

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### INTEREST RATE REDUCTION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2012*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, as we continue to recover economically, we must ensure that students can afford a higher education. In 2007, as we were dealing with the worst of the recession, I voted in favor of legislation to reduce interest rates on Stafford loans from 6.8 to 3.4 percent. On July 31, interest rates will go back to 6.8 percent if Congress does not act.

There are nearly 48,000 students attending a university or college in my district who have a Stafford subsidized student loan. Those loans total over \$212 million. Doubling the interest rate will add an unnecessary burden on those students as they graduate and enter the workforce. For each year that Congress does not act to keep rates at 3.4 percent, students add an additional \$1000 in debt over the life of their loans. It may prevent them from starting a family, buying a home, or getting a new car. We must do everything we can to help as they get started.

The cost of the student loan bill is \$6 billion. Unfortunately, Republicans have chosen to pay for it by repealing the Prevention and Public Health Fund included in the Affordable Care Act that invests in innovative programs, practices and treatments to prevent cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and programs particularly important to women's health. We should not have to choose how we are going to invest in our country's future; how do you decide to cut investments in the education for the workforce of tomorrow versus the health of that very same workforce?

I support the Democratic alternative negotiated between the White House and Congressional Democrats that pays for the student loan interest rate by closing a corporate tax loophole. I hope that the House leadership will allow a vote on this commonsense alternative so students and their families aren't left paying for higher interest rates to go to school. Republicans know that their proposal cannot be supported by Democrats. They don't seem to know that by not finding a compromise, they are playing politics with students, families, and the future of our country.

REVEREND PATRICK J. GENELLO

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart as people in my hometown of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, mourn the loss of a beloved spiritual leader, the Rev. Patrick J. Genello.

Father Pat, as he was known to the parishioners of Holy Rosary Parish, passed away unexpectedly, leaving a hole in the hearts of those who worshipped inside his church for the past 17 years.

A son of the late Joseph and Arline Piazza Genello, Father Pat was born in Scranton on May 15, 1957. He received his early education at William Prescott School and graduated from Scranton Central High School. In 1975, Father Pat attended St. Pius X Seminary, and graduated from the University of Scranton in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology and philosophy. He completed his studies for the priesthood at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts, where he received a Master of Divinity degree in May 1983. He served his diaconate ministry at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Honesdale, from May 14, 1983, until his ordination. His Eminence, the late John Cardinal O'Connor, D.D. and Ph.D., who at the time was bishop of Scranton, ordained Father Pat into the priesthood on November 5, 1983, in St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton.

After his ordination, Father Pat received a degree in counseling from Marywood University.

Father Pat first served as assistant pastor of Most Precious Blood Parish, Hazleton; then at St. Lucy's Parish, Scranton. He was appointed director of religious formation at Bishop Hannan High School, Scranton, on September 5, 1989. Father Pat was appointed pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Hazleton on June 30, 1995, and that is where he remained until his death.

In addition to his parochial duties, Father Pat was a dedicated student of Holy Scripture. He accompanied the late Rev. Robert J. Barone, S.T.D., and served as the videographer on many trips to the Holy Land and Middle East. He and Father Barone, with the help of the Diocese of Scranton's Catholic Television, produced the very popular "The World of Saint Paul" television series.

Father Pat played a substantial role in the Greater Hazleton community. He hosted dinners for the United Way at Thanksgiving and at Christmas in the parish hall. He served as chaplain for the Hazleton Fire Department. He was the driving force in establishing a September 11, 2001, memorial on the parish grounds, and he conducted an annual service marking the event.

As an avid New York Yankees fan, Father Pat would often conduct a post-game analysis of the game with his parishioners and friends. An accomplished musician specializing in the guitar, he loved music of all kinds.

Father Pat remained close with members of his family, especially his niece, Maria, and nephew, Michael.

Mr. SPEAKER, today, the Rev. Patrick J. Genello's entire family—both his biological family and his spiritual family—is shocked by his sudden passing. The Greater Hazleton area will miss his pastoral leadership, his religious knowledge, and his community spirit.

### HONORING RANDY SATER FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL POLICE CAREER

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to congratulate Deputy Police Chief for the Village of Bloomingdale, Randy Sater, on his exceptional career.

Randy began his career of service and commitment to the Village of Bloomingdale in 1982. During his time of service, Randy has led in many different capacities. He served early on as a Detective and was later promoted to Sergeant. After nearly four years as Sergeant, Randy was assigned as Watch Commander. Most recently, he was promoted to Deputy Chief of Operations. Through his commitment to a wide array of leadership posts, Randy has demonstrated great integrity.

From his start in the police force, Randy has been an active member of the community and has taken important leadership roles. Since 1994, Randy has served as Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. He has also worked with the youth in the community through the Character Counts Coalition. Since its inception in 1998, Randy has served on the Board of Directors of the Coalition and as Chair of the Coalition for a number of those years. The Character Counts Coalition works to uphold six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Without a doubt, Randy has carried out these six pillars of character in his own life. Valuing the safety and well-being of those in his community, he has also taken leadership as a B.A.S.S.E.T. (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Training) instructor since 2005. It is evident that Randy's involvements and reach has positively impacted the lives of many.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing Deputy Chief Randy Sater on his successful career.

IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT MA YING-JEUO

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou on his reelection, and on his second inauguration, which takes place on May 20, 2012. This is a great achievement for President Ma, and for Taiwan—a country that held only its fifth direct Presidential election since it began doing so in 1996.

I take pride in the fact that Taiwan, an ally of the United States, is serving as a beacon for democracy in Southeast Asia. Through his term, President Ma has maintained strong ties

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with countries in the region, including a constructive relationship with China, and has continued the democratic traditions which have allowed Taiwan to prosper. I call on my colleagues to join me in congratulating President Ma, and wishing him the best of luck as he undertakes four more years as the leader of Taiwan.

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TRIBUTE TO JAMES GIBSON

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend, who is being honored on May 12, 2012 by his church Rock Hill Baptist Church for his lifetime of service to the community. Mr. James Gibson, a youthful 89-year-old, is a stalwart of the community in Saluda, South Carolina, and is very deserving of this recognition.

James Gibson was the third of six children born to Eddie and Mae Bell Dozier Gibson. He attended the historic Cane Brake school, which was one of the first Rosenwald schools in South Carolina.

Upon graduation, Mr. Gibson joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served in World War II. When he left the military, he continued to serve his country by joining the Civil Service. After 30 years, he retired from Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina. In retirement, he has enjoyed watching the Bible Channel and reading his Bible. He gardens and enjoys walks as well.

Mr. Gibson is a dedicated member of the community. He was a Shriner for more than 40 years, and a member of the C.C. Johnson Consistory for over four decades. He is Past Worshipful Master (PWM) of Peerless Lodge #214 and PWP of Peerless Chapter #335 OES. Mr. Gibson is a 33rd degree Mason and a member of the United Supreme Council.

He is also extremely dedicated to Rock Hill Baptist Church. He has served as Adult Sunday School Teacher, Chairman of Trustees, and was Chairman of the Deacon Board for 25 years.

He married Annie Barnes Gibson in 1947. The couple have three children and two granddaughters.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating James Gibson on this great honor. He has served his country and Saluda County with distinction. It is fitting that his contributions are being recognized by his fellow citizens for all that he has done to give back to the community.

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RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIQUE RATIFICATION OF THE 27TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call attention to an important milestone in American constitutional history. This month, May

2012, marks the 20th anniversary of the unusual ratification of the 27th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which provides quite simply that any change in the level of compensation which Members of Congress receive from the United States Treasury must take effect until an election of Representatives shall have intervened.

This particular constitutional amendment (sometimes referred to as the "Madison Amendment") underwent the most unorthodox path to ratification of any amendment ever successfully incorporated into the Federal Constitution thus far in our Nation's history. This amendment was originally proposed by Congress on September 25, 1798 but, despite the obvious wisdom of the amendment's purpose, it was not fully approved by enough State legislatures until 202 years later. When lawmakers in more than the required 38 states provided their approvals in May 1992, the 27th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was finally ratified.

Altering the United States Constitution was never meant to be an easy task. The Founding Fathers wisely composed Article V of the Constitution—which sets forth the process for amending it—in such a manner as to make changes in the document difficult to accomplish without a clear consensus. However, so strong was the common-sense appeal of what we know today as the 27th Amendment that State legislators of diverse political philosophy were able to agree in a bipartisan fashion that such a provision correctly belonged in the U.S. Constitution. As a former member of the Texas House of Representatives back in the late 1980s, I was privileged to have played a direct role myself in the 27th Amendment's idiosyncratic route to ratification. On May 25, 1989, I proudly cast a final "aye" vote on House Joint Resolution No. 6 by which the 71st Texas Legislature endorsed this sound and prudent one-sentence addition to America's highest legal document.

Now, two decades after its ratification was duly achieved, it is appropriate to reflect upon the lesson which the 27th Amendment has taught America, not only about the constitutional amendment process itself, but also about citizen action in influencing the law-making process. To that end, I respectfully request that a June 1, 1992 article from *People* magazine be included in the record at the conclusion of my remarks. The focus of this article is a gentleman named Gregory Watson, whom I had the pleasure to know during my tenure at the State Capitol in Austin while he was employed by a few of my colleagues in the Texas Legislature.

Mr. Speaker, we in the Congress debate every now and then about various proposed additions that some of us advocate to the Federal Constitution. The extraordinary ratification of its 27th Amendment furnishes to us ample evidence that, while perhaps rather time-consuming, it remains worthy of our attention, and merits utilization of our resources, to continue discussion about needed refinements to our Nation's great charter.

[From *People* magazine, June 1, 1992]

THE MAN WHO WOULD NOT QUIT

A TENACIOUS TEXAN WINS HIS 10-YEAR FIGHT FOR A NEW CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of Representatives shall have intervened.

It only took 202 years, but last week United States Archivist Don Wilson officially certified that the U.S. Constitution has a new amendment. Given the current hostility to Congress, the new measure captured the mood of a fed-up electorate. It prevents Congress from giving itself pay raises retroactively or in mid-term, which it has done from time to time. Despite the new amendment's popularity, it would probably never have become law if 30-year-old Gregory Watson, an obscure administrative assistant to a Texas state legislator, had been a less persistent man. Ten years ago, while a student at the University of Texas-Austin, he began a one-man campaign to enact the Twenty-seventh Amendment. His reason? He got a C on a term paper.

The paper, for a government class, argued that the amendment could—and should—be passed. At the time, the proposal, originally drafted by James Madison in 1789, had been ratified by only eight states, six of them during the 18th century. Watson says his professor felt the amendment was a legal dead letter, even though it had no time limit, and gave him the low mark. "I was very disgusted," he says "but undaunted."

He ran his campaign the old-fashioned way—by mail, writing to legislators in states that had yet to pass the amendment. He spent \$6,000—all of it his own money. He refused all outside help. "I wanted to do it by myself," he says. "I wanted to prove that one person could do it alone."

Prove it, he did. On May 7, Michigan became the 38th—and deciding—state to OK the amendment, which had to be ratified by three-quarters of the states in order to take effect. Later that same day New Jersey voted its approval, and on May 12, Illinois joined in. Watson, who is single, was jubilant. "I wanted to show the American people what can be done if they just put forth a little elbow grease," he says. "You can wield a great deal of power, and one person can still make a difference in this country."

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IN HONOR OF MARTIN AND WENDY MAYER

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, to watch Parents of the Year, Martin and Wendy Mayer is to suggest a concept described by a valet of Britain's royal family. "Working for aristocracy," he said, "is like being a swan. On the surface, you must look like you're gliding effortlessly, but underneath, you're paddling like crazy." The Mayers' chesed for our Mamleches Cohanim looks easy, but their earnest sharing and resolving the tzoros of others is deliberate and thorough. The catering company provides the perfect venue for their unassuming communal service as they take care of many food needs for organizations and individuals behind the scenes, always seeing the world through the eyes of others. Professionally, the sensitivity and attentiveness at Menagerie Caterers has earned its reputation as the premier caterer in the greater metro area, from the smallest simchas to large, gala affairs.

