.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on October 11, 2011 I voted “no” on House resolution 425, I intended to vote “yes.”

VALENTINE RANCH TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Valentine Ranch of Aguilar, Colorado. The ranch was founded in 1908 by Italian immigrant Giovanni Leopoldo Valentini. Valentini was born in Austria in 1869 and immigrated to the United States in 1887, acquiring work at the Engleville Mine in Colorado. Soon thereafter, he changed his name to John Lee Valentine. He married Rachale Center and the couple had six children.

Over the years, John worked many unique jobs, including being a baker and a saloon keeper. In 1907, he purchased a ranch in Los Animas County. John and his wife lived happily the rest of their lives at the ranch. After John's passing in 1947 and Rachale's in 1950, Gus and June Valentine inherited the ranch and also raised children of their own.

Gus passed away in 1987, but June still resides at the ranch with her son Dan and his wife Sandi. The family continues to enjoy sustained success with their crops and cattle. The Centennial Farms Program has chosen the Valentine Ranch as one of this year's honorees.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Valentine Ranch today on the floor of the House. The ranch is a symbol of the entrepreneurial spirit our Nation has so long enjoyed and exemplified.

RECOGNIZING THE McDONALD FAMILY AS THE 2011 WALTON COUNTY OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure for me to rise today to recognize the McDonald family for being selected

as the 2011 Walton County, Florida Outstanding Farm Family of the Year.

For over 45 years, this multigenerational farm family has epitomized the true meaning of a strong work ethic and is blessed with good soil and a devoted family. Kyle McDonald along with his father, Ingram McDonald, owns 190 acres of land. He and his wife, Kim, their children, Garrett and Karley, and their canine companion, Patch, work together night and day to tend to their cattle and horses as well as their hay field.

Kyle and Kim have raised Garrett and Karley to be active members of their community and to be good stewards of the land. The McDonalds are members of the Florida Panhandle Cattlemen's Association and the Walton County Farm Bureau. Aside from their help on the farm, Garrett and Karley are both accomplished riders. Karley ropes and barrel races, and her brother ropes, calf ropes and team ropes. Garrett has won 16 saddles and numerous cash prizes over the years including placing fifth in the Nation for his age group in the all-around event this past July.

Mr. Speaker, our great Nation was built by farmers and their families. The Walton County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year award is a reflection of the McDonald family's tireless work and dedication to family, faith and trade. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the McDonald family for this great accomplishment. My wife Vicki and I wish them the best for continued success.

THE PASSING OF MR. ROLLIN POST

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a dear friend, consummate professional, and proud San Franciscan: Rollin Post.

Rollin Post was a portrait of persistence, honesty, passion, and strength in his life, in his work as a reporter and commentator, in his love of politics and family.

For more than four decades, working behind the scenes for L.A.-area news radio and reporting on-air in San Francisco, Rollie set the standard for excellence in political journalism; in asking tough questions and always seeking the truth, he did our city, state, and nation a great service.

It was a true privilege to get to know Rollie on a personal level over the years; indeed, I was honored to call him a friend. He was a fixture from my earliest days in public life in San Francisco and in California. Later, we worked together to put on the annual 'The Party's NOT Over' event, a bipartisan gathering of Democrats, Republicans, and the press to raise money for minority journalism scholarships. He was held in high esteem and respect by our entire family.

Rollie brought the news to the public; he translated current events into terms all viewers and listeners could understand and appreciate; in the spirit of the best in journalism, he never failed to keep the Bay Area informed about politics and government. He was original and widely beloved, and his voice will be sorely missed.

I hope it is a comfort to his wife, Diane, his children and grandchildren, his family and friends that so many share in their grief at this time.

WALKER FAMILY RANCH TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Walker Family Ranch of Westcliffe, Colorado. George Walker purchased a 240-acre piece of property in Custer Country and along with his wife and daughter, began a ranching company.

George's daughter Hazel soon married Willard Walker and in 1939, George passed the farm property onto his daughter and son-in-law. The couple continued the Walker ranching practice and expanded the property to 882 acres. The ranch functioned year-round as a cattle ranch.

After Willard Walker's passing in 1968, Hazel and her family maintained the ranch and in 1971, formed the W.A.W. Cattle Ranch, Inc. Today, the W.A.W. is an active cattle ranch in the Wet Mountain Valley area.

The Walker Family Ranch has been chosen by the Centennial Farms Program as one of its eighteen 2011 honorees. The program honors farms that have long contributed to the agricultural success and foundation of the State of Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Walker Family Ranch. The ranch is a valuable cultural and historic asset to Colorado and our state is truly blessed to have such a vibrant presence of American entrepreneurial spirit.

A TRIBUTE TO JERRY O'MALLEY

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of a former employee of my district office and friend of mine, Jerry O'Malley, who recently passed at the age of 82.

Born to Jerome and Florence O'Malley on July 1, 1929, Mr. O'Malley was raised in Southeast Michigan. He attended and graduated from Detroit Catholic Central. He went on to earn his Bachelors in Business Administration from the University of Detroit. Upon graduation, he began his professional life in Florida where he worked his way up through Ford Motor Company. Starting on the assembly line, Mr. O'Malley retired from Ford's business development division.

