

honorary doctorate degrees from Ball State, Colgate, Indiana State, and Vincennes Universities as well as the Catholic University of America.

Van and Margaret met through mutual friends and were married on November 19, 1950. They made their home in Muncie, Indiana, where they continue to be active members of the community. The Smith's have a large and loving family, including five children and nineteen grandchildren. Margaret has been a loving and tirelessly devoted spouse, mother, and grandmother, while Van has been the leader and captain of their tight knit family.

Both Van and Margaret have given back to their local community for decades now, and I cannot praise them enough for their many generous charitable gifts. Margaret remains active with St. Mary's Parish, Tri Kappa Sorority, and the Harvest Soup Kitchen. For over 50 years, Van served as an owner and executive leader of Ontario Corporation, employing hundreds of Hoosiers. He was also instrumental in purchasing the Sherry Laboratories unit, where he still reports for work daily at the age of 82. He is recognized by community and business leaders as a respected and honored entrepreneur, dedicated to faith, family, and integrity. His accolades and achievements, though too numerous to list in this brief tribute, have had an immeasurable impact on not only my congressional district, but the entire state of Indiana and beyond. Perhaps most moving to me is the influence that Van and Margaret Smith have had on my life and on my family. My history with Van and Margaret goes back many years, and not only are they dear friends, but they have been a source of great guidance to me; words are inadequate to relay the depth of gratitude I feel for them both. The Good Book tells us that "the fear of the Lord adds length to life," and it is clear that the Lord has had His hand on this remarkable couple. Their contribution is indeed impressive on a local, state, national, and international level. However, their defining characteristic is the depth of their humility and the breadth of their generosity. As is evident to all who are fortunate to know them, Van and Margaret have strived to live their lives honoring to God, family, friends, and their community with integrity and character.

Madam Speaker, I again congratulate Van and Margaret Smith on their fifty wonderful years of marriage and humbly thank them for their years of community service and friendship. I honor and applaud them for their dedication and generosity and pray God's best for them and their family.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING  
MR. JOHN HARWOOD OF ST.  
LOUIS, MISSOURI

### HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Harwood of St. Louis, Missouri.

On Saturday, September 25th, 2010 John Harwood passed into eternity. Mr. Harwood lived an exemplary life of service. He dedicated over a quarter of a century to helping fellow men live lives based on spiritual principles. He assisted many with the develop-

ment of personal character based on humility, faith, love and service. Mr. Harwood was known as a tough man, who had the courage of his convictions and unique powers of persuasion. Yet, he had a deep sense of service and dedication to fellow human beings. Mr. Harwood often stated that one of the secrets of life is to "learn to love another human being." He exemplified this philosophy in his own life, every day, as he held out his hand to many who needed a little experience, strength and hope on the way to a better way of being.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring John today.

IN HONOR OF THE LEBANON REGIONAL FFA CHAPTER FOR PLACING SECOND AT THE EASTERN REGIONAL FFA DAIRY PRODUCTS CONTEST AND QUALIFYING FOR NATIONALS

### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lyman Memorial High School students Rachel Mackewicz, Kelly Pestey, Erin White and Emily Von Edwins. I want to offer my congratulations to these students who placed second at the Eastern Regional FFA Dairy Products Contest on September 18, 2010.

These students, along with their faculty advisor Mrs. Brenda Wildes, honorably represented themselves, their family and their community at the Eastern Regional FFA Dairy Products contest. By finishing in second place, the team not only placed higher than any previous Lebanon FFA team, but also qualified to compete for the national title at the National FFA Convention.

Since it was founded in 1928, The Future Farmers of America has promoted agricultural education for millions of students across the country. FFA's commitment to bringing students, teachers and agribusiness together helps to ensure that each generation of our nation's leaders comes equipped with the agricultural understanding necessary to lead our country. Last summer, I was fortunate enough to meet with some of these impressive young leaders at the Connecticut state FFA convention and saw firsthand the important impact the FFA has on middle and high school students across the country.

It is important to highlight the important role the FFA and this team of students in maintaining our rural heritage and promoting the agricultural ideals that serve as the backbone of our country. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me, and the people of Connecticut in recognizing the Lebanon Regional Future Farmers of America Chapter for their achievement and wishing them good luck at the national competition.