Midos like this come from hard work. Martin absorbed the essence of his East Side neighborhood—no shtick, no embellishments, just pure ehrlিকেit and yashrus. He's the capable friend and reliable confidant that everyone needs. As part of East Side's Hatzolah, Martin

had the zechus of regularly attending to Rav Moshe Feinstein zt"l, imbibing from his lofty midos. Martin's own parents, z"l, and their courageous strength also deeply affected his life. Joining together from opposite sides of concentration camp fences, Staff Sergeant Herman (Hanoch) Mayer of the US Army Air Corps won medals and citations as a WWII hero who helped liberate the camps. With his own money, he bought medicine, food, and blankets for survivors, even transporting one woman to a hospital for immediate care. Martin's mother, Mrs. Freida (Elizabeth) Mayer survived Auschwitz and Birkenau on less than substandard rations, because she gave of her food to her weaker sister who also survived. Her intense care for her family continued, as she raised her children with unbounded love, often carrying hot lunches to them in school.

Martin and his sisters' beloved esteem for their parents prompted them to establish various memorial tributes: The Bais Medrash of the Agudah of Passaic (HaRav Sacks), the Bikur Cholim room of Englewood Hospital, which Martin supplies, a Sefer Torah written for them and more. Martin's fondest quotes from his Dad pertain to "if you're going to do something, do it right." It was unthinkable for Herman Mayer to be late for shul.

For her part, Wendy's gracious warmth keeps the home running smoothly despite Martin's erratic catering schedule. Besides working in real estate, Wendy tirelessly supports every need for their shul, yeshivos or business. Her selflessness moves her to host communal events and family simchas, create extraordinary cakes or sew decor for school productions, down to every beautiful detail. A caterer's wife might well use her husband's resources for large crowds, but Wendy makes everything herself. The only thing more inviting than her kindness is her fragrant fresh challah. Like her parents, Barbara & Nathan Finkel, Wendy's simchas hachaim and winning smile make everyone feel welcome.

Doing for others flows into the next generation as YOT graduating talmid, Moshe and YOT alumnus Aryeh are known around town as helping hands and smiling big brothers to neighborhood kids. May the honor they bestow upon their parents, as well as their support of Ohavei Torah and other institutions, be a continual source of brocha and hatzlocha for the entire Mayer family.

I am grateful for the opportunity to join with Yeshiva Ohavei Torah in honoring Martin and Wendy Mayer as Parents of the Year.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JIM JORDAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the House Floor during yesterday's three rollcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H. Con. Res. 105, H. Con. Res. 117, and H. Con. Res. 118.

SALUTING THE WORLD WAR II  
VETERANS OF TENNESSEE

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II veterans who have flown to Washington DC today from Nashville, TN with Music City Honor Flight. This Honor Flight is part of a nationwide effort to bring as many World War II veterans as possible to the memorial created here in honor of their service and in honor of the fallen.

Through their selflessness, these brave men and women who served in World War II saved our country and changed the course of history. We can never adequately repay them for their sacrifice. Whether Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, or Coast Guardsmen, they heroically served their Nation during our time of greatest need. It is my high privilege to welcome them to the Nation's Capital.

I am proud to read into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of each of these distinguished veterans so that they can be recognized for their brave service and so that the Congress of the United States of America can express its gratitude.

Orville Jerome Aasen, Lyttleton C. Anderson Jr., Clarence Arand, James L. Bass, James B. Batey, Jr., Douglas Beard, Dempsie G. Binkley, Winston Bowling, Eugene W. Brock, Charles J. Brown, Edward L. Buquo, Roger L. Burgess, Hugh Lafayette Callens, Russell M. Campbell, Frank A. Cantwell, James W. Carroll, Francis A. Centimole, Robert E. Chadwell, James Robert Clower, Alfred Damon Corley, James D. Craig, Fred M. Creasy, Rayford H. Danley, James L. Davis, Gerald Alvin Davis, Lloyd F. Driver, James W. Duke, Edward Eugene Durham, Lloyd C. Fisher, David Ray Fussell, Murray O. Fussell, Charles H. Gannon, Gerald Allen Gilman, Harry R. Guttridge, Herald D. Hackett, Thomas Hall Jr., Jones B. Hamlett, Wesley W. Harmon, Jackson Harris, Samuel A. Harris, William J. Harvey, Eldon H. Hatcher Jr., Harley Walter Heilman, Irvan Hardeman Hendon, Wayne Hill, Vernard E. Hixson, Leonard Hollender, Edward L. Holton, Lawrence H. Horn, Edward W. Hudson, Robert W. Hull, Nathaniel B. Johnson Jr., Robert C. Jones, Clinton D. Keel, John W. King, James Fowler Lancaster, Earl Eugene Lerch, George Lukon, Nelson Lyne, Dock H. Lyons, Joseph O. Maddux, Harry Eugene Margrave, Carl M. Martin, Henry C. McCall, Jr., Carl E. Meeks, Ledlie J. Miller Jr., Charles A. Mitchell, Dr. John Myers, Robert M. Nabors Jr., James J. Panipinto, Andrew S. Parker, Baxter Lewis Perry, David M. Pettus, Carlos F. Plott, W H Reeves, Samuel Ralph Rehorn, Eugene R. Rhue, Clarence Richards, Robert McCulloch Rock, Elmer Julius Sager, David Y. Sharpe, Milton Shearer, Robert Love Simpson, William Paul Sitton, Fred L. Stacey, John E. Stephens, Robert Merrill Stoops, Harry Richard Sturm, Glenn Swanson, James F. Tacker, Jr., Denison Taylor, W. Glenn Tinsley, Jess Titus, Glenn Tompkins, Eddie G. Wall, James E. Waugaman, Robert Conway Wilhite, Ross Williams, William E. Wingo, Henry C. Winstead,

Talmadge R. Woodall, Charles Richard Zartman.

HONORING THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ST. PAUL

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 95th anniversary of the Junior League of St. Paul, JLSP.

The Junior League of St. Paul was founded in 1917 by Elizabeth Ames Jackson, a native of St. Paul and two of her friends Elizabeth Crunden Skinner and Anne Turney White. This chapter was the 19th Junior League created in the United States following the founding of the first Junior League in New York City in 1901.

The Junior League is committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. During its early years, the JLSP collaborated with local community organizations, including the World War I Red Cross Relief Campaign and the Community Chest, to help build a better St. Paul and reflect the overall mission of the organization.

Over the years, the Junior League of St. Paul moved beyond only collaborating with local, existing organizations, to fostering new organizations. As the community evolved, so did the JLSP. From the creation the Children's Hospital Association, Keystone Community Services, United Arts and Lifetrack Resources to the Hmong Art Project, Silent Witness, and most recently Building Bonds through Reading and Play the Junior League of St. Paul has a long legacy of responding to needs of the community and laying the foundation for organizations that continue to provide needed programs and services to residents in St. Paul and the surrounding communities.

These charitable and educational activities go beyond simply helping the members of the community—they also provide meaningful volunteer opportunities and leadership development to the women who are involved with the JLSP. The skills and talents the members develop through League activities help them in other aspects of their lives.

The Junior League of St. Paul has been a valuable asset to St. Paul through their efforts to identify and take on the challenges they see impacting the community. Their hard work is reflected in the numerous organizations they have worked with, the many people who have been served by various JLSP programs, and by its members current and past. I am proud to comment the Junior League of St. Paul on 95 years of success and wish them much success in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of the 95th anniversary of the Junior League of St. Paul, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

CONGRATULATING THE GULF  
COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Gulf Coast Community Foundation on being named the silver award winner for excellence in communications by the 2012 Wilmer Shields Rich Awards Program. Sponsored by the Council on Foundations, the awards program recognizes affective communications efforts to increase public awareness of foundations and corporate giving programs throughout the United States. The Gulf Coast Community Foundation received the honor for its 2012 Agenda for Action in the category of annual or biennial reports.

Since 1995, The Gulf Coast Community Foundation and donors have been a community asset through its philanthropy work. The Gulf Coast has welcomed more than 500 charitable funds, created by generous donors, and have invested more than \$127 million in grants in the areas of arts and culture, health and human services, education, civic and economic development, and the environment.

In addition to awarding grants to nonprofit organizations and scholarships to qualified students for postsecondary education, Gulf Coast creates and funds initiatives designed to effect long-term, systemic change in the communities it serves. Current initiatives include a STEM education initiative to improve student achievement in science, technology, engineering, and math in Sarasota and Charlotte county schools. Gulf Coast also offers low-interest disaster-relief loans to critical local health or human service nonprofit organizations rebuilding in the aftermath of a disaster.

I am proud to honor the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, the largest community foundation in Florida, on having been named the silver award winner for excellence in communications by the 2012 Wilmer Shields Rich Awards Program. I would also like to recognize its exceptional efforts to enrich Florida communities. We hope to see the foundation continue to grow and have a lasting impact for community.

IN HONOR OF ELI AND CHEDVA  
TREITEL

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, a poignant episode in the Chumash reveals a strength of character few can claim. Leah's seemingly odd response to Rachel's request for the Dudaim, "Is it not enough you took my husband? Now you want these too?" begs a question. Didn't Leah know what Rachel did for her? Meforshim explain, Rachel must have given Leah the simonim in a way that concealed the truth. Doing for others is certainly praiseworthy; doing inconspicuously and with

great personal sacrifice warrants the crown called "a good name".

In this regard, Ohavei Torah is especially proud to honor its parents, Eli & Chedva Treitel, with the Keser Shem Tov award. Few positions are as thankless as that of Shul Gabbai. How remarkable it is that the diverse mispallelim of Monsey's Ateres Rosh feel unanimously blessed to have a true "Yehoshua" caring for all the needs of their shul: material, emotional and spiritual. The secret lies in one word: respect. The unparalleled kovod that Eli shows each person and every single shul need never fails. He keeps track of every aliya and chiyuv, buys and sets up Seudah Shlishis each week, sits on the board of directors and locks up the shul each night. For over 10 years, he does it all, notwithstanding his demanding position as Loan Officer for Meridian Capital, one of the largest Mortgage Brokers in the country.

A talmid of Ner Yisroel, Eli's personal avoda reflects equal dedication. It is unheard of for him to miss his early Daf Yomi. Together with Chedva, they share an uncanny ability to make everyone comfortable, traversing all community sectors and ages. Recently, a young man felt reassured enough to open up to Eli about a misunderstanding with his Rebbe. Eli's insight and empathy helped the teen mend the rift, prompting the Rebbe to remark that such helpful advice must have come from an exceptional advisor.

Like her husband, Chedva pursues shalom and chesed. Active in her children's schools and shul functions, her main priority remains always being vigilant about the feelings of others by seeing everyone in a positive light. Her soft-spoken, friendly and unassuming manner belies how much she actually accomplishes, often anticipating needs before being asked. Nothing is too difficult—extra driving, rearranging her schedule, full course dinners for neighbors in need and of course, quality time for each of her children. As Rabbi Pechter describes, "The respect and warmth they afford to everyone is unparalleled." This type of humility, honesty and gentle demeanor make their son Lippy a pleasure to have as a talmid at Ohavei Torah as well.

Both Eli and Chedva's parents model the midos that make their children and grandchildren so well-liked. Eli's parents have upheld the tzarhei tzibor in LA for 50 years: Barbara Treitel as the beloved Hebrew reading specialist at Yavneh Hebrew Academy, now teaching her third generation and Stanley Treitel who tirelessly works on multiple political projects and community affairs on behalf of Klal Yisrael. Chedva's parents, Reuben & Sandra Botnick, noted attorney and real estate broker, respectively, are part of the founding family of Toronto's orthodox community.

Eli and Chedva's children are a great source of pride to their family and community: Lippy, a senior at YOT, Rachaeli, a freshman at Ateres Bais Yakov in Monsey and Michal and Chaim, who attend Yeshiva of Spring Valley. Just as the Treitel Family carries the responsibilities of the community, may the they merit to carry their Keser Shem Tov with overflowing brocha, ad meah v'esrim shana.

