

would ultimately become a member of the CWA Executive Board. Later Rosa would join the union movement in a full-time capacity as an organizer for the Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO. After working with the Harris County AFL-CIO, she joined the larger Texas affiliate in 1965, where she dutifully served until her retirement in 2003.

For nearly four decades Rosa served as Director of Community Services/Volunteers and Women's Activities Director with the Texas AFL-CIO. Throughout her tenure she championed the causes of "the least of these" and crusaded for social justice wherever it was found wanting. In spite of her often disparate tasks—coordinating disaster relief operations, lobbying the Texas legislature, or directing voter registration drives—Rosa brought a contagious sense of purpose to her duties. Middle class families across Texas owe her a debt of gratitude for her tireless efforts to open doors of opportunity. While politicians are thrust into the limelight, we would be remiss and foolish if we did not salute the too often unrecognized grassroots work of individuals like Rosa Walker. They truly help us to believe that social change can truly percolate from the bottom up.

CONCEPCION ENRIQUEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Concepcion Enriquez who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Concepcion Enriquez is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Concepcion Enriquez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Concepcion Enriquez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her academic career to her future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO SLAVCO MADZAROV

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding individual, Mr. Slavco Madzarov who will be recognized on May 5, 2009 by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark as "Humanitarian of the Year." It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for his story is a true embodiment of the American Dream.

Slavco Madzarov was born in Maravci in the Republic of Macedonia on August 16, 1957. After earning an Associates Degree in Skopje and completing his mandatory military service in the Army, Slavco left Macedonia to come here to the United States of America to find a better opportunity to fulfill his potential.

Slavco arrived here in December 1987, settling in Paterson, NJ. Three years later, he married the love of his life, Kamenka, and they moved to Clifton, NJ, where they still reside with their children, daughter Blagica, now 16, and son Steven, now 13. Slavco and his wife are naturalized citizens of the United States.

Within a few years of coming to the United States, Slavco opened his own business. Slavco Construction, Inc., specializes in removing asbestos and professionally executing technical and specific construction tasks. Slavco Construction, Inc. has grown rapidly and is recognized as one of the most respected construction firms in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. The company prides itself on abiding by environmental construction regulations. Slavco's talent, hard work and dedication have allowed him to celebrate the 18th anniversary of Slavco Construction, Inc., as a company in continual growth.

Slavco has made the most of the opportunities that have been possible for him, and he is always willing to help others in return. He spends much of his energy, good will and financial resources to improve the lives of the residents of New Jersey and also those in his homeland of Macedonia. Slavco has completed Community Emergency Response Team training, conducted by FEMA, and is a member of the President's Citizens Corps. In addition, he is an active member of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, the President's Club, and the New Jersey Business and Industry Association.

Slavco has received awards and honors from the Passaic County Sheriff's Department, the Polish-American Children's Foundation, Passaic County 200 Club, New Jersey Civil Service Association, the Sheriff Jerry Speziale Foundation for Community Service, and the Giblin Association. He was named Man of the Year by the Greater Paterson Leadership Council. In a resolution passed by the New Jersey General Assembly, Slavco was recognized for his numerous and significant contributions to the State of New Jersey. He has been granted an Honorary Chieftainship in Nigeria and has participated on a mission to the country in 2003 to review and analyze the socio-political and economic situation there.

In the Macedonian community, Slavco is a member and supporter of the Macedonian Orthodox Churches Sts. Kiril and Metodij in Cedar Grove, New Jersey, and St. Nikola in Totowa, New Jersey. He is an avid soccer fan, and is a supporter of the Macedonian Soccer Club of Clifton, New Jersey, and the Miravci Soccer Club in Macedonia. Since its founding in 2004, Slavco has strongly supported the United Macedonian Diaspora, the only Washington, DC-based international organization representing Macedonians and Macedonian communities around the world. Slavco is the recipient of the September 14th Golden Plaque Award from the municipality of Sveti Nikole in Macedonia. Slavco and his family frequently visit Macedonia.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing

compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of individuals like Slavco Madzarov.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Slavco's family and friends, all those who have been touched by him, and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of Mr. Slavco Madzarov to his community.

HONORING LESLIE ANN JONES

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Leslie Ann Jones, Director of Music Recording and Scoring for Skywalker Sound, in Marin County, California, for her 35 years as a trailblazer in the recording and music industries.

Ms. Jones began her career, making history as the first female engineer at ABC Recording Studio. Next, Ms. Jones joined the team at the legendary Automatt Recording Studios. It was there she began her film score mixing career, working on such acclaimed films as *Apocalypse Now*. She also recorded with many jazz greats, such as Herbie Hancock, Bobby McFerrin and Angela Bofill.

Ms. Jones took the experience and knowledge she gained while at Automatt and began a long and respected tenure at Capitol Recording Studios in Hollywood. While there Ms. Jones worked with such talents as Rosemary Clooney, Michelle Shocked and Michael Feinstein. Some of her film credits from Capital include, *Grace of My Heart*, *Lost Highway* and *White Men Can't Jump*.

In February of 1997 Ms. Jones joined Skywalker Sound. After only a short time she was elevated to her current position as Director of Music Recording and Scoring, becoming the first woman to hold this position. During her career at Skywalker Sound Leslie has won two GRAMMY awards. The first in 2004 for Best Chamber Music Recording for the Kronos Quartet's "Berg" project; the second in 2005, when she won as a recording engineer for Best Jazz Vocal Album for Diane Reeves' "Good Night and Good Luck" soundtrack.

In keeping with her tradition of "firsts" Ms. Jones also became the first female National Chair of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences.