After retiring from Ford, Mr. O'Malley returned to Michigan to pursue his passion for public service. Working for County Executive Ed McNamara as the Director of the county's Equipment Division, Mr. O'Malley embarked on decades of political activism and community service. Residing in Dearborn, Mr. O'Malley was active in the campaigns of virtually every Democratic candidate on the ticket in recent history.

He leaves behind three daughters, Catharine, Theresa Ann, and Diana. He was

grandfather of Thomas, Kyle, Michael, Nathan, Joshua, Aaron, Tom, and Tabatha. He was the great grandfather of Nathan and Nolan. Mr. O'Malley was predeceased by his wife Catherine, his brother Harry and granddaughter Isabel.

We will miss Jerry. Detroit and the surrounding area have lost a true jewel of our community.

HONORING TWYLA LYCETTE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Twyla Lycette, the 2011 recipient of the prestigious Town Clerk of the Year Award, given by the Maine Town and City Clerks Association.

Every year, the Maine Town and City Clerks Association chooses from among their best and brightest to award their Town Clerk of the Year Award. Without a doubt, they chose well this year. For a quarter century, the town of Lisbon has been extremely fortunate to have Twyla as their town clerk. Throughout that time, she has shown a deep commitment to her profession and to the citizens of Lisbon.

Twyla is recognized by all as an energetic lifelong learner who has been instrumental in the preservation of town records dating back into the 1800s. In addition to her position as a Certified Maine Clerk, she is an International Certified Clerk, Lifetime Certified Clerk and one of two International Master Municipal Clerks in all of Maine.

Twyla is beloved by her colleagues and the people of Lisbon. Not only does her hard work and dedication keep the town running, it also inspires all of us to strive to be the very best at what we do. She exemplifies the very best of the values Maine represents.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Twyla Lycette on being named the 2011 Clerk of the Year.

ELLIOTT FARMS TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Elliott Farms, LLC of Monte Vista, Colorado. In 1907, the Sanderson family of Hamilton, Missouri moved west and settled in Monte Vista. In 1908, the family acquired a 160-acre farm.

The property was passed down through the generations that followed and grew in size. The farm saw many years of fruitful potato crops that brought the family and the valley a great deal of prosperity. Today, the farm is operated in four sections and still makes use of the 1916 house and 1930s garage and barn.

Elliott Farms, LLC was recognized by the Colorado Historical Society at the 139th Colorado State Fair. Elliott Farms, LLC is one of eighteen farms honored by the Centennial Farms Program for its rich history, tradition, and contributions to the State of Colorado over the past century.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Elliott Farms LLC. Its agricultural contributions to the State of Colorado, as well as its valuable historical and cultural traditions, have helped make Colorado a leader in agricultural production.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF NICHOLAS
SENSLEY

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Police Chief Nicholas Sensley of Truckee, California.

Chief Sensley began his public service in law enforcement in 1987 as a police and fire dispatcher with the UCLA Police Department. Nicholas was promoted to Police Officer in 1988 after graduating from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy STARS Center, where he would begin serving as a Recruit Training Officer in 1990—one of the earliest returning instructors in the Academy's history. In May of 1991 he joined the Santa Rosa Police Department where he served in numerous assignments until ultimately departing in November 2008 as Patrol Lieutenant. In December of that year, Nicholas was appointed Chief of Police in Truckee, where he has served to this day.

Nicholas's service to the communities in which he has lived undoubtedly deserves the thanks and appreciation of his many constituents, but it is impossible to measure his contribution as a public servant if we limit the examination to California alone. Throughout his career, Chief Sensley has developed an expertise in mitigating the terrible plight of human trafficking that affects millions each year. He has worked as a consultant and developer in the United States, Europe, Asia, Africa, and the South Caribbean since 1998, playing an instrumental role in facilitating training, education and effective counter-human-trafficking initiatives globally. He has also been acknowledged as an international expert on significant community problem-solving by the US Department of Justice, the US Department of State, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the International Centre for Migration Policy Development, and by other international governments and organizations for his contributions.

Mr. Speaker, it is with a grateful heart that I rise today to thank Chief Nicholas Sensley for his many years of public service to the people of California. I wish him well as he retires from police work to accept a position to continue advancing human freedom with Humanity United in Washington, DC.

IMMACOLATA MANOR 30TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the outstanding achievement of Immacolata Manor in

Liberty, Missouri, for celebrating 30 years of providing habilitation services to persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Immacolata Manor's mission is to focus on the values and principles of community membership, self-determination, human rights, and basic needs, so that each individual will be supported and empowered to achieve their highest potential and to live their lives with dignity and respect.

The beautiful property on which Immacolata Manor is located is a former country estate, centering around a handsome colonial house that stands on 40 acres. Immacolata Manor opened in 1981 by several women who all had daughters with developmental disabilities. In recent years, they have been successful in raising funds to build five fully-accessible homes. They currently provide residential services to 31 adults.

Some of the residents are employed in local businesses. Those who are not employed are able to participate in the great My Day Program, conducted on the Manor campus. This community integration program includes individualized recreational and life skills activities designed to meet the needs of each participant.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in applauding Immacolata Manor for their exceptional dedication to providing residential and habilitation services to persons with developmental disabilities. Immacolata Manor is a true community partner and Liberty landmark. I wish the agency 30 more years of greatness to come.