I proudly join with Yeshiva Ohavei Torah in honoring this wonderful couple.

A TRIBUTE TO HANNAH  
JORGENSEN

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Hannah Jorgensen, a 13-year-old, 4-H'er of Adair, Iowa, who has been named the state's top middle school youth volunteer for 2012 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is our country's largest youth recognition program based entirely on volunteer community service. Since 1995, 345,000 American youths have participated in this program, with only 102 state honorees chosen each year. Hannah's path to this prestigious award began with her efforts through Reach Out Iowa, a federally funded grant that supports young people who benefit their local communities through service. To accomplish this goal, Hannah worked with her peers to create and provide pillowcases and care packages for the emergency homeless shelter, MICA House in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Hannah felt the MICA House mission of "providing a safe, secure and nurturing environment for families and single women who are experiencing the crisis of homelessness" was the perfect partner to assist in her efforts. Shortly after working with the children of MICA House, Hannah quickly made plans to do much more than she originally had planned.

Through her efforts with MICA House, Hannah discovered that the facility was sorely in need of books for children, most notably educational books related to agriculture. Hannah made it her personal mission to raise enough money to donate a total of 500 books to be split between MICA House and the inner-city schools she would visit while in Washington, D.C. Hannah persuaded the members of the Corn & Soybean Association of Adair County to reach into their own pockets, as well as recruit the help of the Iowa Corn Growers Association and the Iowa Soybean Association to raise a total of nearly \$1,000. With this support, Hannah doubled her initial goal and sent each location a total of 500 new children's books to be read and enjoyed for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Miss Jorgensen for her sincere dedication to positively impact the lives of others in her community and beyond. Hannah's commitment to a cause greater than herself is a testament to the high-quality character and unwavering work ethic instilled in Iowans both young and old. I know I speak for all of my colleagues in the United States Congress in congratulating Hannah, thanking her supportive family, and thanking all of those involved in this wonderful project for their life-changing efforts both at home in Iowa, and in our nation's capital.

HONORING ILLINOIS AIR NATIONAL GUARD TECH. SGT. JACOB CURTIS, RECENTLY NAMED A 2012 AIR NATIONAL GUARD AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Tech. Sgt. Jacob Curtis, of the Illinois Air National Guard, who was recently selected as a 2012 Air National Guard Outstanding Airman of the Year.

Tech. Sgt. Jacob Curtis, of Fairview Heights, Illinois, serves with the Illinois Air National Guard 126th Air Refueling Wing's Security Forces Squadron at Scott Air Force Base. He recently received a phone call from Maj. Gen. William L. Enyart, the Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard, to notify him that he was named one of the 2012 Air National Guard Outstanding Airmen of the Year, the highest national achievement the Air National Guard has to offer.

Tech. Sgt. Curtis will now be in the running to be one of the Air Force's 2012 Twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Year, and he has already received numerous awards in his military career. He was named the NCO of the Quarter in 2011, Squadron NCO of the Year in both 2008 and 2011, Mission Support Group NCO of the Year in 2011, and 126th Air Refueling Wing NCO of the Year in 2011.

Col. Peter Nezamis, commander of the 126th Air Refueling Wing, called Tech. Sgt. Curtis a "gifted and giving professional" and made reference to his family's sacrifice for their country as they have endured numerous overseas deployments. Curtis has recently returned from a 6 month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

During his deployment in Afghanistan, while at Bagram Airfield, Tech. Sgt. Curtis took decisive action when a nearby building was hit by indirect enemy rocket fire. There were several casualties and Curtis, the first to reach the scene, saw that one Airman had suffered a broken leg that had lacerated his femoral artery. Curtis tied a tourniquet around the Airman's leg and stayed with him until medical personnel arrived.

In addition to this act of heroism, Curtis was also recommended for this award because of his "dedication to duty, superior knowledge, and unwavering volunteerism."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Tech. Sgt. Jacob Curtis on being named a 2012 Air National Guard Outstanding Airman of the Year, and in wishing him and his family the very best in the future.

REMEMBERING UNITED STATES ARMY STAFF SERGEANT DAVID NOWACZYK

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with immense sadness and great respect that I rise to

remember Staff Sergeant David P. Nowaczyk for his bravery and willingness to fight for his country. Sergeant Nowaczyk was assigned to A Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, out of Fort Carson, Colorado. While serving on his third tour in Afghanistan, Sergeant Nowaczyk was killed when his vehicle struck an enemy improvised explosive device in Kunar Province, Afghanistan.

David Nowaczyk, from Dyer, Indiana, graduated from Lake Central High School in 1997, where he was a member of the wrestling and football teams. Later, in September 2005, he enlisted in the Army. Throughout his career, Sergeant Nowaczyk earned several medals, honors, and commendations for his service, including: a National Defense Service Medal, a Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, an Army Service Ribbon, two Army Commendation Medals, two Bronze Stars, and the Purple Heart, awarded posthumously.

Friends describe David as a loyal, kind man who would be willing to do anything for the people in his life. His family describes him as a good son and a great father who was willing to drop anything to be there for his family. Residents in the community are remembering Sergeant Nowaczyk as a dedicated warrior and a true American hero. Sergeant Nowaczyk leaves behind a beloved host of family and friends. He is survived by his devoted wife, Rachel, his adoring daughter, Kiley, and his loving stepson, Conner. David also leaves to cherish his memory his dear mother, Patti, and proud father, Andrew. He will also be greatly missed by his sister, Megan, with whom he was very close. Sergeant Nowaczyk also leaves behind many other friends and family members, as well as a grateful, yet deeply saddened community.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring a fallen hero, United States Army Staff Sergeant David Nowaczyk. Sergeant Nowaczyk sacrificed his life in service to his country, and his death comes as a great loss to our nation, which has once again been shaken by the realities of war. Sergeant Nowaczyk will forever remain a hero in the eyes of his family, his community, and his country. Thus, let us never forget the sacrifice he made to preserve the ideals of freedom and democracy.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Hanover Township Police Department, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary on May 14, 2012.

Hanover Township was founded in 1770 by Captain Lazarus Stewart who fought for Connecticut against the Pennsylvanians in the Wyoming Valley. For his services, Captain Stewart and his company of 40 men were granted the tract of land which became Hanover Township. Captain Stewart named the town after his hometown of Hanover in Dauphin

County. In the 1820's, coal was discovered and by 1838, mining became a leading industry in the area. However, prior to the 1900's Hanover Township had very little in the way of municipal services.

Therefore in 1912, the Hanover Township Commissioners established a paid police force to secure the safety of persons and property within Hanover Township. The first force consisted of six officers and was led by Police Chief James H. Campbell. Today, there are fourteen officers, eight cruisers and a K-9 unit which provide for the safety of Hanover Township residents under the leadership of Police Chief Albert Walker.

Mr. Speaker, for the last 100 years, the Hanover Township Police Department has proudly served the citizens of Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Therefore, I commend all those officers who have dedicated their lives to protecting their community and to all those who have gone on to their eternal rest.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN GIBSON

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a community leader and a good friend who is being honored for his service by Rock Hill Baptist Church in Saluda, South Carolina on May 12, 2012. Mr. John Gibson, who will be 92 years old later this month, has been an active member of the Saluda County community for most of his life. He is very deserving of this recognition.

John Gibson was born to the late Eddie and Mae Bell Dozier Gibson on May 26, 1920. He is the oldest of six children. He was educated in Florida public schools, and then graduated from one of the first Rosenwald Schools in South Carolina—Cane Brake in Saluda.

Following graduation, Mr. Gibson joined the Army. After entering civilian life, he worked at Fairfield Tractor Company in Columbia until his retirement. In retirement he has enjoyed his hobbies of fishing and gardening.

Throughout his life, Mr. Gibson has been dedicated to his community. He is life member of the NAACP. He has been a faithful member of the Friendship Union and the Ridge Hill Education Association. Mr. Gibson is a member of Peerless Lodge #214 and is a Master Mason.

He is also very dedicated to his church, Rock Hill Baptist Church. He served as Vacation Bible School Director and Sunday School Superintendent. He is also very involved in the church's Bible study groups, and currently serves as Deacon Emeritus.

In 1940, he married Lois Williams, and they were blessed with four children. He also has five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating John Gibson on a life well lived. He is an important unsung hero that has selflessly served his country and his community. I applaud the community for recognizing his many contributions and honoring him in this wonderful way.

HONORING REAR ADMIRAL (RADM) THOMAS F. ATKIN FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE U.S. COAST GUARD

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a leader and constituent for his extraordinary service in the United States Coast Guard. Rear Admiral (RADM) Thomas F. Atkin served his country for 34 years in the Coast Guard and on July 1st, RADM Atkin will retire as the Assistant Commandant for Intelligence and Criminal Operations at Coast Guard Headquarters. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for his extraordinary commitment to service and to our country.

RADM Atkin distinguished himself throughout his career in the fields of law enforcement, tactical border security operations and intelligence. As a Coast Guard Flag Officer, he served in multiple key leadership positions where he was responsible for directing homeland security and homeland defense policy. RADM Atkin's positions included serving as Chief of both the Maritime Homeland Security and Defense Policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the Counterterrorism Division in the Chief of Naval Operations Office. Additionally, RADM Atkin played extremely large roles in overseeing a number of significant operations. While serving as the first Commander of the Coast Guard's Deployable Operations Group, RADM Atkin was the driving force behind the development of the 3,000-member Deployable Specialized Forces, which provided some of the most advanced law enforcement, disaster response, and anti-terrorism and counter-terrorism capabilities to the Coast Guard and the Nation. He also served with distinction as the Deputy Principle Federal Official in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, where he guided life-saving response and relief efforts. RADM Atkin's efforts after these massive disasters were critical in recovery, not only for the Gulf Region, but also for the Nation as a whole. His other Flag Officer assignments included Assistant Commandant for Operational Planning and Policy and acting Assistant Commandant for Maritime Safety, Security and Stewardship.

In addition to his remarkable operational achievements, RADM Atkin also devoted himself to the Coast Guard leaders of the future through his commitment as a mentor, football and lacrosse coach, and mathematics instructor at the Coast Guard Academy. These extraordinary accomplishments reflect just a small portion of RADM Atkin's distinguished 34-year career in the service of his country.

The son of Nancy and Lawrence Atkin (CAPT, U.S. Navy, retired) and native of Duncanville, Texas, RADM Atkin is a graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematical sciences. He also earned a Master of Science degree in management science from the University of Miami. He has two sons, Levi and Joseph.

RADM Atkin's other operational assignments included Commanding Officer, Tactical Law Enforcement Team (TACLET) North in Chesapeake, VA; Commanding Officer,

TACLET Gulf in New Orleans, LA; Operations Officer, TACLET Seven in Miami, FL; Navigator, Coast Guard Cutter ALERT in Cape May, NJ; Deputy Group Commander in New Orleans, LA; and Coast Guard Liaison to Joint Task Force One Six Zero at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. His staff assignments included Chief, Office of Law Enforcement and Intelligence for the Eighth Coast Guard District, New Orleans, LA and Fisheries Enforcement Officer for the Eighth Coast Guard District, New Orleans, LA. His personal military awards include multiple awards of the Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Coast Guard Commendation Medal.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the incredible career of Rear Admiral Thomas F. Atkin. We must always honor those who devoted their lives to serving our country. I am extremely proud to have him as a constituent, and I cannot thank him enough for everything he has done to protect our freedom.

HONORING DR. HOWARD COHEN  
AND PATRICIA COHEN

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound respect and sincere appreciation that I rise once again to recognize two of Northwest Indiana's most charitable citizens, and two dear friends, Dr. Howard Cohen and his wife, Patricia. Throughout the years, Howard and Patti have been recognized many times for their contributions to the Northwest Indiana community. On Tuesday, May 15, 2012, Dr. and Mrs. Cohen will be honored by the Rotary Club of Hammond, Indiana as the 2012 recipients of the Heinze Vocational Service Award, a recognition bestowed annually upon individuals exhibiting outstanding leadership qualities and a commitment to community service.