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT U.  
CASSEL, WORLD WAR II VETERAN

### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Robert U. Cassel of Mantua Township, New Jersey, who died September 1st, 2010 at the age of 95. A longtime resident of Gloucester County, Mr. Cassel has left a legacy of dedication and commitment to his community.

Mr. Cassel was born in Philadelphia and graduated from Woodbury High School in 1932. An avid learner, Mr. Cassel continued on to Lebanon Valley College to study biology, leading to his career as a chemist with the Mobil Corporation.

During World War II, Mr. Cassel's supervisor drafted him that he was exempted from the draft as a result of the importance of his position. Understanding the call of his country, he ignored that exemption and entered the 94th Infantry Division, arriving in France three months after D-Day. He later became a battalion operations officer in the 301st Infantry Regiment. In that position, he was awarded two Bronze Stars for helping fellow battalion members escape a trap that could have destroyed the unit. During his service, Mr. Cassel collected several battle artifacts that he shared at veteran events and Veterans Day presentations at schools. He later donated these items to the University of Georgia. Until recently, he was also the editor of the Hoodlum News, a quarterly newsletter for the 301st Infantry Association.

Combining his passion for nature with his dedication to the community, Mr. Cassel was a founding member of the Gloucester County Nature Club in 1949. Furthermore, Mr. Cassel embodied a spirit of volunteerism, dedicating his time to the Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial, the Mennonite relief warehouse in Lancaster County, and the Boy Scouts of America.

He is survived by his wife Carol and his two daughters, Claire Cassel and Judith Cassel Williams, as well as three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a sister. Mr. Cassel is predeceased by his first wife, Eve.

Madam Speaker, Robert U. Cassel's endless dedication to Gloucester County and our country should not go unrecognized. I express my sincere condolences to his family for their loss and pay tribute to the memory of this exceptional man.

A TRIBUTE TO JWCH INSTITUTE  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE NON-  
PROFIT ORGANIZATION'S 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING  
QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE  
HEALTH CARE TO THE COUNTY'S  
UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

### HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the John Wesley Community Health Institute—also known as the

JWCH Institute—on the occasion of the organization's 50th anniversary of providing quality and affordable health care to thousands of uninsured patients throughout Los Angeles.

During my years in Congress, I have had the privilege of working closely with JWCH as well as the other community health centers in my district. I have seen firsthand the important role they play in improving the health of our communities, especially among Latinos, African Americans, the homeless and people with physical and mental health problems.

As a safety-net provider, I am proud to say JWCH is a true leader in this arena.

The Institute was established in 1960 by a group of concerned physicians at the John Wesley County Hospital, JWCH, as a vehicle for obtaining additional funds to support and augment patient care, education, and research. When the hospital was demolished in 1979, medical services and patient education took priority with a refined and expanded focus on community-based health education and social support programs.

Today, the center's mission is being accomplished through a wide variety of programs and activities. In addition to providing primary medical care, the agency's services include: medical outreach and referrals for medical care; HIV services and drug treatment; health education; psychosocial assessment and intervention; family planning services; and research.

Since its inception, JWCH has grown from a very small entity housed in a county building to a \$21 million Federally Qualified Community Health Center. Last year, the private non-profit agency provided 84,191 medical visits to the indigent at 13 locations, including clinics in Skid Row and Bell Gardens in the 34th Congressional District as well as South Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, El Monte, Lynwood and Norwalk.

A recent highlight of this innovative growth, JWCH opened the Center for Community Health last year. Located at 522 S. San Pedro Street in Skid Row, the center is the first fully integrated system of care for homeless persons on the West Coast. The center offers a "one-stop shop" approach to addressing the complex health care needs of homeless individuals and families, which includes providing patients one complete medical record to better ensure a continuum of care.

Madam Speaker, as JWCH prepares to mark its 50-year milestone at a special October 19 anniversary celebration at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Downtown Los Angeles in the 34th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to please join the Los Angeles community and me in recognizing JWCH for its steadfast commitment to strengthening the safety-net for the county's medically underserved. I also commend JWCH's Board Chair, Cesar Portillo, its Chief Executive Officer, Al Ballesteros and all of the many dedicated people who make this health care organization the safety net that it is today for thousands of Los Angeles County residents.

JWCH provides critical resources and services that enable our community members—including the most hard-to-reach and at-risk patients—to stay healthy and strong, and I wish everyone involved with this fine organization many more years of continued success.