Leslie Ann Jones is an inspiration for women in her industry; she continues to lead a fulfilling and accomplished career, marked with a pattern for establishing "firsts." I am honored to call her a constituent; congratulate her for her mastery in the recording studio, and thank her for her efforts to encourage women on the technical side of the recording community.

STEPHANIE CHAPPEL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Stephanie Chappel who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Stephanie Chappel is a senior at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Stephanie Chappel is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Stephanie Chappel for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her academic career to her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF CAPTAIN JOHN FREIDHOFF

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Captain John Freidhoff, a beloved member of the Western New York community who died tragically on October 19, 2007 in a diving accident, while working for our region and our waterfront. Our community honors him today through the dedication of a research vessel operated by Buffalo State College's Great Lakes Center.

Captain Freidhoff's commitment to the Western New York community is evident by simply understanding the multitude of activities, organizations, and causes he was involved in. He was a firefighter and an emergency medical technician for the Lake Erie Beach Volunteer Fire Company in the Town of Evans, a diver for the Lake Erie Rescue Team, a Coast Guard Reservist, and an active member with the ALERT—Advanced Local Emergency Rescue Team organization. He was also a Cub Scout Leader for Troop 578, a softball coach, and a youth group leader for First Church of Evans.

As lead boat captain and field station manager for Buffalo State College's Great Lakes Center for the Environment, Captain John was a champion for the Great Lakes, dedicated to managing water science projects that help us learn more about our waters, marine life and the protection of our environment.

Captain John Freidhoff, at 46 years old, leaves behind his wife Victoria, and their four children: Melissa, Jessica, Shauna and Joseph John. Captain Jeff Ogden eulogized that, even with all of Freidhoff's commitments, he managed to "put his family first."

Captain John touched the lives of many in the Western New York area evidenced by a crowd of nearly 500 people, including 200+ military, law enforcement, and fire personnel, who gathered at his service to pay their respects to this selfless, hard working, and charitable man.

Today, in a fitting tribute, the State University of New York College at Buffalo names a research vessel in Captain John's honor. And as the Captain John Freidhoff Vessel sets sail, Captain John's legacy lives on across the waters of the Great Lakes through the research conducted by future generations.

It is my honor to pay tribute to Captain John Freidhoff's life of service to the community of Western New York. Our community will miss this environmental advocate, family man, friend, co-worker, honorable leader and waterfront hero.

HONORING THE BOROUGH OF DOWNINGTOWN ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a proud southeastern Pennsylvania community celebrating its 150th anniversary.

The Borough of Downingtown was incorporated 1859 thanks to the foresight and leadership of 54 citizens and landowners residing on approximately 1,500 acres, which were part of a land grant from King Charles II of England to Pennsylvania's namesake, William Penn.

Originally known as Milltown prior to the formal establishment of the Borough, the village was an important stop for merchants and others traveling between Philadelphia and Lancaster on our nation's first turnpike. Due to its proximity to Philadelphia, the Borough played a prominent role in our young nation's fight for independence by serving as a storage depot for General George Washington's Continental Army. Water from the East Branch of the Brandywine Creek powered paper mills and fueled industrial growth in the Borough well into the 20th Century. Although the mills have long since closed and might be considered relics of the past, the sturdy stone structures are being rehabilitated and viewed by elected officials and business leaders as an important part of the Borough's future.

Residents, businesses and community leaders will commemorate the 150th Anniversary on Saturday, May 16, 2009 with a celebration parade through the Borough.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring the Borough of Downingtown on reaching this amazing milestone and congratulating all of those whose tremendous community spirit that have made the Borough a special place to live, work and raise a family.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, May 7, 2009, because of a procedural matter my last vote was not recorded on the Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act, and I had already left to return to do congressional business in the district.

I rise to confirm that I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 242, final passage of the Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act.

CONGRATULATIONS TO REVEREND DAVID EVERSON

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, on May 17, 2009, the congregation of First Union Baptist Church in Galveston, Texas will celebrate Reverend David L. Everson, Sr.'s ten years of service as pastor with special "Tenth Anniversary/Appreciation Services." I am pleased to join the First Union Baptist congregation in congratulating Reverend Everson.

First Union Baptist has had numerous achievements under Reverend Everson's leadership. For example, First Union Baptist's Hall Chapel was repaired and adapted to serve as a computer school and resource center for youth and adult literacy. Reverend Everson also led efforts to repair the church parsonage. Currently, Reverend Everson is leading efforts to perform major renovations to repair the damage the church suffered during Hurricane Ike.

Reverend Everson has also ordained three ministers and three deacons. He will be ordaining another minister and deacon during his tenth anniversary celebration on May 17.

Reverend Everson has contributed greatly to both the church and the entire Galveston community by being there for all who need a friend, comforter, and spiritual counselor. Reverend Everson not only cares for those in his congregation, he is always seeking to bring new people into the First Union Baptist congregation. The people of First Union Baptist, and all of Galveston, are certainly lucky to have such a dedicated man as Reverend Everson in their community. I, therefore, again extend my congratulations and best wishes to Reverend Everson on the occasion of his ten year anniversary as the pastor of First Union Baptist Church.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE BOY SCOUTS

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Chester County Council of the Boy Scouts of America as the organization celebrates the Centennial Anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America. The Chester County Council has 17,200 Scouts and volunteers, and more than 111 million young people throughout the country have participated in the 100 years since the Boy Scouts of America was established. Generation after generation of Scouts have volunteered thousands of hours to clean-up streams, build parks and take on countless other projects aimed at improving the quality of life throughout Chester County and our great nation. In addition to providing a helping hand, Scouting instills critical leadership skills and timeless values such as patriotism, courage and self-reliance. A major reason the tradition of scouting has thrived during the past