It would be impossible to speak of the great contributions of Patti and Howard to Northwest Indiana without boasting of the immense impact both have had at Purdue University Calumet (PUC) in Hammond. Fittingly, the event at which they will be lauded for their outstanding leadership will take place at the university, where Howard served as Chancellor from 2001 until his retirement in 2011. Under Howard's leadership, PUC's expansion was remarkable, and his commitment to the university continues today. During his tenure, students at PUC witnessed the construction of the Academic Learning Center, as well as the establishment of nine centers and institutes focused on applied research. Student housing, which had previously not existed at PUC, was also added to the campus during that time. While these visible additions to the school are quite impressive, it is Howard's commitment to raising academic standards, expanding the educational curriculum, and exposing students to a system of instruction that translates far beyond the walls of a classroom that are the true testament to his leadership.

Without question, Patti Cohen shares responsibility for these achievements and the

progress that was made over the last decade. Patti has represented PUC on trips to universities in countries throughout the world including: China, Poland, Spain, Oman, and Costa Rica. She was also instrumental in promoting the university and creating a welcoming atmosphere for students, parents, and visitors. Patti also served on numerous committees and was active in the planning and hosting of many campus and community events.

In addition to their outstanding contributions to Purdue University Calumet, Patti and Howard Cohen are also to be commended for their dedication to the entire Northwest Indiana community. With the same dedication, they have served the people of Northwest Indiana through their involvement in local organizations and their service on various boards. Although their efforts encompass many different aspects of society, all contribute to one central goal: the improvement of the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Howard and Patti Cohen on being named the 2012 recipients of the Heinze Vocational Service Award by the Rotary Club of Hammond, Indiana. Leaders in the truest sense of the word, their selfless commitment to their community is to be commended, and they are most deserving of this prestigious honor.

HONORING MR. AIME KALANGWA

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Aime Kalangwa, a remarkable individual who has been an inspiration in the Miami community.

Aime is an 18 year old refugee originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo. An ongoing civil war in his country left him, and his brother, orphaned by the age 15. Being the only survivors from their family they attempted to find political asylum in neighboring countries. Eventually they found refuge in the United States, and were brought to Miami in January of 2011.

After arriving in the United States, Aime and his brother were adopted by Stephen and Melissa Kepper, constituents of Florida's 21st District. The Kepper's themselves are extraordinary individuals, whose dedication to children is unmatched. Not only did they adopt Aime and his brother, but they also adopted two children from Florida's foster care system. In August of 2011 Aime and his brother moved into their new home, and Aime shortly began his senior year of high school. During this time he had to overcome many cultural and language barriers, and worked daily with his tutors to pass his classes and learn English.

One of Aime's hardest classes to learn was American history. His tireless efforts were enriched on a recent trip to Washington, DC where he received a tour of the U.S. Capitol building from Jay Pierson of the Speaker's office, and visited numerous other museums and national landmarks. His hard work did not go unnoticed and towards the end of his senior year Aime received an award for Outstanding Achievement in American History at

his Senior Awards Night. He will also be receiving his diploma on June 3, 2012.

Aime now plans to attend Broward College to study Criminal Justice. When he graduates from the refugee program at 22 years old he has the possibility of obtaining U.S. citizenship. Aime has grown from an orphan in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to hopefully becoming a U.S. citizen in the very near future. He is the epitome of the American dream, and an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Aime Kalangwa and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual.

IN HONOR OF LUKE STANTON  
NACHBAR

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dimming of a great light in our community. Luke Stanton Nachbar was a loving husband and father and a vibrant spark for all those around him. He died last week of cancer at the young age of forty six. His departure tears a hole in the fabric of the Monterey Bay Area community that I represent here in Congress. While we all recognize the pain and loss felt by his family, especially his young children, and wife, we will also feel his loss in the public life of many communities.

I first met Luke in 1996 when he came to my Washington, DC, office as a freshly minted Monterey Institute of International Studies graduate and returned Peace Corps volunteer on a Sea Grant fellowship looking for a job. Lost in the mists of time are the exact reasons why we made the mistake of not hiring him. But he soon landed a prime position with the office of New Hampshire Senator Judd Gregg. That job ultimately led the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to tap him as a specialist in Congressional Affairs for the Policy, Planning and Analysis division of NOAA's National Ocean Service based in Monterey. In true Luke Nachbar fashion, he convinced his management that that he could best accomplish the job from Monterey rather than Silver Spring. So Luke was able to build a career in national ocean policy while raising his children with his wife on the central coast on Monterey Bay.

Everybody who knew Luke recognized his expansive and cheerful personality. He was ever the optimist, which translated professionally into an unwavering can do attitude—always an asset when dealing with Congress. Personally, his optimism translated into support for the Detroit Tigers and love of poker. One could never fail to notice his presence in a room. He always made the company around him more cheerful.

The greatest tragedy of Luke's early death is his children's loss of their father. Quinn, Flint, and Rainn were the center of Luke's life. No words can make up for their loss but I hope they never forget one important lesson that Luke epitomized—one person can make a difference and make the world a better place. I also want to offer my own personal condolences to Luke's wife, Seaberry Nachbar.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in expressing gratitude for the public

service Luke Nachbar gave to his country and community and to share with his family and friends our deep sense of loss.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF GENERAL ANN E. DUNWOODY

**HON. MO BROOKS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to General Ann E. Dunwoody, Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command, on the occasion of her retirement following 37 years of exemplary service to the United States Military. Being from Huntsville, Alabama, home to Redstone Arsenal and U.S. Army Materiel Command and as a Member of the House Committee on Armed Services, I have had the honor of knowing General Dunwoody and witnessing her patriotism and dedication to this great Nation.

General Dunwoody's service is marked by many firsts. She is the 82nd Airborne Division's first female battalion commander, she is Fort Bragg's first female general officer, she is the Combined Arms Support Command's first female commander, she is our Nation's first female four-star general, and she is the U.S. Army Materiel Command's first female commander. These historic achievements forever mark General Dunwoody as a true pioneer.

General Dunwoody's many stellar achievements in uniform, including her deployment to Saudi Arabia with the 82nd Airborne in the Persian Gulf War, are a tribute to her character and ability, but she is admired most for her compassionate leadership and for the steadfast courage she has shown in the defense of our Nation. General Dunwoody is, first and foremost, a proud, fourth-generation U.S. Army Soldier.

As General Dunwoody and her husband, Colonel Craig Brotchie (U.S. Air Force, Retired), begin the next phase of their lives, I want to express, on behalf of the American people, the warmest regards and heartfelt gratitude of the Nation for all that they have done and all that they are.

On behalf of all those touched by her service, we wish General Dunwoody good luck, good ground, and Godspeed. Army Strong!

**JIM BERK**

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I along with Representative BASS of California are pleased to pay tribute to Mr. Jim Berk for his outstanding contributions to young people and education in the arts in our community.

Mr. Berk began his impressive career in public education at the age of twenty-one as a music teacher at Carson High. He reopened Carson's music department and quickly built it into one of the largest programs in the State of California. When he left Carson High, Jim went to Alexander Hamilton High School in Los Angeles. Together with a committed group

of educators, teachers, and parents, Jim founded the Hamilton High School Academy of Music, which is now the largest comprehensive performing arts magnet program in the western United States. The Music Academy is now a treasure in our school system. For 1,000 students every year, it is a special place with a richly diverse campus that provides world class arts education that transforms lives.

Mr. Berk's commitment to the students of Hamilton High deepened when he was appointed Principal of the Alexander Hamilton High School Complex in 1990. He became the youngest principal in the history of the Los Angeles Unified School District, and in that position he instituted an interdisciplinary curriculum combining both academic studies with the arts. During his tenure, an astounding 96 percent of graduating seniors at Hamilton went on to pursue higher education, attendance improved an impressive 22 percent, hitting 94 percent overall, and the schools rating jumped from the 34th percentile to the 81st in state assessment scores.

This year, Hamilton High's Academy of Music is celebrating its 25th year. At a time when so many arts and music programs in public schools are struggling, the community of support that has grown around Hamilton's program is working to ensure that it has the resources it needs to continue in its proud tradition of excellence. In the 25 years since Jim Berk helped to make the Academy of Music a reality, it has maintained a reputation as a crown jewel of public arts education, even as he has carried his skills and dedication to other endeavors.

Mr. Berk's long-standing commitment to our public schools was only the start of his many contributions to our community and to the arts. As the founding executive director of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences Foundation, he helped to shape the Foundation's commitment to cultivating an understanding and appreciation of the contribution that recorded music has made to American culture through musical events that engage the recording community, as well as the general public. Mr. Berk later became President and CEO of Hard Rock Café International where he also served as CEO of the Hard Rock Foundation. Through the Foundation Mr. Berk helped to provide education, social action grants, and thousands of hours of volunteer services to local charities and schools.

Mr. Berk continues to make a difference in the community through his current position as CEO of Participant Media, an entertainment company that focuses on socially relevant, commercially viable feature films, documentaries, television, and digital media. During Mr. Berk's tenure, Participant Media launched TakePart.com, a social action website that hosts an extensive network of cause-related sites covering an array of social issues as well as ways for individuals to take action. The company has also invested in Me to We, a social enterprise which promotes a socially responsible, globally-focused approach to living for young people who want to help change the world through their daily choices as consumers.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, we ask you to join us in recognizing Jim Berk for his years of service and dedication to arts education and our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MOBILE  
TURKISH COFFEE HOUSE PROJECT

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Mobile Turkish Coffee House, currently touring the East Coast to promote friendship between Turkish and American people. Led by Gizem Salcigil White, this all-volunteer, non-profit project has decorated a food truck with images of Turkey and is travelling to Washington D.C.; Baltimore, Maryland; New York City; New Haven, Connecticut; and Boston, Massachusetts to share free Turkish coffee with Americans in order to facilitate "coffee conversations" between Turkish and American people.

The United States of America and the Republic of Turkey have close diplomatic ties and they cooperate on many issues. The Mobile Turkish Coffee House project is promoting awareness of this friendship through fun cultural events. In addition to sharing free coffee, the Mobile Turkish Coffee House is hosting educational events throughout the East Coast. The events feature expert lectures and free tastings followed by short role-plays that reflect Turkish traditions and values.

Turkish coffee is world-renowned. This unique coffee was recently submitted to UNESCO's World Heritage list by the Republic of Turkey's Ministry of Culture and Tourism as a cultural inheritance that should be protected. The Ottoman Empire brought coffee to Europe, from which it made its way to the United States. Both Americans and Turkish people enjoy coffee; through this project both peoples can learn more about our shared history.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Gizem Salcigil White and all the volunteers who have made The Mobile Turkish Coffee House a reality. As they spread their message of good will, we recognize their spirit of friendship and commend them for their efforts to promote peace and international camaraderie.

CELEBRATING TAIWAN'S PRESIDENT MA YING-JEOU'S SECOND INAUGURATION

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Ma Ying-Jeou's second inauguration as president of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on May 20, 2012. I am honored to celebrate President Ma Ying-Jeou's second inauguration because of his diplomacy skills, work on improving the relationship between Taiwan and mainland China, and efforts to reduce crime along the Taiwan Strait.

Since President Ma Ying-Jeou took office, his pursuit of an open society is evident. Many of the world's great religions are openly and enthusiastically practiced in Taiwan. These denominations include Buddhism, Taoism, Chris-

tianity and many more. Labor unions, NGOs and various activist groups are also free to operate in Taiwan. Taiwan is, further, home to many languages, dialects and cultures from across Asia.

For Taiwan, the fifth direct presidential election on January 14, 2012, is a milestone. This election is testament to Taiwan's embrace of democracy. Under President Ma Ying-Jeou's time in office, Taiwanese citizens finally experience and exercise democracy. Taiwan is a shining example not only for Asia but for the entire world.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize President Ma Ying-Jeou's second inauguration, and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating President Ma on his second inauguration and honor him for the lasting influence he has made on Taiwan.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OLGA  
"BETTY" DOUGHERTY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Olga 'Betty' Dougherty, a dedicated civic activist in Lakewood, Ohio, and a volunteer to the Democratic Party and Democratic candidates in Northeast Ohio.