HONORING THE SOLO CUP
COMPANY

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, seventy-five (75) years ago Leo J. Hulseman established the Paper Container Manufacturing Company in Chicago, Illinois and by the 1940s began manufacturing a paper cone cup known as the "Solo Cup" which provides unparalleled hygiene and convenience to consumers; and

Whereas, the "Solo Cup" was such an inspiration that the company itself was renamed Solo in the 1940s and become a brand that would become ubiquitous across America and the world; and

Whereas, Solo Cup, has grown to be a \$1.6 billion company and has demonstrated its concern for the environment by introducing many product lines relying on compostable and renewable sources; and

Whereas, Solo Cup is a recognized industry leader in the areas of sustainability and beautification receiving the 2010 Keep America Beautiful Corporate Leadership Award; and

Whereas, The Solo plant in Conyers, Georgia is a place where 400 of our citizens are employed and is an enthusiastic participant in Georgia's Work Ready Program and;

Whereas, The Solo Company has proven to be a great corporate citizen supporting community outreach and educational initiatives by working closely with public officials, the Conyers-Rockdale Economic Development Council and the Rockdale Chamber of Commerce and;

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Solo Company, its management and employees for leadership and service to our district;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim September 13, 2011 as Solo Cup Company Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of September, 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF HOMELESS
VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN
KICK-OFF BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to be here today to join the local Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as they announce the launching of their Homeless Veterans Outreach Campaign.

According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, there are between 130,000–200,000 homeless veterans on any given night. That means that homeless veterans constitute nearly one-fourth to one-fifth of the total homeless population. There is an increasing number of female homeless veterans. Studies have demonstrated that women who served in the military are more likely than their non-serving counterparts to experience homelessness in their lifetime. It is clear that we must do more to prevent and address homelessness in the veteran's community.

Current members of our armed services have been asked to endure multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, increasing the likelihood that they will experience significant levels of stress and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The stresses of deployment and low-levels of social support when they return home are just some of the factors that can lead to homelessness. With high levels of unemployment, foreclosures, and continued economic hardship across the country and in the State of Ohio, it is harder than ever for returning veterans to reintegrate post-service.

That is why the outreach campaign by the VA to increase awareness of services available to veterans who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless is so important. Veterans need to know that they have the support they need when they return from a tour abroad.

Homelessness can be ended. It can be ended by ensuring that there are decent jobs that provide a living wage, access to health care and affordable housing and adequate support for those who can no longer work.

I am committed to ensuring that the VA has the resources it needs to provide returning veterans with the care they need and to expand their services to eradicate homelessness among veterans.

HONORING ANDREW VERNON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew Vernon of Versailles, Missouri, on his 80th birthday.

Andrew is a proud veteran of the United States Air Force, entering the service in 1952 and retiring as a Master Sergeant in 1973. During that time, Andrew served in Germany and in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for his meritorious service, along with other decorations. After his service, Andrew returned to Missouri with his wife of 61 years, Inis, and two daughters, where he worked as a real estate agent and continued in service to his community and peers.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in wishing Andrew Vernon a happy 80th birthday and in thanking him for his service to our country.

HONORING THE BETHEL AFRICAN
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, located in the Town of Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey as they celebrate their 168th Anniversary.

Bethel African American Episcopal Church was the first African American Church in Morris County. Originally a blacksmith shop, Bethel was built and founded in 1849. The Church has thrived throughout its many decades of service to the community and will continue to thrive for many years to come.

Bethel prides itself on enriching the Morris County community by offering spiritual and social development for all people, regardless of race. Led by Pastor Sidney Williams, the Church not only offers regular religious services but also offers, through numerous different programs, help to the needy and impoverished within the community. As part of their anniversary celebration, Bethel will officially introduce their Spring Street Community Development Corporation whose primary purpose is to help those in need. This program, according to the Church, "is chartered to improve the quality of life for Morris County residents by addressing economic, educational, and social needs while preserving the cultural and ethnic diversity of the Morris area."

The Bethel African American Episcopal Church is truly a place where anyone is welcome to find God and find a community of caring, friendly faces. We are proud to have them here in Morris County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Bethel African Episcopal Church as they celebrate their 168th Anniversary.

HONORING SALEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Salem Lutheran Church of Salisbury, Missouri, as they celebrate their sesquicentennial anniversary.

Salem Lutheran has maintained a strong presence in their community since the church was founded in 1861 by German and Scandinavian immigrants. Organized as a typical country church, Salem Lutheran has stood the test of time from the Civil War and Reconstruction, through the 20th Century and now into modern times, continuing to minister and remain a pillar of the region.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in congratulating Salem Lutheran Church of Salisbury, Missouri for their 150 years of service to the Salisbury community.

HONORING THE 375TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE TOWN OF
SCITUATE**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the three hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the Town of Scituate in Plymouth County, Massachusetts.

In 1627, courageous settlers from Plymouth Colony moved up the shoreline of Cape Cod Bay, establishing a village whose main thoroughfare, Kent Street, still survives today. Increases in population allowed for the village to incorporate in 1636, and the founders chose a name derived from the indigenous Wampanoag tribe's word for cold brook, satuit, to reflect the brook that ran to the inner harbor of the village. That brook and the town of Scituate continue to thrive 375 years later.

