

Missouri. Spencer is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Spencer has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Spencer has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. He was also the recipient of the 12 Month Camper Award and the World Conservation Award.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Spencer Fish for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

## 21ST CENTURY GREEN HIGH-PERFORMING PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 13, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2187) to direct the Secretary of Education to make grants to State educational agencies for the modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities, and for other purposes:

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chair, I stand before you today in support of H.R. 2187, the "21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act". It is important that our youth have quality educational facilities. I support this bill because it directs the Secretary of Education to make grants to State educational agencies for the modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities, which many of our schools around the country are in desperate need of.

The grants that this piece of legislation will not only structurally improve the learning facilities, but make them safe, healthy, high-performing, and equipped with up-to-date technology. Our children can have access to updated science and engineering laboratory facilities, libraries, and career and technical education facilities. Furthermore, when a local educational agency receives a grant they can use the money for structural purposes such as repairing, replacing, or installing roofs. As well as extensive, intensive or semi-intensive green roofs, electrical wiring, plumbing systems, sewage systems, lighting systems, or components of such systems, windows, or doors, including security doors.

The monies allotted to schools will also benefit the health of our students. As Chair of the Congressional Children's Caucus I am very concerned about the toxins that our children are exposed to in their own classrooms. The legislation can provide for the abatement, removal, or interim controls of asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls, mold, mildew, or lead-based paint hazards which we must remove from all of our buildings in America. They will be able to breathe better once heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems are replaced resulting in better air quality.

Our students must be safe while at school. If there is an emergency, the schools must be prepared to handle it. Money from grants can also be used to bring public schools into compliance with fire, health, and safety codes, including professional installation of fire/life safety alarms, including modernizations, renovations, and repairs that ensure that schools are prepared for emergencies.

Finally, we need to think ahead to the future. Our nation needs to become aware of our wastefulness and make strides to become greener. Schools will be able to get a head start going green by making the necessary changes to reduce the consumption of coal, electricity, land, natural gas, oil, and/or water. In addition, schools can focus on energy efficiency and renewable energy by making improvements to building infrastructure to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian access, renewable energy generation and heating systems, including solar, photovoltaic, wind, geothermal, or biomass, including wood pellet, systems or components of such systems, make them more energy efficient, reduce class size.

This is an important piece of legislation that I urge all of my colleagues to support. Support it for our nation's children and our nation's health.

## TRIBUTE TO FRANKIE MANNING

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a giant of the Queens arts community—Frankie Manning, who passed away on April 27, 2009 at the age of 94.

Frankie Manning, the self-described "Ambassador of the Lindy Hop," was an icon of the jazz dancing era. From the start of his career in the 1930s, Frankie was one of jazz dance's most elite dancers, becoming a fixture at venues like the Savoy Ballroom and the Cotton Club.

As Frankie became the face of the Lindy hop, he took his signature style on tours through Europe and South America, to the New York World's Fair, and to Hollywood, where his impressive performances graced a number of Hollywood films.

Never one to overlook service to his country, Frankie also served in the Army during World War II, serving in the Pacific theater. After years of professional dancing, Frankie also began work for the Postal Service in 1955.

Where most of us see retirement as a chance to relax, Frankie did the opposite, turning his retirement into a whirlwind of choreographing and teaching, as he helped bring the Lindy hop back into the national consciousness.

He received a Tony award for his Broadway choreography in 1989, and returned to Hollywood to train actor Denzel Washington on the Lindy in the film "Malcolm X." In 2000, Frankie was awarded a National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Frankie will always be remembered as someone who never lost his love for dancing as he got older. In fact, in just a few weeks

he was to celebrate his 95th birthday with a five-day festival and the premiere of a documentary on his life of dance. This event, now scheduled as a memorial, shows just how much spirit Frankie brought to his life and his dancing.

My condolences go out to Frankie's family, the dancers he worked with throughout his career, and to his many fans around the world. He brought so much life to the world of jazz dance, and the same energy and charisma to all his endeavors. Frankie Manning will certainly be missed, but I am confident that his spirit will live on.

**BRYCE McDONALD**

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Bryce McDonald of Liberty, Missouri. Bryce is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Bryce has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Bryce has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. He was also the recipient of the Eagles Soaring High award.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Bryce McDonald for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING DR. PATRICIA L. STARCK FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AS DEAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON SCHOOL OF NURSING

**HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Patricia L. Starck for twenty-five years of outstanding achievements as Dean of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Nursing and to recognize her contributions to the health of Texans and countless others through her leadership in nursing education.

Dean Starck has shown exemplary leadership in addressing the national nursing shortage. Under her leadership, student enrollment in the School of Nursing and the number of faculty have nearly doubled; philanthropic giving has increased more than twenty-fold; the number of endowed scholarships has risen from two to twenty-four and the number of endowed chairs from one to thirteen; and seven research endowments have been created. She was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to serve on the Statewide Health Coordinating

Council and also serves as co-chair of the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Study Advisory Committee.