CONGRATULATING CATHERINE MAY AND DAN ABBOTT, TEMPE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S 2010 HUMANITARIANS OF THE YEAR

### HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Catherine May and Dan Abbott, the Tempe couple recently named the 2010 Don Carlos Humanitarians of the Year by the Tempe Community Council. The Tempe Community Council was founded in 1972 with the mission of "connecting those in need with those who care," and has been honoring exceptional individuals with the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award for the past 26 years. This award honors a Tempe resident or couple who upholds the humanitarian ideals of Charles Trumbull Hayden, Tempe's founder, referred to as "Don Carlos" by Hispanic pioneers due to his generosity and compassion for people in need. Catherine and Dan truly live a life of generosity and compassion and are both incredibly deserving of this award.

Catherine, a senior research analyst for the Salt River Project and Dan, a retired social worker who specialized in emotionally disturbed youths, were both active volunteers prior to their marriage fifteen years ago, and have been enthusiastically volunteering ever since. Both are involved with the University Presbyterian Church which has been a big influence in their outreach efforts. Their outreach into the community touches on human issues at both the state and community levels and includes hunger, homelessness, mental health, counseling, child abuse prevention, GLBT tolerance advocacy and humane treatment of documented workers.

Catherine and Dan's direct influences on the community are numerous and include the annual Tempe Empty Bowls event. Catherine and Dan made the original proposal to establish the event which has since raised more than \$100,000 for the Tempe Community Action Agency and United Food Bank.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Catherine May and Dan Abbott for their well deserved recognition as the 2010 Don Carlos Humanitarians of the Year. Couples like Catherine and Dan help strengthen our communities and our nation.

HONORING DR. HOWARD W. JONES, JR. PIONEER IN REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE

### HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, today, I raise in honor of Dr. Howard W. Jones, Jr., a pioneer in the field of reproductive medicine, whose revolutionary work alongside that of his late wife, Dr. Georgeanna Seegar Jones, led to the birth of the first American baby borne of in vitro fertilization nearly 30 years ago. Together Dr. Howard and Georgeanna Jones, and the procedure they perfected, offered hope and happiness to thousands of American couples struggling with diseases and condi-

tions that stifled their dreams of building a family. Dr. Jones celebrates his centennial birthday this year and here, we salute his accomplished life.

Today infertility affects 1 in 8 couples. But the in vitro techniques developed by the Jones' team, and the subsequent advancements in the field of reproductive medicine, have repeatedly proven to be safe and effective, producing millions of successful pregnancies, happy parents and healthy babies worldwide. Dr. Jones will be recognized at the 66th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine to be held in my state in late October and I am pleased to be able to salute his career here on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives today.

As my colleagues know, I have been a strong advocate in Congress for scientific advancement. I have worked to strengthen federal support for scientific research, including embryonic stem cell research, which potentially holds so much promise for the millions of Americans who are living with debilitating diseases such as Parkinson's, diabetes, and spinal cord injury. Federal funding of this vital research is in jeopardy, and I stand ready to work with my colleagues to remedy problems that undermine scientific advancement, just as Dr. Jones was willing and eager to ensure that groundbreaking research in the field of reproductive medicine was developed and employed.

And so I thank Dr. Jones for the optimism and determination he and his wife exhibited in paving a path for scientific advancement and for the contributions he has made throughout his career in improving the lives of those suffering from infertility. Happy 100th Birthday, Dr. Jones.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF AEROJET'S ORANGE, VIRGINIA EMPLOYEES

### HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 28, 2010*

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the employees of Aerojet-General Corporation's Orange, Virginia production facility and their achievement of the milestone delivery of the 1,000th solid propellant rocket motor for the Nulka active ship decoy system to the United States Navy.

Aerojet is a world-recognized aerospace and defense leader principally serving the missile, space propulsion and armaments markets. This most significant milestone will be commemorated with a celebration ceremony held in Orange, Virginia on Thursday, September 30, 2010.

Nulka is a rapid response active expendable decoy system that protects naval surface combatants from the threat of anti-ship missiles. The Nulka solid rocket motor is the prime propulsion system for the U.S., Royal Australian and Canadian navies, and has been manufactured in Orange, Virginia since 2004. Nulka is one of a number of U.S. and allied Navy propulsion programs produced at Orange which utilize advanced technologies to protect our Nation's servicemembers and those of our allies, while also generating significant employment opportunities for the area.