Like most towns along Massachusetts' cultural South Shore, Scituate's rich history is intimately tied to the sea. Fishing and sea mossier have long provided an economic backbone for the town, which is also home to the famed Old Scituate Light. It is there that the American Army of Two, the young sisters Abigail and Rebecca Bates, deterred an approaching British ship during the War of 1812, thus saving the town from being ransacked by the enemy soldiers.

The Bates sisters are not Scituate's only famous residents. It is also home to William Cushing, one of the original six justices on the United States Supreme Court and Jim Lonborg, a Boston Red Sox pitcher distinguished with the Cy Young Award, among others. From its founding days, the residents of Scituate have always distinguished themselves as determined and inventive.

Today, the town is known as much for its maritime industry as it is for its majestic beaches and beautiful seascapes. It also remains a birthplace of innovation with new clean energy projects such as Solarize Scituate and the Oceans Campus Center. Over the past 375 years, Scituate has cele-

brated its unique history while continuing to evolve and progress. I am certain that the town will continue to do this for centuries to come. Happy 375th Birthday, Scituate.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on October 11, 2011, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall votes 771 through 779.

Had I been present for rollcall 771, agreeing to H. Res. 425, Providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2832, to extend the Generalized System of Preferences; H.R. 3078, the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement; H.R. 3079, the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement; H.R. 3080, the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement, I would have voted "No."

Had I been present for rollcall 772, agreeing to the Waxman of California Amendment No. 11 to H.R. 2250, the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 773, agreeing to the Connolly of Virginia Amendment No. 18 to H.R. 2250, the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 774, agreeing to the Markey of Massachusetts Amendment No. 7 to H.R. 2250, the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 775, agreeing to the Edwards of Maryland Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 2250, the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 776, agreeing to the Schakowsky of Illinois Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 2250, the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 777, agreeing to the Ellison of Minnesota Amendment No. 12 to H.R. 2250, the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 778, agreeing to the Welch of Vermont Amendment No. 19 to H.R. 2250, the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 779, agreeing to the Jackson Lee of Texas Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 2250, the EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011, I would have voted "Aye."

10 YEARS OF WAR IN
AFGHANISTAN: AT WHAT COST?**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, no one will forget the fateful day of 9/11 or those who lost their lives in those shocking, cold-blooded attacks. The bombing of Afghanistan and the subsequent invasion was our response, intended to catch those who hid, armed, and helped plan the attacks on U.S. soil. And, due to the diligence and tireless efforts of the members of our Armed Forces and Intelligence community, we have eliminated nearly all the people involved in the 9/11 attacks, including Osama

Bin Laden, and overthrown the Taliban regime that supported them. If there was justice to be had surely, we have found it.

Afghanistan has been embroiled in conflict since 1979 and there is no sign of an end to this conflict. The future stability of Afghanistan is, of course, an ideal we all wish for but with Americans deployed so far away from their homes and families, with our troop presence at an all-time high, and with the insurgency still on-going, we need to reassess why, 10 years later, we are still fighting a costly war with no victory or stability in sight.

We have spent approximately half a trillion dollars in our war in Afghanistan. It is, therefore, past time that we remember what we've learned in the past: that fighting a war against a nationalistic guerilla organization takes more than technological superiority and force of numbers. Imagine what this resource could do on our homeland.

Imagine how many schools, roads, and hospitals half a trillion dollars could build in our own country. Imagine how many hungry kids we could feed or how many of our sick we could treat. Half a trillion dollars could stamp out poverty in places like Philadelphia, Detroit, Memphis, and my hometown of Chicago.

It is perplexing to me, then, why some people would rather spend half a trillion dollars on an unwinnable war abroad rather than on solutions to problems here at home.

I sincerely hope that the Afghan people get to enjoy the benefits of living in a free and prosperous society. They should be free to pursue the education or livelihood of their choosing. I have great respect for our foreign policy and the fact that we care so deeply about the freedoms of those abroad but now is the time we need to be ensuring the economic freedoms of our citizens here at home.

Now is the time that we must refocus on our own country and reinvest in our people and their future. Not tomorrow, not next year, but now! Our rates of unemployment and poverty, if left neglected, will only further divide a nation whose principles serve to inspire the world.

The battles we should be fighting are America's war on poverty and our still-to-be-seen war against unemployment. There is terror here at home, the terror that families face when faced with the question of how they are going to pay their bills or feed their children—the terror and anxieties our citizens feel because they believe their government will simply abandon them. Once again, Mr. Speaker, that is the war we should be fighting and the one that, if we come together, I believe we can win.

IN HONOR OF REV. RICHARD
NANCE, JR.

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Rev. Richard Nance, Jr., whose leadership and social activism over the past 60 years provided inspiration for friends and colleagues alike. Rev. Nance served as the interim pastor of Antioch Baptist Church of San Jose and the First Baptist Church of Pacific Grove.

Richard was the fifth of eight children and was born and raised in South Carolina. Richard had long been involved with the ministries and at the age of twelve joined the White Plains Baptist Church in Laurens, South Carolina. He reported to Ft. Bragg in 1943 to serve in active duty in the army as a telephone and telegraph lineman with the 448th Signal Heavy Construction Battalion.