Born on October 8th, 1917, in Ashtabula, Ohio, Olga Tratnik, was known as Betty. In her early 20s, Betty worked as a housekeeper before landing a job at General Electric until she retired.

Betty was a passionate volunteer, working with many different organizations to improve the world around her. She was with the St. Clair Superior Coalition for 20 years. She was a longtime member of the Lakewood Democratic Club. Following her retirement, in the early 1990s, Betty became more politically involved and began volunteering for Democratic Cleveland City Council candidates in her ward. She eventually worked her way into larger races and was an avid volunteer for Ohio State Representative Mike Foley, Ohio State Senator Michael Skindell and myself.

In 1997, during my first term in Congress, Norfolk Southern announced its plan to triple the number of freight trains along the track through Lakewood as part of its acquisition of Conrail. Betty was then living in the Westerly apartments near my Lakewood District Office. She was active in opposing the merger because of the effect the increased freight levels would have on the safety of the people of Lakewood and surrounding communities. Betty and several other seniors who lived in the Westerly began a daily count of the number of trains, contradicting NS's contention that there were only 13 trains a day as there was in 1995. Known as the "Senior Monitors," Betty and her colleagues reported their train counts at every meeting of the people organized to oppose to the merger. Often the Senior Monitors' numbers were much higher than Norfolk Southern's, in the 20-24 range. The Senior Monitors' data was significant in helping me and the local communities negotiate the historic cap on the number of trains at the 1995

level, rather than a higher number based on 1997 numbers. Thanks to Betty's help and so many others working with her to protect safety in Lakewood, that cap of 14 trains per day on the Nickel Plate Line through Lakewood, Rocky River and Bay Village, is in effect today.

Betty was also a world traveler and joined travel groups where she would be paired up with another single lady on adventures all over the world. Throughout her travels she collected hundreds of recipes and enjoyed hosting her friends and neighbors for dinner parties.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the great life and achievements of Betty Dougherty.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANK  
MOTTA, A DEDICATED SAMARITAN AND PUBLIC SERVANT

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I rise today to honor the life Frank Motta, a Good Samaritan who paid the ultimate price for helping his community. Frank—known in eastern Washington as a man who would stand up for what was right no matter the cost—passed away in March after being assaulted while trying to break up an underage drinking party. His legacy of utmost care and concern for others will be remembered and sorely missed by the community.

Frank, a Vietnam veteran, served in the United States Air Force from 1964-1968, receiving an Honorable Discharge as well as 2 Presidential Unit Citations, 2 Outstanding Unit Awards, and 2 Vietnamese Crosses for Gallantry. He continued his service to the country by taking a prominent role in Central Washington youth education, working for over 30 years as an English teacher, football coach, principal, and assistant superintendent. He received degrees and certifications in education from California State University at Fullerton, Azusa Pacific University, Washington State University, and Central Washington University. One of his greatest honors was receiving the Young Educator of the Year Award from the Othello High School in 1979, which recognized his tremendous service to the youth of Central Washington.

After retiring from his education career, Frank continued his service as a volunteer in the Spokane VA. His compassion and concern ultimately earned him a full-time position. His coworkers remember him as a man with an unwavering commitment to serve those who served us, saying he's had a true impact on every employee in the hospital.

While we mourn the loss of this dedicated servant and everyday hero, it is with great joy that we remember his life of commitment to others. We are honored to have had such a tremendous man as a part of our community, and ask that his passing serve as a reminder to us all that we are meant to live for one another, and a life built around dedication to others is a life truly lived. May he live on in the heart of service everywhere.



IN REMEMBRANCE OF FORMER  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE, REV-  
EREND MICHAEL DEBOSE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of former state representative, Reverend Michael DeBose.

A lifelong resident of Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. DeBose graduated from Urban League Street Academy and Cleveland State University. He also studied at Myers College and the Moody Bible Institute. He began his professional career with the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority and City of Cleveland. He eventually went to work for the Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineer Department as a building and grounds superintendent and vehicle maintenance supervisor.

In 2002, Rev. DeBose began serving as a Member of the Ohio House of Representatives from the 12th District, representing the areas of Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, Cleveland Wards 1 and Ward 2, as well as part of Cleveland Ward 3. He was an avid advocate for raising the minimum wage and promoting cancer screenings. He served as State Representative for four consecutive terms until he reached the term limit at the end of 2010.

In addition to his civil service, Rev. DeBose was an active member of the Greater Cleveland community. He was a member of the Cleveland School Board and was essential to the establishment of the Cleveland School of the Arts' parent-teacher association. Rev. DeBose was also an associate pastor at Zion Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and served as chaplain for the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus.

I offer my condolences to his wife, the former Cheryl Ann Andrews; children, Shalimar Keyhan DeBose, Michael Kareem DeBose II and Krystal Keyhan DeBose; three grandsons; four brothers and four sisters.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering the late Reverend Michael DeBose.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, on April 26, 2012, I missed votes on various amendments to and final passage of H.R. 3523, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act.

On the Langevin amendment, rollcall No. 184, which would expand eligibility to participate in the voluntary information sharing program created in the bill to include critical infrastructure owners and operators and ensure that all critical infrastructure entities are able to receive vital cybersecurity information and better secure their networks against cyberthreats, I would have voted "yea."

On amendments including rollcall Nos. 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, and 190, I would have voted "yea."

On the Democratic Motion to Recommit, I would have voted "yea," and on final passage of H.R. 3523, I would have voted "no."

I strongly support efforts to improve information sharing among the various stakeholders critical to keeping Americans safe from cyber threats, but not at the expense of our civil liberties. This legislation does not effectively protect privacy and ensure that Americans' rights are upheld.

IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAMESE  
COMMUNITY OF CLEVELAND AND  
THE 37TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
FALL OF SAIGON

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance and recognition of the 37th anniversary of the fall of Saigon. This historical date commemorates the end of the Vietnam War, and represents the beginning of a new life for tens of thousands of Vietnamese people, as they began their hopeful journey to America.

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

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

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring and remembering the hundreds of thousands of men and women who struggle for peace and freedom, then and now. We also honor agencies and churches such as The Vietnamese Community of Greater Cleveland and St. Helena Catholic Church, which offer havens of support, services and hope to immigrants from all over the world. The Vietnamese culture, through the care and commitment of its people, has flourished in Cleveland and across America, yet remains forever connected to its ancient cultural and historical traditions that spiral back throughout the centuries, connecting the old world to the new, spanning oceans and borders in the ageless quest for peace—from Vietnam to America.

COMMEMORATING THE CENTEN-  
NIAL OF THE BIRTH OF RAOUL  
WALLENBERG

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic actions of

Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish citizen and diplomat, who, together with other courageous individuals, helped 100,000 Hungarian Jews escape Nazi authorities during World War II. As we continue to honor the memories of all those who suffered and perished during the Holocaust, we cannot forget the extraordinary men and women who risked their very own lives to take a stand against injustice and save their fellow man. This year marks the centennial of Wallenberg's birth, and although his ultimate fate remains unknown, we must ensure that this and future generations know of his great deeds.

Wallenberg was born on August 4, 1912 in Lidingö, Sweden, to a prominent Lutheran family. He studied architecture at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and graduated with honors in 1935. The following year, Wallenberg went to work at a bank in Haifa, Palestine, and was deeply moved by the stories of Jews who had escaped Nazi persecution in Germany. After returning to Sweden, he became associated with Koloman Lauer, a Hungarian Jew who owned an import and export firm. Wallenberg traveled freely through Germany, Nazi-occupied France, and Hungary, where he witnessed the plight of European Jews firsthand.

On March 19, 1944, Hitler invaded Hungary and began a massive deportation of Hungary's estimated 700,000 Jews to the concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau. Earlier that year, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt established the War Refugee Board in order to help Jews and other groups persecuted by the Nazi and Axis powers. Working together with the Swedish government and prominent Swedish Jews, including Lauer, the War Refugee Board sought to send a special envoy to Budapest to rescue as many Hungarian Jews as possible. Wallenberg, then only 31 years old, was appointed first secretary at the Swedish Legation in Budapest with full diplomatic privileges and the financial support of the War Refugee Board.

Wallenberg used all means necessary to protect Jews from the German and Hungarian authorities, employing several hundred Jews under the protection of the Swedish Legation, redesigning the so-called "Schutzpass," and securing approximately 15,000 such protective passes. On October 15, 1944, the fascist Arrow Cross Party seized power in Hungary and installed a pro-Nazi regime that terrorized, deported, and murdered tens of thousands of people. Still, Wallenberg remained in Budapest to continue his efforts and established "Swedish Houses," which served as places of refuge for over 25,000 Jews.

On November 20, 1944, Adolph Eichmann began the "death marches," the deportation of thousands of starving and tortured Jews by foot along the 125-mile-long road between Budapest and the Austrian border. Wallenberg directly confronted German soldiers along the way in order to provide protective passes, food, and medicine to Jews. In January 1945, he saved the remaining Jews living in Budapest's largest ghetto from massacre with the help of Pál Szalay, an Arrow Cross senior official.

When the Russian army arrived in Budapest on January 17, 1945, Wallenberg disappeared after being taken into Soviet custody. He was reportedly imprisoned in Lubyanka prison in Moscow, and died on July 19, 1947 from a heart attack. However, reports from former Soviet prisoners as recent as 1981 suggest that

Wallenberg may have survived after 1947, and his fate remains shrouded in mystery to this day. He has since become the subject of numerous humanitarian honors, including that of Yad Vashem's "Righteous among the Nations;" has been named an honorary citizen of the United States, Canada, and Israel; and has been memorialized through countless monuments, statues, works of art, social institutions, and street names around the world.

Mr. Speaker, Raoul Wallenberg and his colleagues in the Swedish Legation saved at least 100,000 Jews in Hungary from extermination, including the late Congressman Tom Lantos and his wife Annette. As we celebrate the centennial of Wallenberg's birth, let his story inspire and embolden our ongoing efforts to bring an end to discrimination and hate-inspired violence in our communities through greater leadership and cooperation among all peoples.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAGOS  
HUNGARIAN FOLK BAND

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Magos Hungarian Folk Band, and welcome them to Cleveland, Ohio, for their performance at St. Emeric's Church Hall on April 29, 2012.

The Magos Band's philosophy is to learn and present Hungarian folk music in its archaic form and perform it to the young generation. Their music is classified as *Táncház*, drawing inspiration from the Carpathian basin, including Hungary, Transylvania and parts of Slovakia.

The Magos Hungarian Folk Band is comprised of violinists Csaba Soós and Márton Kovács, Dávid Horváth on bass, Tamás Enyedi on cimbalom, Márton Fekete playing the *brácsa*, and vocals by Ágnes Enyedi. The band gained fame after winning the 2011 Folkbeats Competition in Budapest, Hungary. Their prize was a concert tour of North America. In addition to a concert, the Magos Band will also be hosting a traditional Hungarian dance party after each of their shows.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the Magos Hungarian Folk Band and welcoming them to the City of Cleveland.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "JOHN  
HOPE FRANKLIN TULSA-GREEN-  
WOOD RIOT ACCOUNTABILITY  
ACT"

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce the "John Hope Franklin Tulsa-Greenwood Riot Accountability Act of 2012," along with Representative NADLER, and additional cosponsors. This legislation will create a

Federal cause of action to allow the survivors of the Tulsa-Greenwood Riot of 1921 to seek a determination on the merits of their civil rights and other claims against the perpetrators of the Riot in a Federal court of law.

This legislation is named in honor of the late Dr. John Hope Franklin, the noted historian, who was a first-hand witness to the destructive impact that the riot had on the African-American community of Tulsa. Dr. Franklin made numerous scholarly contributions to the understanding of the long term effects of the riot on the city and worked to keep the issue alive in history and on the minds of policymakers. On April 24, 2007, he served as a witness, testifying in favor of the legislation, and its passage would be a fitting tribute to his memory and to a community which has never received its fair day in court.

