

his mother, Irene Herring; his children, Sandy Fagan, Paula Leigh Callaway, and Stanley Eugene Herring Jr.; his two sisters, Frances Doyle Herring and Joyce Rios; his three brothers, Jimmie Herring, Michael Herring, and Robert Herring; and his 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all at this difficult time.

#### TRIBUTE TO DANNY ZHU

#### HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent Danny Zhu of College Point, NY. Danny is one of 24 finalists on the 2007 United States Physics Team that have been chosen to compete for the Traveling Team, a group of five students who will represent the United States at the International Physics Olympiad in Iran. These gifted students will show their merit against the best young scientific minds that the world has to offer.

Danny is a junior at Stuyvesant High School in New York City, where he excels at the highest skill levels. Outside of the classroom, he is heavily involved in student groups, participating in everything from the robotics club to the school band. He has reached the semifinals of the Physics Olympiad competition in each of the last 2 years and has placed in the top 10 in multiple national math and science competitions.

I am very pleased that a young man from my district could so well personify Speaker PELOSI's Innovation Agenda. It is young people like Danny Zhu and his fellow finalists that will become our next generation of great innovators: the mathematicians, engineers, and scientists who will keep this great country competitive and prosperous in the upcoming decades. I would like to again congratulate Danny Zhu on his accomplishment and thank him for his effort and hard work.

#### TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY HEALTH ENHANCEMENT AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

#### HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 23, 2007*

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, from the Revolutionary War to the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, our wounded warriors have returned from combat with varying degrees of injury. Some of these physical injuries, such as bullet wounds or losing a limb have been diagnosed and treated since the dawn of our Republic. Others, such as Traumatic Brain Injury, TBI, have required the practices of treating veterans to evolve and adapt so that we can give our returning service members the quality of care and the quality of life they deserve.

The bill before us today is an example of how our system must adapt to these increas-

ingly devastating injuries, specifically TBI. H.R. 2199 would require that Veterans Affairs, VA, screen every combat veteran for TBI and submit a report to Congress on the number of returning soldiers that have this debilitating injury, and how we can improve upon the care they receive. Additionally, the VA would be required to establish transition sites so that those service members who are diagnosed have the ability to choose various recovery programs that are most comfortable to them.

What makes TBI such a frightening injury is that the symptoms are not instantaneous. A service member might not know if he or she has TBI until weeks after the initial jolt or blow to the head. If treatment is not readily available, then permanent brain damage and loss of motor skills and cognitive thought may be the end result.

For this reason, I am pleased that the House Veterans' Affairs Committee has taken up this legislation and continues to seek ways to better the care that our returning men and women will receive. H.R. 2199 is similar to legislation that was passed during the 108th Congress which increased research and outreach activities to service members with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, PTSD.

I am proud to serve on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and I look forward to supporting further legislation that addresses the complex needs of our Nation's veterans. As Memorial Day approaches, I urge my colleagues to reflect on the sacrifices our veterans have made to preserve freedom and how much work we need to do to properly honor that sacrifice. I believe that passing H.R. 2199 is a good first step in showing that we in Congress recognize the evolving needs of our brave veterans.

#### TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY #290

#### HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the American Legion Auxiliary #290, in Elwood, Nebraska—a beautiful town in my congressional district.

They distribute red poppies in honor of all living and deceased veterans, with donations going to rehabilitation efforts and filling other needs for veterans. The poppies are made by patients of VA hospitals and residents of veterans homes.

As we go into the Memorial Day weekend, many of our constituents will be holding backyard cook outs, or taking the boat out for a spin, or just getting out of town for a quick vacation.

In Flanders Field, the poppies grow among the crosses, row on row. These words remind us we owe our thanks to people like the members of American Legion Auxiliary #290, those who help us remember our troops and the sacrifices they have made.

#### AZERBAIJAN MARKS 89TH ANNIVERSARY OF REPUBLIC

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in venues ranging from the Bundestag to the U.S. Congress to the streets of Baku, Azerbaijanis worldwide will mark their National Day of the Republic this upcoming week. Since achieving independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, Azerbaijan has remembered May 28 as the date, in 1918, when the country was proclaimed an independent state, making it the first democratic republic in the Caucasus region.

Though it lasted only 2 years, from May 1918 to April 1920, this first democratically elected Azerbaijani government worked on building an independent and democratic state.

Members of the Azerbaijani Diaspora regard the date as a key one among the numerous commemorative days they observe each year.

Even when such a state did not formally exist anywhere on the world map, it existed in our hearts, our souls, and our minds, said Tomris Azeri, president of the Azerbaijan Society of America. It is this strong sense of being an Azerbaijani, which we are now free to show to ourselves and the world. And with that freedom for Azerbaijan has come growing prosperity, and growing respect, involvement, and influence in the world community.

I commend Ambassador Yashar Aliyev for his hard work and dedication. I look forward to the United States continuing a successful relationship and strong friendship with the people of Azerbaijan.

#### TRIBUTE TO LUCIOUS L. NEWHOUSE, JR.

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 24, 2007*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a proactive citizen from Dallas, Texas, Lucious L. Newhouse, Jr. As youth education is of great importance, I am delighted to recognize his 39 years as an educator and wish him well regarding his upcoming retirement. I would like to take a few moments to reflect on his many achievements and contributions to the city of Dallas and the Dallas Independent School District.

As the son of two educators, Lucious L. Newhouse, Jr., showed early signs of excellence, graduating as salutatorian from Galilee High School in Hallsville, Texas. Lucious then went on to obtain a bachelor of science degree from Prairie View A&M University and to star on the university's baseball team. Also to note, he obtained two graduate degrees from this same institution, a master of science and master of the arts.

Shortly after completing his undergraduate study and starting his teaching career at J.N. Irwin Junior High School in Dallas, Lucious was called to serve our great Nation as both an army sergeant and platoon leader in Vietnam. He would then return to DISD where he