After serving in the army, Richard was licensed to preach in 1945. He was ordained in 1949 and pastored three rural churches in Laurens and Spartenburg Counties in South Carolina. He attended Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina and received his BA in May 1950 followed by a BA of Divinity in 1953. Richard then attended Berkeley Baptist Divinity School and earned a Masters there in 1956. In June 1956, Rev. Nance willingly accepted the call to serve as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pacific Grove and continued to serve passionately there until 1992.

Throughout his career, Rev. Nance made significant contributions to countless organizations. He served as the President of the Monterey Branch of the NAACP where his leadership allowed the branch to address housing restrictions and business and school hiring practices. Rev. Nance contributed to the efforts of both the Pacific Grove and Monterey Peninsula Ministers Associations as their President and was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

In addition, Rev. Nance was an active director on many boards including those of the Managers of American Baptist Churches of the West, the Pacific Grove Kiwanis, Monterey County Children's Home Society, the Alliance on Aging, The Pacific Grove Library, and the Pacific Grover Police Review Board.

Mr. Speaker, I know that I speak for the entire House in recognizing the tremendous accomplishments and contributions that Rev. Richard Nance, Jr. made throughout his bright lifetime. We honor the family that he loved and cherished: his wife Esther Collins Nance, who pre-deceased him, their sons Christopher and Marcus, and daughter Karen Small. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to applaud these significant efforts and honor his memory and to thank God for sharing such a wonderful leader with this community.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF HIS
EXCELLENCE YASHAR ALIYEV,
AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY
AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN TO
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. BOREN. Mr. Speaker, as the co-chairman of the Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, I rise today to honor the distinguished service of His Excellency Yashar Aliyev, the Ambassador of Azerbaijan to the United States.

Soon, Ambassador Aliyev will return to Azerbaijan after the conclusion of a successful tour in Washington. His leadership has been critical to strengthening the friendship between the United States and Azerbaijan, and I want to recognize and thank him for his service.

Before being named Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United States of America by President Ilham Aliyev in October 2006, Ambassador Aliyev served four years as Azerbaijan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations. During this time, he was chairman of the Fourth Committee of Special Political and Decolonization of the 60th U.N. General Assembly, vice president of the 59th General Assembly, vice president of the Economic and Social Council, and vice president of the U.N. Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.

As Ambassador to the United States, he has worked with great skill and dedication to enhance the bond between the United States and Azerbaijan. To this important end, he has been tremendously successful on several fronts.

Ambassador Aliyev has solidified the strategic partnership between our nations. In recent years, Azerbaijan has participated in initiatives to curb nuclear proliferation, fight international terrorism, and maintain regional security in southwestern Asia. Moreover, it has provided multi-faceted support to U.S. operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Also during his tenure, Ambassador Aliyev has deepened economic ties between the United States and Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan supplies oil and gas to the United States and other Western countries, thereby providing vital energy to the global economy. Moreover, American energy companies are participants in a collaborative effort to further develop Azerbaijan's oil and gas reserves in the Caspian Sea.

Of great importance to me, the relationship between my home state of Oklahoma and Azerbaijan has continued to grow under the leadership of Ambassador Aliyev. In recent years, the Ministry of Defense of Azerbaijan and the Oklahoma National Guard have engaged in joint training exercises and operations through the National Guard State Partnership Program.

Ambassador Aliyev has broadened collaboration between his country and Oklahoma beyond military cooperation. Earlier this year, he visited Oklahoma and met with various elected officials and business leaders. I am confident his visit laid the groundwork for expanding opportunities for Azerbaijan to cooperate with Oklahoma's business community and universities.

It has been an honor to work with Ambassador Aliyev. I hope he will reflect on his time served in Washington with a sense of pride. As a result of his work, the relationship between the United States and Azerbaijan has never been stronger.

In closing, it has been a pleasure to work with Ambassador Aliyev. I thank him for his dedicated service. He will forever be a trusted friend of the United States. I wish him well in all his future endeavors.

HONORING THE UNITED STATES
NAVY

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the United States Navy

and the extraordinary service of all of its members. Today marks the 236th year of the Navy's existence. Since its birth in 1775, our sailors have bravely served our Nation here at home and in all corners of the globe. Whether it is protecting Americans and our allies, to keeping the seas open for commerce or assisting other nations after global disasters, the United States Navy has truly been a global force for good.

My own state of Connecticut has a proud naval tradition. We are fortunate enough to be home to the Naval Submarine Base New London, which is known as the "First and Finest Submarine Base". Originally commissioned as a navy yard on April 11th, 1868, our base now boasts 15 home ported submarines and employs over 7,500 service members and civilians. As a result, the base is one of the largest employers in southeastern Connecticut. Over the years, and with the establishment of naval schools and training facilities, the base has become a symbol of strength and pride for Connecticut, and for the entire Navy. Not only was the first diesel powered submarine commissioned in Groton, but our New London base was the first in the history of the Navy.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that we can all agree the Navy deserves recognition for their continued and constant service to our country. From skirmishes with the Royal Navy in 1776 to today's operations in the Middle East, the Navy has remained an organization that all Americans can be proud of. I ask my colleagues to join me, and the people of Connecticut, in applauding the current and former sailors around the world for their service in the U.S. Navy.