The Greenwood neighborhood of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was one of the nation's most prosperous African-American communities entering the decade of the Nineteen Twenties. Serving over 8000 residents, the community boasted two newspapers, over a dozen churches, and hundreds of African-American-owned businesses, with the commercial district known nationally as the "Negro Wall Street." In May 1921, all that came to an end as 42 square blocks of the community were burned to the ground and up to 300 of its residents were killed by a racist mob. In the wake of the violence, the State and local governments quashed claims for redress and effectively erased the incident from official memory.

The 1921 Tulsa Race Riot was one of the most destructive and costly attacks upon an American community in our nation's history. However, no convictions were obtained for the incidents of murder, arson or larceny connected with the riot, and none of the more than 100 contemporaneously filed lawsuits by residents and property owners were successful in recovering damages from insurance companies to assist in the reconstruction of the community.

The case of the Tulsa-Greenwood Riot victims is worthy of Congressional attention because substantial evidence suggests that governmental officials deputized and armed the mob and that the National Guard joined in the destruction. The report commissioned by the Oklahoma State Legislature in 1997, and published in 2001, uncovered new information and detailed, for the first time, the extent of the involvement by the State and city government in prosecuting and erasing evidence of the riot. This new evidence was crucial for the formulation of a substantial case, but its timeliness raised issues at law, and resulted in a dismissal on statute of limitation grounds. In dismissing the survivor's claims, however, the Court found that extraordinary circumstances might support extending the statute of limitations, but that Congress did not establish rules applicable to the case at bar. With this legislation, we have the opportunity to provide closure for a group of claimants—many over 100 years old—and the ability close the book on a tragic chapter in history.

Racism, and its violent manifestations, are part of our nation's past that we cannot avoid. With the prosecution of historical civil rights claims, both civil and criminal, we encourage a process of truth and reconciliation which can heal historic wounds. In this case, the Court

took "no great comfort" in finding that there was no legal avenue through which the plaintiffs could bring their claims. The "Tulsa-Greenwood Riot Accountability Act" would simply give Tulsans and all Oklahomans, white and black, victims and non-victims, their day in court. Without that opportunity, we will all continue to be victims of our past.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MRS. GINA  
THOMPSON

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Mrs. Gina Thompson, a supporter and leading voice for environmental, social and political improvement.

Gina was born on January 28, 1938 in Los Angeles, California. She was raised by her mother, Greta and stepfather, William Dooling. Gina attended Santa Monica College and soon after married Ed Angell. They had a son, Christopher.

Several years later, Gina remarried her husband of 55 years, John Thompson. While the family of three was living in Malibu, Gina was diagnosed with breast cancer. She vowed that if she overcame the disease, she would devote her life to helping others. This is when Gina's career in philanthropy blossomed.

Beginning as a volunteer, Gina was ultimately appointed the executive director of the Center for the Healing Arts in Los Angeles. She eventually went on to the same position with The Hermes Project before to Nicasio, California. She continued her work with non-profit organizations as the executive director for the Dharma Foundation.

Gina was also extremely involved in politics, and served as a fundraiser and organizer for both my own and President Obama's campaigns. Spirituality was another aspect that was important in Gina's life. She was a fundraiser for Spirit Rock Meditation Center and assisted master Mingtogn Gu in bringing the Wisdom Healing Qigong Center to Petaluma.

I offer my condolences to her husband, John Thompson and son, Christopher Angell.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the life of Mrs. Gina Thompson.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,675,791,363,404.17. We've added \$5,048,914,314,491.09 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

JACOB GULLA

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Jacob Gulla who scored a one hundred percent on the 2012 National Financial Capabilities Challenge.

The National Financial Capabilities Challenge is annually administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the U.S. Department of Education. The challenge is designed to increase the financial knowledge and capability of high school students across the United States.

This year, 80,024 students took the test and Pennsylvania had the highest number of participating schools and educators. In addition, Pennsylvania had the highest number of students who scored in the top 20th percentile in the nation and ranked as the fourth highest state with students who scored a one hundred percent on the test.

Mr. Speaker, financial capability empowers individuals to make informed choices, avoid pitfalls, know where to go for help, and take other actions to improve their present and long-term financial well-being. Today, I commend Jacob Gulla for his hard work and dedication to taking control of his financial future, which is evident in his accomplishment.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND DAN SEWELL

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Reverend Dan Sewell, who was named the 2012 Fairview Park Citizen of the Year by the Fairview Park Community Council.

Rev. Sewell, a lifelong resident of Fairview Park, Ohio was born in 1955. He graduated from Fairview Park High School in 1973 and earned a Master of Theology Degree from Fuller Seminary. He has been married to his wife, Karen, for 37 years and they have four daughters.

In 1989, Rev. Sewell became the pastor of the New Hope Church. Under his leadership, the church has become a staple in the community, hosting hunger drives and other various community service opportunities. Rev. Sewell is also the longest-serving member of the Fairview Park Ministerial Association which supports the Fairview Park Hunger Center and National Day of Prayer gatherings.

He has also been involved with Fairview Park's annual Summerfest, serving as a bake-off judge, talent judge, and musical performer. Additionally, Rev. Sewell was instrumental in developing Fairview Park's "Everyone is Our Neighbor" campaign as a response to crime in the community.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Reverend Dan Sewell as he is honored by the Fairview Park Community Council as the 2012 Fairview Park Citizen of the Year.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK AND THE SELFLESS WORK OF AMERICA'S EDUCATORS

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Nation's teachers, and particularly those of Texas' 24th Congressional District. Yesterday marked the beginning of National Teacher Appreciation Week, and today, May 8, 2012, is Teacher Appreciation Day. This annual week celebrates the encouragement, support and discipline selflessly provided by America's educators. Teaching is a difficult job that requires significant talent. Most, if not all, of America's educators devote their careers to enriching the lives of our children. Almost everyone holds dear the memory of at least one teacher in particular who made a significant impact on their life. We can never fully thank our teachers for their hard work and dedication.

We rely on teachers to shape the minds of America's next generation. Nearly 5 million students in Texas depend on our State's educators to provide them with the vital knowledge needed to succeed in life. This is a massive job that comes with an even greater responsibility. Teachers accept this responsibility with great pride. I am extremely honored to recognize the amazing work of our teachers. I cannot thank them enough for their commitment to the children in Texas and across the country.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the selfless work of America's educators. We must always recognize those who dedicate their careers to enriching the lives of our children.

HONORING JAN GILBERT FOR 30 YEARS OF ADVOCACY WORK IN NEVADA

**HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Ms. Jan Gilbert, for her 30-year career of advocating for income equality, human rights, and women's health.

This year, Ms. Gilbert is retiring from her current position at the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada (PLAN) after 30 years of advocacy on behalf of the voiceless. I am delighted to honor her service and leadership as a champion for justice in the State of Nevada.

In 1982, Jan's work began by serving the community through the League of Women Voters of Nevada as president of the Carson City chapter. In 1990, Jan advocated for the passage of Question 7 to reaffirm women's reproductive rights. Jan's commitment to empowering citizens to become active participants in their government prompted her to cofound PLAN, a statewide organization that offers a unified force for social, environmental, and economic integrity in Nevada.

Jan coauthored the 2002 Wider Opportunities for Women's Self Sufficiency Standard for Nevada. She also served as the cofounder of Nevada's Empowered Women's Project, representing low-income women. In addition, Ms. Gilbert has been instrumental in promoting social justice among Nevadans as the air of the Child Abuse Prevention, Family Support, and Respite Subcommittee of the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Grants Management Advisory Committee. Jan has worked tirelessly for low-income women on welfare and facilitated the passage of "make work pay" that allowed women to remain on welfare after they started working. She helped increase the welfare grant level for recipients along with aiding in the creation of childcare funding for welfare recipients while they worked.

Finally, Jan's proudest accomplishment was the 2009 passage of the Domestic Partner Registry. She worked vigorously to pass this measure for Nevada and she was responsible for obtaining the last remaining vote to secure its passage and override a gubernatorial veto. Since October 1, 2009, committed couples in Nevada can legally register their partnership and be recognized by the State.

During Jan's years of service, she has received a number of distinguished awards, including the Mike O'Callaghan Humanitarian of the Year Award, the Hannah Humanitarian Award, the Public Citizen of the Year Award, and the Women's Role Model Award, recognizing her gallant efforts. Most recently, she was named a 2012 "Champion of Change" by the White House.

As the Representative for Nevada's First Congressional District, it gives me immense pride to recognize Jan Gilbert and the remarkable work she has done for Nevada. She has made our State a more just, impartial, and equal place for all. I congratulate Jan and her family on a well-earned retirement, but I am sure her love for service and civic engagement will continue to benefit the Silver State in many exciting and innovative ways.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY CLUB OF CLEVELAND

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the City Club of Cleveland.

Established in 1912 as a non-partisan forum for debate, the City Club of Cleveland is the country's oldest independent continuous free speech forum. It is often referred to as "America's Citadel of Free Speech." The mission of the City Club of Cleveland is to inform, educate and inspire citizens by presenting significant ideas and providing opportunities for dialogue in a collegial setting. The speaking events held at the City Club of Cleveland can be heard across the nation through the radio, television, podcasts and on YouTube.

Throughout the past century, the City Club of Cleveland has hosted some of the country's fiercest debates and inspiring speeches. Perhaps the most well-known speech delivered at the City Club of Cleveland was Senator Robert F. Kennedy's "Mindless Menace of Violence" speech delivered on the day following

the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Other notable speakers include Bill Clinton, Theodore Roosevelt, Geraldine Ferraro, W.E.B. DuBois, Sandra Day O'Connor, Cesar Chavez, Rosa Parks, Henry Kissinger and Ken Burns.

The City Club of Cleveland is celebrating its centennial year with several events. On May 18, 2012, Ted Turner will receive the Citadel of Free Speech Award. The City Club of Cleveland is also hosting an Anniversary Essay Contest, Encore Speakers Series and Centennial Gala Celebration this fall.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the City Club of Cleveland.

NATIONAL MARROW DONOR REGISTRY TODAY SURPASSES 10 MILLION VOLUNTEERS READY TO GIVE THE LIVING GIFT OF LIFE

### HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share with my colleagues some good news about a life-saving program begun by this House 25 years ago. The National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP), now publicly known as Be The Match, marks another major milestone today as it has signed up its 10 millionth potential volunteer bone marrow donor on its Be The Match Registry®.

With a small appropriation of funds in 1986, the National Marrow Donor Program began to recruit potential bone marrow donors in the Fall of 1987. The registry started with a list of 10,000 volunteers who had signed up at small bake sales and community events all over the country with the hope that their donation of bone marrow would save the life of a man, woman or child with leukemia or any one of 60 otherwise fatal blood disorders.

With the odds of finding a matched, unrelated marrow donor at greater than 20,000 to one, federal support was required to establish a registry large and diverse enough to find donors for patients in need of a second chance at life. Today, the Be The Match Registry is the largest and most diverse listing of potential marrow donors and cord blood units in the world and has direct relationships with registries in 37 other nations.

Because of the committed volunteer registry members, Be The Match has facilitated more than 50,000 transplants for patients with leukemia, lymphoma and other life-threatening diseases over these past 25 years. Half of the 50,000 procedures facilitated by Be The Match were performed in the last five years alone—demonstrating the great momentum behind transplant therapy. By 2015, Be The Match plans to double the number of transplants it facilitates annually, to more than 10,000.

Today, Be The Match continues to grow to meet the needs of patients whose best—and often only—hope for a cure is a marrow or cord blood transplant. Each of the 10,000,000 volunteers, and every additional member of the registry we recruit, represents hope to the thousands of patients who search for a match every year.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate and thank all of the members of this House who

have been a partner with me in establishing this modern miracle of a program that has given hope to thousands of families here in the United States and all around the world. And I invite all of my colleagues to join me in commending the NMDP and Be The Match for recruiting 10 million registry members in every Congressional District, and for the dedication of its staff members and thousands of volunteers to the noblest of causes to save the life of another person.