SCREEN ACT FOR 112TH CONGRESS

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Supporting Colorectal Examination and Education Now (SCREEN) Act. This legislation will remove barriers to one of the most effective preventive health screenings available, saving lives and reducing health care costs in the process. I urge all of my colleagues to support this important legislation.

The statistics surrounding colon cancer are startling. Colon cancer is the number two cancer killer in the United States for both men and women. (CDC Colorectal Cancer Vital Signs; July 2011)

Over 50,000 people will die this year from this disease according to the American Cancer Society (2010 Fact & Figures).

These deaths become more tragic when one considers that colorectal cancer is highly preventable with appropriate screening. According to the American Cancer Society (2010 Facts & Figures), the 5 year survival rate is 90% for those diagnosed at an early stage; however, less than 40% of the cases are diagnosed at that stage.

During colorectal cancer screening by colonoscopy, pre-cancerous polyps are removed during the same encounter, thus preventing cancer from developing, as opposed to other cancer screenings where early detection is the goal. That is one reason why the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force provides an "A" rating for CRC screenings.

The CDC "colorectal cancer control program" screening target rate is 80%. The American Cancer Society and other patient advocacy groups have a target rate of 75%. Unfortunately, only half of the Medicare population is being screened, despite the availability of a Medicare colon cancer screening benefit. According to CMS and American Cancer Society (March 2011), Medicare claims indicate that only 52–58% of beneficiaries have had any colorectal cancer test and there is "clearly an opportunity to improve colorectal cancer screening rates in the Medicare population."

The latest findings by the American Cancer Society confirm that screening rates among the Medicare population continue to be in this 50th percentile range, with screening rates among minority populations that are especially low among Medicare-aged beneficiaries.

The CDC concludes that 1,000 additional colorectal cancer deaths will be prevented each year if screening rates reached 70.5%. (CDC Colorectal Cancer Vital Signs; July 2011).

In addition to saving lives, colorectal cancer screening has been demonstrated to save Medicare long-term costs as noted by the New England Journal of Medicine in a recent article (Feb. 2008).

The direct costs of treating colorectal cancer in 2010 reached \$4 billion. (CDC Colorectal Cancer Vital Signs; July 2011)

I am pleased that Congress took steps to improve access to life-saving colon cancer screening when it passed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) in March 2010.

While Congress has made tremendous strides in increasing colorectal cancer utilization rates in PPACA, this bill will further make live saving screenings more accessible to Medicare beneficiaries.

Currently, Medicare waives cost-sharing for any colorectal cancer screening recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. However, should the beneficiary have a precancerous polyp removed, the procedure is no longer considered a "screening" for Medicare coding purposes.

The unintended consequence of this is that the beneficiary is obligated to pay the Medicare coinsurance because the procedure is no longer a "screening." However, the purpose of the screening is to find and remove precancerous polyps.

The SCREEN Act waives all Medicare beneficiary cost-sharing for colorectal cancer screenings that become "therapeutic" or diagnostic procedures.

The legislation also resolves this unintended consequence for beneficiaries participating in health insurance exchanges beginning in 2014.

The SCREEN Act also provides incentives for Medicare providers to participate in nationally recognized quality improvement registries so that our Medicare beneficiaries are in fact receiving the quality screening they deserve.

Lastly, the SCREEN Act removes barriers to screening rates by allowing a Medicare beneficiary to sit down and discuss the importance of the procedure before seeing the provider for the first time right before procedure. The federal government and colorectal cancer patient advocacy groups have concluded that the "fear of the procedure" is a major impediment to increasing colorectal cancer screening rates.

Promoting access to colorectal cancer screening is good policy. It will save lives and reduce costs to families and the health care system. Please join with me in the fight against colorectal cancer by cosponsoring this legislation.

HONORING THE SOMERSET HILLS YMCA

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Somerset Hills YMCA located in Bernards Township, Somerset County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary.

From its modest beginning, first operating at the Dobb's Realty Building in Bernardsville and later at the Mill Street Firehouse, the Somerset Hills YMCA has been of great importance to its surrounding community. Within the first ten years of operation, the Somerset Hills YMCA already had 500 members and acquired a seventeen acre site to accommodate its growing membership.

In the 1980s, the facility on Mt. Airy Road in the Basking Ridge section of Bernards Township was expanded to provide its members with a state of the art facility. It offers three pools, a large gym, a dance studio, a café and much more. The YMCA provides more than 200 programs annually, including wellness, fitness, programs for those with special needs, day care, active older adults programs, sports, dance, adventure-based activities for teens and corporations, specialized family activities and a variety of community service programs including Career Forum, Special Olympics and Saturdays in Motion. In 2010, it partnered with the National Inclusion Project to insure that even people with disabilities could engage in these many programs. The YMCA is truly a place where all members of the community, regardless of age or ability, can participate, work out and enjoy themselves.

Since its opening, the Somerset Hills YMCA has had what they call, "a deep commitment to youth development, social responsibility, and health and well-being for all." Not only does this YMCA offer its programs to 22,000 people in the surrounding community, it also offers financial assistance to those who cannot afford membership.

The Somerset Hills YMCA is dedicated to its motto, "Strengthening the Foundations of the Community," and is committed to serving its neighbors. Most recently, in the wake of the devastation caused by Hurricane Irene, the Somerset Hills YMCA graciously opened its doors to those who lacked electricity and running water in the area, regardless if they were members or not. Its unwavering dedication to go above and beyond their mission is what makes this organization great. I am honored to have the Somerset Hills YMCA in my district as it is truly a place of public service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Somerset Hills YMCA as they celebrate 60 years of community service.

COMMENDING KEVIN M. BERKEN, FOR BEING SELECTED RICE FARMER OF THE YEAR FOR THE 2011 INTERNATIONAL RICE FESTIVAL IN CROWLEY, LA.

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend congratulations to Kevin M. Berken for being selected Rice Farmer of the Year for the 2011 International Rice Festival in Crowley, Louisiana.

For 15 years, Kevin has been farming rice and soybean crops, contributing to the active agricultural base in Louisiana. Growing up on a farm, he has long been familiar with the intricacies of agricultural production. Since 1996, his operation has steadily increased to over 1,300 acres of rice, 500 acres of soybean, and 200 acres of wheat.

Actively involved in the agricultural community, Kevin is chairman and co-founder of the Louisiana Rice Political Action Committee, and chairman of the Louisiana Rice Promotion Board. His community involvement extends to several other farming and rice related organizations including the Louisiana Farm Bureau.

Before continuing the family tradition of farming, Kevin moved to San Diego, California to begin a real estate career. It was there he met his wife, Shirley, and in 1997, they had a son named Adam. After years of success in the real estate arena, the Berkens moved back to Louisiana to continue his real estate ventures. However, learning his father had been diagnosed with cancer; Kevin decided to forgo acquiring a Louisiana real estate license and instead turned toward farming.

Kevin graduated from St. Maria Goretti Catholic School in Lake Arthur in 1979, and in 2003, went on to earn his Bachelor of Science from McNeese State University. While attending McNeese, he belonged to Delta Tau Alpha Agricultural Honor Society.

I would like to offer my sincerest thanks to Kevin M. Berken for his dedication to the continued agricultural excellence of Louisiana and congratulate him on being named 2011 Rice Farmer of the Year. I am honored to be his representative in Congress.

RECOGNIZING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. While I'm sure I am not the only member to come before you and recognize the importance of breast cancer research, I feel it is necessary for me to discuss the benefits that come from continued funding for a disease that affects 300,000 women every year.

Aside from recognizing the important work done by the many Breast Cancer Organizations around the country, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the Breast Cancer Survivorship Center that is part of the Univer-

sity of Kansas Cancer Center. While the KU Cancer Center does important research into early detection and treatment of breast cancer, the Survivorship Center is an important facility for women who have been diagnosed and have gone through or are currently being treated for breast cancer. Specifically, this facility helps women cope with various treatments, assists them with complications, helps them to manage side effects. I applaud the KU Cancer Center for the tremendous progress they have made and the thousands of lives they have saved.

One of the most reassuring aspects of discussing breast cancer is when we can talk about survivors. The continued decrease in the mortality rate of women diagnosed with breast cancer is due in large part to remaining focused on the need to find a cure. The progress that has been made in finding a cure for breast cancer has been made possible through very generous donations by the American public, but also through funding for National Institutes of Health (NIH).

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I am pleased that Appropriations Committee Chairman HAL ROGERS and Subcommittee Chairman DENNIS REBERG recognized the value of the work being performed by the NIH. I am particularly pleased that the House version of the FY 2012 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill provides robust funding for NIH, and its efforts to fight cancer. I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee as the House and Senate negotiate the FY 2012 Appropriations bills.

HONORING STEVE JOBS

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life or "dots" as Steve Jobs, co-founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of Apple, would say. Jobs was a visionary and creative genius, who believed that everything in life is interconnected, bringing us products that bring our whole worlds into our pockets.

Jobs' dedication and tireless devotion to creating the perfect user experience spurred and redefined the digital age, leading to a cultural transformation in the way the world communicates. This is ever so true here in our Congressional hallways, where Apple has provided most Members a communications face-lift. Jobs' leadership at Apple has changed the way we do business here in Washington, but also in the news, music and telecommunications industries.

Jobs' childhood dream of putting "a ding in the universe" has become true and for this, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the "dots" of Steve Jobs' legacy.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSECRATION OF ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. Peter's Episcopal Church located in the Town of Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey, as it celebrates the 100th Anniversary of its consecration.

On January 1, 1827, 38 men and women gathered at the Morristown Baptist Church to incorporate St. Peter's Episcopal Church. After naming the church's first permanent rector, ground for the new church was broken in May of 1828, making it the first stone building in Morristown. By 1881, the original building was becoming inadequate for the growing congregation, and under the supervision of a member of the congregation, plans were made for a new church building. On April 11, 1887, ground broke for the new St. Peter's Episcopal Church and the corner stone was laid on All Saints' Day that same year.

To finance construction, the new church was built in four stages. The first two steps, completed in 1892, included the sanctuary, chapel, choir crossings, vestries and nave. The tower was completed in 1908 and the parish hall in 1911. On November 2, 1911 the new St. Peter's Episcopal Church building was officially consecrated.