RECOGNIZING THE 2012 RECIPIENTS OF THE MCGOWAN COURAGE AWARD

### HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to share positive stories about young people from Ohio's Fourth Congressional District who overcome adversity. Today, I am pleased to share the stories of seven such individuals.

Alex Armstrong, Clear Fork High School. Alex refuses to allow Asperger's Syndrome to get in the way of pursuing his passion for music. He is a field commander for Clear Fork's marching band, participates in the stage and concert bands, and plays the organ at his church. Alex's leading roles in National Honor Society, the French Club, and the Tech Team are an inspiration to his teachers, who attest to his hard work and friendliness.

Katie Cabrera, Crestview High School. Challenged by family circumstances that have forced her to take control of her own health care decisions, Katie has the respect and admiration of her teachers and school staff for the responsibility she shows in dealing with diabetes. Her confidence, courage, and independence are a model to young people and adults alike. Katie plans to attend college after graduation.

Emily York, Lexington High School. A devastating motorcycle accident four years ago left Emily with third-degree burns over most of her body. She has endured multiple surgeries, skin grafts, and a serious leg infection resulting in amputation. After spending more than 18 months away from home in hospitals, Emily has returned to school, where her dedication is a model to her fellow students. She plans to study art therapy.

Mercedes Sawyer, Madison Comprehensive High School. Mercedes has suffered strokes and seizures caused by a rare and untreatable mitochondrial disease. She has fought this disease with diet changes and regular exercise, which has boosted her energy level and allowed her to participate in soccer, swimming, and track. A volunteer with the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation, she will attend the University of Iowa this fall.

Travon Slaughter, Mansfield Senior High School. Coping with chronic pain and muscular atrophy caused by a stroke he suffered in the womb, Travon's positive attitude and sense of humor have won him the admiration of his teachers and fellow students. He entered the Early Childhood Career Tech Program, has worked at Madison Early Childhood Learning Center, and has plans to start his own daycare center.

Claire Engelken, Ontario High School. Claire has earned the respect of her peers and teachers for the way she has dealt with Asperger's Syndrome and scoliosis. Her passion for planning and for improving her communication skills continues to be an asset to her in her schoolwork. Claire has worked with the Pathway Program and wants to further develop her love of animals by working in an animal shelter or veterinary office after graduation.

Caitlyn James, St. Peter's High School. Caitlyn will not allow the challenges she faces at home to overwhelm her positive spirit, strong faith, and commitment to fight injustices. She recently made a presentation at a child abuse prevention awareness event that she coordinated at St. Peter's. Caitlyn plans to continue her selfless service to others following graduation and is considering serving in the Armed Forces.

Mr. Speaker, the Rotary Club of Mansfield, Ohio, will present these seven students with the McGowan Courage Award today. I am proud to join the Rotary in acknowledging their significant achievements and wishing them continued success in their lives.

IN HONOR OF POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY, 2012

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Poles, Polish-Americans on the occasion of Polish Constitution Day.

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

The Polish American Congress strives to make Americans of Polish heritage more successful and involved U.S. citizens by encouraging them to assume the responsibilities of leadership. Since its foundation over sixty years ago, the group has created programs to successfully integrate people of Polish descent in the U.S. and enrich Cleveland's social fabric. These programs include the Displaced Persons Program, which allowed almost 150,000 Polish immigrants to enter the U.S. after World War Two. The group also won American veterans benefits for Polish Veterans of both World War One and World War Two. The Polish American Congress has played a crucial role in the Polish Community, and in its many years of support and service has been an invaluable contribution to the City of Cleveland and this nation.

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

## INTEREST RATE REDUCTION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2012*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 4628, which places partisan politics ahead of America's students and the health of Minnesota communities.

If Congress does not act by July 1, interest rates on student loans will double for 7 million American students. This is a financial crisis for these students and their families, who will be forced to pay an additional \$1000 this year in loan repayment costs. America's college students are already graduating with an average debt burden of \$25,000—higher than any time in our nation's history. President Obama and Democrats in Congress are committed to lowering the costs of college and have introduced legislation to block this impending rate increase.

For months, Republicans in Congress have completely ignored this problem. The fiscal year 2013 budget that House Republicans adopted in March did not include a fix for skyrocketing student loan rate increase, but it did provide millionaires and billionaires an average tax cut of \$400,000. The Republican Chairman of the House Education and Workforce Committee—my colleague from Minnesota—opposed extending the current low interest rate as recently as last week. On April 20, The New York Times reported Chairman KLINE saying a fix would be “too costly” and that “we must choose between allowing interest rates to rise or piling billions of dollars on the backs of taxpayers.”

Thankfully, House Republicans ended their opposition to lower student loan rates this week under pressure from President Obama and millions of American students. The majority introduced H.R. 4628 to extend the current 3.4 percent interest rate on federal Stafford loans for an additional year at a cost of \$6.3 billion. Unfortunately, House Republicans are cynically choosing to offset the costs of H.R. 4628 by repealing the Prevention and Public Health Fund created by the new health care reform law. Cutting health care for millions of Americans to prevent rising student loan rates is an unacceptable and unnecessary choice.

Minnesota communities rely on this Fund to pay for cancer detection, childhood immunizations, newborn screening and other critical health care services that help to keep our communities healthy and save our country billions in long-term health care costs. Women in Minnesota will be disproportionately impacted due to the loss of access to services such as breast and cervical cancer screening. Nearly 800 community organizations across the country oppose H.R. 4628 because of these damaging cuts, including the American Lung Association, American Heart Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, the Association of Maternal and Child Health, and the National Association of County and City Health Officials. The White House opposes H.R. 4628 and told the House Republican majority to expect a veto from President Obama. This partisan legislation will only further delay a solution for students.

Democrats in Congress have a plan to protect students against rising loan costs without

adding to deficits or harming communities. I am a co-sponsor of H.R. 4816, which prevents the doubling of interest rates on student loans and offsets the costs by eliminating wasteful taxpayer subsidies for the five biggest oil corporations that are making record profits. This legislation is a win for students and a win for American taxpayers. H.R. 4816 reflects the priorities of the American people and creates a path for bipartisan consensus.

I urge my colleges to reject H.R. 4628 and, instead, pass the common-sense alternative offered by House Democrats.

WILLIAM DIGIGLIO

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate William Digiglio who scored a one hundred percent on the 2012 National Financial Capabilities Challenge.

The National Financial Capabilities Challenge is annually administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the U.S. Department of Education. The challenge is designed to increase the financial knowledge and capability of high school students across the United States.

This year, 80,024 students took the test and Pennsylvania had the highest number of participating schools and educators. In addition, Pennsylvania had the highest number of students who scored in the top 20th percentile in the nation and ranked as the fourth highest state with students who scored a one hundred percent on the test.

Mr. Speaker, financial capability empowers individuals to make informed choices, avoid pitfalls and take other actions to improve their present and long-term financial well-being. Today, I commend William Digiglio for his hard work and dedication to taking control of his financial future, which is evident in his accomplishment.

IN CELEBRATION OF ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY, 2012

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Day 2012 and to celebrate the many cultural and societal contributions of the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities throughout Northeast Ohio.

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Day provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the numerous achievements of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders throughout Northeast Ohio and across the nation. Cultural diversity is a foundation of our community and it has allowed our residents to experience traditions from around the world.

The heritage of Asian Americans has been preserved and reflected by each generation. It shows the spirit, hope and courage of all of our ancestors who braved treacherous jour-

neys along the road to freedom and opportunity in America.

This year's celebration will take place at Cleveland City Hall Rotunda and feature Mayor Frank Jackson, Ms. Margaret W. Wong, and Mr. Blaine A. Griffin, the Director of Community Relations Board.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating Asian/Pacific American Heritage Day and honoring the contributions of all Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in our Greater Cleveland community.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT  
NORTHERN COLORADO

**HON. CORY GARDNER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise on the occasion of Honor Flight Northern Colorado's eighth flight to Washington, D.C. bringing Veterans of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam to see their memorials. On behalf of a grateful delegation, state, and country, we welcome these heroes.

The 122 Veterans on this flight include 48 from the Korea conflict, and 8 Purple Heart recipients from the Vietnam War. The Honor Flight program, founded in 2005, was intended to first honor all WWII Veterans that could make the trips, but then to afford the same to those from the Korea and Vietnam eras. We are, this day, honoring those Veterans from Korea (the Forgotten War) and Vietnam, our longest conflict in modern times, as they get to see their memorials. These trips are provided to our Veterans at no cost to them or their families.

The fact that these soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen would uproot themselves from their homes and families and put themselves in harm's way for our country is very humbling. The sacrifices they—and the families they left behind—made are truly incredible. The debt of gratitude we owe them can never be repaid, for without their honor, courage, commitment, and above all—sacrifice we would not be able to enjoy the freedoms we have today.

Please join me in thanking Charles Agnew, Lewis Ashcraft, Robert Barnd, Eugene Bonkiewicz, Carson Bright, Frank Brown, Wayne Bullock, William Castor, Lowell Dart, Donald Draxler, Robert Duntsch, Jose Duran, Joseph Edwards, George Emerick, Jack Endacott, Marvin Fowler, Robert Gillham, Warren Garst, Joseph Graham, William Hampton, Walter Hayword, Roland Kaiser, Willis Kramer, Victor Lazar, David Leon, Verne Lewellen, Harry Livingston, Mary Livingston, Gilbert Lopez, Russell Mam, W. Dennis McHenry, Raymond Mega, Gerald Monroe, Donald Morrison, Bernard Nettesheim, Reynolds Olson, Homer Phillips Jr., Richard Porter, Marion Raines, James Rauenbuehler, Frederick Reck, Gilbert Rohde, Walter Sapp, Henry Schmitt Jr., John Shedd, Alan Schultes, Bill Shupe, Waldo Smith, Charles Smoot, Fredrick Stein, William Stromberg Sr., Gene Thorson, Clyde Treadway, Theodore Wahler, Arthur Wartburg, Crowell Werner, James White, Robert Williams, Evans Woodhouse, Darryl Anderson, Raymond Anderson, Donald Armagost, James Ball, Eugene Ball, Harry Ball, Leslie Brumley,

Orlis Charboneau, Dale Crist, Robert Cupp, Timothy Daley, Bobbie Desmond, Edward Eson, Clarence Ehrlich, Alvin Eurich, Francis Fleming Jr., James Flynn, Leslie Fraley Jr., George Frysinger III, Richard Gero, John Goad, Virgil Hanson, Roman Herrmann, John Hess, Billy Hettinger, Donald Hoffner, Marguerite Ingram, Robert Kramer, Robert Kruger, Lindy Leifheit, Chester McCoy, Chester McGuire, William Miller, Raymond Nuss, James Ochsner, Louis Peterson, Marshall Petring, Arnold Piel, Wayne Pimple, Richard Reagan, Gerald Rice, Harry Rieger, Edward Roebuck, Gerald Ross, Alan Seaman, Dick Sears, Joseph Sellers, William Shirey, Norris Slechta, Robert Stanley, Elizabeth Strahan, Clarence Strahan Jr., William Striffler, Darrell Viegut, Sam Warner, Doyle Biggs, Paul Delgado, Edward Fast, Dennis Henneberg, Donald Hess, Daniel Menzies, Jack Roberts and Steven White for their dedication, commitment, and service to this great nation.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
MARYMOUNT MANHATTAN COLLEGE

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th Anniversary of Marymount Manhattan College. Since opening its doors in 1936, Marymount Manhattan has evolved from a two-year Catholic women's college, founded by the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, into a four-year nonsectarian liberal arts college of 2,095 students who can choose from 18 individual majors and 40 minors.

Faithful to the vision of its founders, Marymount Manhattan has a long history of reaching out to diverse populations in need of higher education. Over the years, Marymount Manhattan's mission as an urban, independent, coeducational liberal arts college has expanded to include a greater variety of students, including men, nontraditional students, and students from a variety of ethnic and geographic backgrounds. A record number of 130 international students from 60 countries were part of the student body in the fall of 2011. The College's growth has also resulted in a greater diversity of academic opportunities in the Fine and Performing Arts, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Accounting and Business Management, and the Humanities and its commitment to intellectual excellence and community service in my home state of New York deserves to be recognized and applauded.