St. Peter's is a place of welcome and comfort to those in need. Outreach and ministries are cornerstones of the church that reach into the community. St. Peter's has either been a founder or founding member of vital organizations such as the Community Soup Kitchen of Morristown, Hospitality Link, the Interfaith Food Pantry and Morris County Career Network.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church is a vital part of the local community as it provides an intimate place where people with common beliefs and values can join together in prayer and worship. It is a place where people can become involved in their community and give back to others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of St. Peter's Episcopal Church as they celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the church's consecration.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WELFARE INTEGRITY ACT OF 2011

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the gross misuse of taxpayer money by continuing to provide benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program to recipients who test positive for illegal drug use or are convicted of drug related crimes.

At a time when Congress is focused on trimming budgets, it is imperative we focus on eliminating irresponsible funding. That is why I

am introducing the Welfare Integrity Act of 2011. This legislation is a step toward eliminating abuse of taxpayer money by requiring all state receiving funds from the TANF program to certify they are testing applicants and current recipients for illegal drug use.

Americans are generous in providing assistance to those in need, but they also expect their tax dollars to be used in a responsible manner. Welfare assistance is meant to help those going through hard financial times to buy food and basic living expenses for their families. It's not too much to ask folks to keep clean in order to receive federal assistance.

Mr Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House to support me in passing the Welfare Integrity Act of 2011 to eliminate abuse and take a step toward commonsense.

RECOGNIZING DR. MICHAEL
LEMOLE

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Michael Lemole, who is being honored this year by the National Library of Medicine and Friends of the National Library of Medicine for his lifetime of achievement in medicine and neurosurgery.

Dr. Lemole is one of the exemplary medical professionals who cared for our colleague, Congresswoman GABRIELLE GIFFORDS, following the January 8th shooting in Tucson, Arizona.

The National Library of Medicine and the Friends of the National Library of Medicine are organizations dedicated to improving health and health care through the dissemination of accurate and quality medical information to medical practitioners and researchers.

They have chosen to recognize Dr. Lemole this year for his outstanding commitment to these values, his exemplary career in the field of neurosurgery, and his skillful actions that helped to save the life of Congresswoman GIFFORDS on January 8, 2011.

Dr. Lemole's career reflects a physician at the pinnacle of his profession.

He pursued specialty training as a Cushing Clinical Fellow, a distinction awarded by the Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

He has published more than 30 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, and is a member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, and the North American Skull Base Society.

He was honored as a Top Doctor by US News and World Report in 2011, was named the 2011 Doctor of the Year by the Pima County Medical Society, and, in 2009, was named a Top Surgeon by the Consumer Research Council for America.

Additionally, Dr. Lemole has served his country as a flight surgeon with the United States Air Force Reserve in the 944th ASTS at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona. He was recently named the honorary commander of the 355th Medical Group, based at Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona.

Dr. Lemole's assiduous commitment to his work, his vocation, his community, and his country led him to the top of the medical world. It also leads him to save lives, both with his hands and his contributions to the field of neurosurgery.

We thank him for his efforts to save the life of our friend and colleague, Congresswoman GIFFORDS, and for a career dedicated to the healing of people.

Congratulations to Dr. Lemole for a deserved recognition.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National School Lunch Week to express my appreciation to the thousands of people in the great state of California who work tirelessly to ensure that children are fed nutritious meals in school.

During times of limited resources, these professionals are working to provide high quality meals to all students.

I applaud Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack for the USDA's efforts to improve child nutrition programs.

Yet I also wish to express my concerns regarding the recently proposed regulations for school meal standards.

I fear the proposed regulations will increase costs to hard-pressed school districts beyond what can reasonably be managed.

The result may be that schools will reduce access to nutritious meals because they simply can't afford to provide them.

Of equal concern is the great number of unknowns about the impacts of the proposal—including how it will impact school meal costs, participation, and access.

I urge the Secretary to take this into consideration and allow flexibility during this regulatory process.

We must all closely monitor the progress made by schools, and the effectiveness of the new rules on the health and well-being of America's children moving forward.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DENVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Denville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary located in Morris County, New Jersey as they celebrate their 75th Anniversary.

In 1936, in response to the ever-growing Denville Fire Department, the Ladies Auxiliary was established to provide support. Over the years, they have proven to be an indispensable adjunct to the department.

In the early years, the women of the Auxiliary would go to the scene of fires to provide refreshments to the firefighters. In addition, they also dedicated much time and energy to raising funds for the fledgling fire department. Many parties, raffles and door-to-door canvassing, among other things, were undertaken by the women to help pay for equipment.

An especially notable incident was in the 1980s. Several dozen motorists became trapped on a major highway due to a major snowstorm. After rescue, the stranded motorists were housed at one of the department's fire houses and were fed and cared for by the ladies auxiliary for over a two-day period. Recently, members of the Auxiliary and Fire Department responded to the needs of the victims of Hurricane Irene and its aftermath.

Oftentimes, less visible organizations can go unnoticed. While the Denville Fire Department no doubt provides an invaluable resource to its community and its members sacrifice much of their time to protect others, the behind-the-scenes support of the Ladies Auxiliary helps make everything the department does possible. Their time and efforts are most appreciated.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Denville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary as they celebrate 75 years of unwavering dedication.