The faculty at Marymount Manhattan College is passionate about their work and their academic integrity is reflective of their talent as educators. Marymount Manhattan College's size offers the luxury of individual attention and allows for ease in cross-disciplinary studies to provide a well-rounded academic experience.

Marymount Manhattan College's commitment to community service is best exemplified by its Bedford Hills College Program, which successfully transforms and rehabilitates women incarcerated through educational and intellectual pursuits. The Bedford Hills College Program graduates many students summa

cum laude and is a proven success, elevating the quality of these women's lives and improving our society.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Marymount Manhattan College's commitment to providing its students with a robust intellectual atmosphere, fostering a diverse student body, and serving the community. I commend their 75 years of success and I am sure this is only an indication of continued growth and achievement for many more years to come.

HONORING BRENT HODSON

### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Brent Hodson, a resident of Fremont, California, who is being honored at the Friends of Scouting Community Leadership Breakfast in Newark, California, on May 18, 2012.

Mr. Hodson and his wife of forty-five years, RaeDene, have lived in Fremont since 1975. He was an employee of the Washington Hospital Healthcare System for over 35 years, retiring in February 2012, as the Chief of Community Support Services. He has served in a variety of positions at Washington Hospital Healthcare System and has provided exemplary leadership.

Mr. Hodson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Weber State College in Ogden, Utah, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy from the University of California, San Francisco.

Mr. Hodson has been a community activist for many years. He served for nine years on the Fremont Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, including one year as Board Chair. He has been a strong advocate and closely associated with Fremont Chamber of Commerce Leadership program, serving on the steering committee since 1997. Mr. Hodson currently serves as a member of the Board of the Newark Chamber of Commerce and is a past president of the Fremont Rotary Club. He is currently the President of the Fremont, California Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ-Latter Day Saints.

The honor Mr. Hodson is receiving at the Friends of Scouting Community Leadership Breakfast is well deserved. The breakfast will benefit the Mission Peak District Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Hodson participated in Boy Scouts as a youth and he has been the Scout Master of Troop 160 and the Centerville Ward Institutional Representative for Boy Scouts of America. He has also served as a troop and post committee member for all Centerville Ward units and for the Washington Hospital Medical Explorer Post, as well as serving as Young Men's President, teacher and advisor. Mr. Hodson has also chaired several Friends of Scouting fundraising campaigns.

I join in thanking Mr. Hodson for his commitment and dedication to Scouting and for serving as a model of community leadership.

NATIONAL TEACHER DAY

### HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of National Teacher Day, I want to thank the teachers around this country for giving so generously of themselves to their students, their communities and their schools. Teachers make a difference in young people's lives every day and in myriad ways. I know personally the positive change they made in my life. Teachers educate our young people not just in math and English, but in more difficult subjects such as sharing, expressing themselves and solving differences. The value they add to students cannot be measured. I also want to single out the teachers in the District I represent, Washington's 8th, because I've had the pleasure of visiting and interacting with so many there. Every single time I visit a school, I see students responding positively to teachers' guidance and encouragement.

Our teachers never stop working. They work both in and outside the walls of their classrooms. They help coach athletes. They inspire students in the community. Our teachers act as positive role models for children that may not otherwise have them. They spend weekdays and evenings grading papers and tests. They brighten their classrooms with inspirational and thoughtful artwork. They engage young people in the kind of conversations necessary to be leaders in future generations. They help supply students with the everyday life skills that they need to succeed.

That is why I sponsored the Teacher Tax Relief Act, a bill increasing the maximum tax deduction available to teachers for out of pocket expenses from \$250-\$500 and a bill making professional development costs an eligible expense—in that way, teachers can continue to their own educations and continue to be effective in the classroom.

Today, Mr. Speaker, on National Teacher Day, I thank all teachers for their service to America's future generations. All of our teachers deserve the respect and support of students, parents and their communities. My pledge today is to support teachers in this House as much as possible.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,  
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5326) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to support the amendment by Congressman DAVIS to H.R. 5326, the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Fiscal Year 2013 Appropriations bill to provide the U.S. Department of Justice

(DOJ) with the resources it requested for Second Chance Act programs.

First, I want to thank Congressman DAVIS for offering this amendment. He is the champion of helping offenders reenter the community and our country is a better place because of Mr. DAVIS's efforts.

Second Chance Act programs provide employment assistance and job-skills training, substance abuse treatment, housing assistance, family-based programming, individual and group mentoring and victim support for offenders reentering their communities.

The Republican CJS Appropriations Bill shortchanges Second Chance Act programs by \$10 million but provides \$95 million more than DOJ requested for other programs. There is clearly money available to fully fund Second Chance Act programs.

We should be fully funding Second Chance Act programs because the number of individuals in prison and jails is at an all-time high. Federal and state corrections facilities held one of every 201 U.S. resident in 2010 or 1.6 million individuals.

These individuals will eventually come back into the community and Second Chance Act programs can help them with this transition so they do not end up back in prison.

Studies show that more than four in 10 offenders returned to state prison within three years of their release.

However, Second Chance Act programs have proved to help reduce this rate and we need to keep the momentum going by providing full funding in FY 13.

We need to do everything we can to help these individuals stay out of prison not only because it is the right thing to do but also because the cost of incarcerating people is ballooning. If current trajectories continue, state and federal prisons will grow by 13 percent by 2013, adding an additional 192,000 prisoners at a cost of \$27.5 billion.

Mr. Chairman, I urge my colleagues to support Mr. DAVIS's amendment.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,  
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

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Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Chair, I rise to express my great disappointment that H.R. 5326, the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2013, does not preserve funding for vital community gang prevention, which has enjoyed bipartisan support in the past.

This bill eliminates a \$5 million grant program for our state and local law enforcement partners that supported competitive, evidence-based programs to reduce gun crime and gang violence. It also eliminates a \$5 million grant program that supported gang and youth violence education, prevention and intervention in our communities.

These grants are essential for helping our local and state partners contain the growth in gang violence in their communities and educate young people about the perils of joining a gang. In my Northern Virginia district, we used these funds to partner local law enforcement agencies with their state and federal counterparts in a regional gang task force, which is coordinating prevention and enforcement efforts.

A decade ago, gang participation and gang-related crime was on an upswing in our community. Thanks to this federal partnership and other local initiatives—like the expansion of after school programs, which I helped lead at the local level—we were able to stem the growth of gang activity in our community. In fact, we reduced gang participation by 50 percent among our students. It is because of this partnership that Northern Virginia continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in the nation.

I appreciate the Committee acknowledging in the report for this bill the importance of partnering with local and state law enforcement agencies to combat the proliferation of multi-jurisdictional gangs. That is why these two competitive grant programs, which provide critical gang prevention support in our communities, ought to be maintained.

I urge my colleagues to reconsider these unfortunate cuts and revisit this issue when we ultimately go to conference with the Senate to fund the Justice Department for Fiscal Year 2013. We have stood shoulder-to-shoulder with our local and state partners to prevent gang violence, and we cannot step away from that partnership now when gang violence continues to be a significant threat in so many communities, as the Committee itself acknowledges.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,  
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

**HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Chairman, on rollcall Nos. 202 "yes"; 203 "no"; 204 "no"; 205 "yes"; 206 "no"; 207 "no"; 208 "no"; 209 "no"; 210 "no"; 211 "no"; and 212 "no".

Had I been present, I would have voted as indicated.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF ROBERT STEWART

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor of the life of Walnut Hill's be-

loved Robert Stewart. Throughout the area, Mr. Stewart was known for his selfless nature, immense generosity, dedicated service to his local community, and never-ending love for his family. This man was a hero to our Northwest Florida community, and he will be greatly missed.

Robert Stewart served as a volunteer fireman for over thirty years and as Chief of the Walnut Hill Fire Department for the latter fifteen of those years. During his time in service, he saved the lives of countless Walnut Hill citizens. According to Mr. Stewart, one of his most memorable emergency calls was near the end of his career on March 9, 2001. Two teenage girls were trapped in a car that had lost a battle with a tree leaving their tiny sports car split entirely in half—two pieces of car left on the side of Highway 99. Mr. Stewart, along with his team, diligently worked to extract the teenage girls from the car. Due to Mr. Stewart and his team's heroic efforts, both girls survived. What made this call different from any other was the girls came back to the Walnut Hill Volunteer Fire Department to thank the team for saving their lives. Mr. Stewart was never one to ask or demand the appreciation, but when it occurred, he was always grateful.

Robert Stewart has been labeled a hero on many other occasions. Another such incident was a wreck that occurred on State Line Road that left a family's car upside down in a ditch filled with water. Mr. Stewart was the first to respond to the scene, and he safely removed three children from the car. The mother of the children called him a hero, but true to his modest and humble character, he responded with "I am just doing my job."

Mr. Stewart is survived by his wife, Diann; children, Sam and Kelly; and grandchildren, Tanner and Andrew. Those fortunate enough to have met Mr. Stewart would agree that they were truly blessed by his warm heart and generosity. His impact on the Walnut Hill Community will never be forgotten. To some, Mr. Stewart will be remembered as an invaluable leader of the Walnut Hill Volunteer Fire Department, but to the friends and family he leaves behind, Mr. Stewart will most fondly be remembered as a loving and committed family man.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I rise to honor the life of Robert Stewart and his living legacy. Our community has truly suffered a great loss with his passing. My wife Vicki joins me in sending our most heartfelt condolences to the entire Stewart family.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. BILL A.  
KEFFLER

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bill A. Keffler, the City Manager for the City of Richardson, Texas. After thirty-five years of dedicated service, he is retiring on May 31, 2012.

Mr. Keffler began his public service with the City of Richardson in 1977. He has served the city in numerous capacities, including as Deputy City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Assistant to the City Manager, and as an Administrative Assistant. In 1995, he became the

City Manager, the position he has served in with distinction to this day.

As the Member of Congress who represents the City of Richardson, I have had the pleasure of working closely with Mr. Keffler and seen firsthand the impact of his devotion and commitment to the citizens of Richardson. He possesses a keen understanding of the city's needs and issues as well as the importance of actively engaging the community in developing policy solutions and strategic planning. Mr. Keffler undertook bold initiatives in economic development, fiscal responsibility, and community revitalization. As a result of Mr. Keffler's actions in positioning the City of Richardson for growth and stability, the city and the North Texas region stand stronger than ever before.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Keffler on thirty-five years of dedicated service to the city of Richardson. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors. May God bless him and his family.

RECOGNIZING SUPERINTENDENT  
RONALD BLOCKER FOR 12 YEARS  
OF SERVICE TO ORANGE COUNTY

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2012*

Mr. WEBSTER. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Orange County Public School Superintendent Ronald Blocker and congratulate him on 12 years at the helm of Central Florida's largest public school system. We are grateful for his service to our students, our teachers and our community.

Assuming the charge of Superintendent for Orange County in July 2000, Mr. Blocker's committed leadership has led to the highest graduation rate and the lowest dropout rate in the history of the county's education system. Mr. Blocker has shepherded an education system that prepares high school students for their transition into undergraduate programs through dual enrollment or for their vocational development through technical programs that

partner with local companies. He has worked to provide each student with many opportunities to succeed, from Honors and Advanced Placement classes to magnet and technical programs with customized curriculum. The vision cast by Mr. Blocker is one of purpose and opportunity.

During his service as OCPS Superintendent, Mr. Blocker has been recognized many times for his outstanding leadership. Among his awards and recognitions, Mr. Blocker was selected as Florida's Superintendent of the Year in 2011, named 2010 Reading Leader of the Year by Just Read, Florida!, received the Chairman's Award in 2009 from the Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission, and recognized by the Florida Art Education Association as Superintendent of the Year in 2008.

I am grateful to Mr. Blocker for his leadership and guidance as Superintendent and wish him and his family the best as he continues to serve his state and his community. I am confident that he will continue to inspire others to give back to their community and to serve one another.