Under her leadership, the School of Nursing has embarked on several new programmatic endeavors. Dean Starck worked tirelessly to ensure the creation of the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, a practice doctorate degree focused on patient quality outcomes. The University of Texas School of Nursing at Houston was the first school in Texas to offer a Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree. During her tenure, the School has also established the Women's Health Care Nursing Program; the Center for Nursing Research; the Center on Aging; the Pediatric Nursing Practitioner Program; the Neonatal Nursing Program; the Acute Care Nursing Program; the Adult Health Nursing Program; the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Education and Research; the Biological Sciences Laboratory; and the Nursing Leadership and Administration Program.

Dean Starck has also contributed to scholarship and research in her field, receiving fourteen grant awards for her work; publishing forty-five articles for journals; publishing and serving as editor on eighteen publications; and collaborating on and leading twelve clinical research projects and six education research projects for instructional distribution.

She has brought honor to the School and to herself as the recipient of numerous awards and distinctions, including the 2005 Health Policy Award; the Presidential Award for Distinguished Contributions and Sterling Leadership, the XIV Congress on Viktor Frankl's Logotherapy; the Griffin B. Bell Distinguished Lecturer, Georgia Southwestern State University; Sister Bernadette Armiger Award, American Association of Colleges of Nursing; Nursing Excellence Leadership Award, Houston Organization of Nurses; Distinguished Professional Woman's Award, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Committee on the Status of Women 1993; Collaboration Between Nursing Service and Education Award, Council Deans/Directors and Nurse Executives; Woman of Excellence, Federation of Business and Professional Women; Outstanding Woman in Education, YWCA Honoree; Leadership Texas; and Lifetime Membership, Alumni Association, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Nursing. She is a member of Sigma Xi, Sigma Theta Tau and Phi Kappa Phi societies; and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.

Congratulations to Dr. Patricia Starck for twenty-five years of outstanding work for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Nursing, and best wishes for the years to come.

#### HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MS. BRITTANY BERGQUIST

##### HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today so that my colleagues in the House of Representatives can join me in congratulating a young, profoundly dedicated community volunteer—and a constituent of mine—Ms. Brittany Bergquist.

As a distinguished winner of the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award, Brittany was recently named as one of our nation's top 10 youth volunteers. Her passion for improving the lives of others was sparked five years ago by a TV news story about an Army reservist who struggled with overwhelming cell phone bills while trying to keep in touch with his loved ones overseas. Sympathetic to our brave men and women in uniform, Brittany and her brother Robbie began raising money to send on their behalf. They scraped together piggy-bank savings, hosted car washes, and organized bake sales as their dedication to the cause intensified day-by-day.

Today, the nonprofit organization that the Bergquist kids co-founded—"Cell Phones for Soldiers"—has collected and recycled nearly 700,000 pre-paid phone cards for the men and women serving in our armed forces. She and her brother arranged for a recycling company to purchase donated phones; designed a Web site to spread awareness of their campaign; recruited volunteers from across the continent; and secured a large donation from a mobile phone company. To date, the Bergquist children have sent more than \$2.5 million worth of one-hour phone cards to military hospitals and bases around the world.

What began as the idealistic initiative of a young girl and her brother, "Cell Phones for Soldiers" has blossomed into a national effort well-deserving of the recognition it has received. Brittany is an inspiration not only to the people of her home state of Massachusetts, but to young adults nationwide who aspire to make a difference.

On behalf of the thousands of soldiers who have been able to communicate with their families thanks to Brittany's efforts, I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank her for her exemplary work and compassion. She is a young woman of exceptional potential, and I wish her the very best of luck in all her future endeavors.

#### A TRIBUTE TO CHRYSALIS AND THE 8TH ANNUAL CHRYSALIS BUTTERFLY BALL ON THE OCCA- SION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chrysalis, a nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles County that is dedicated to helping economically disadvantaged and homeless individuals find jobs and become self-sufficient through employment opportunities.

The organization derives its name from the term used to describe the growth stage during which a caterpillar is transformed into a beautiful butterfly. Chrysalis, the organization, seeks to lead its clients on a similar path—transforming lives by helping people who have fallen on hard times work their way out of poverty and obtain economic stability.

When Chrysalis was founded by 22-year-old John Dillon 25 years ago, the organization was a food and shelter agency located on Skid Row in Downtown Los Angeles. John soon realized that he wanted to change the

agency's focus. He then transformed the organization into what it is today: an agency dedicated to helping people find jobs and become self-sufficient through employment opportunities.

To date, Chrysalis has assisted more than 30,000 people on the path toward self-sufficiency at three centers located throughout areas in Los Angeles County where poverty is most pervasive: Downtown Los Angeles on Skid Row, Santa Monica, and Pacoima in the San Fernando Valley. Through its employment programs and services, Chrysalis helps more than 2,500 people each year. Chrysalis clients not only find employment, but they change their lives through their new jobs, reuniting with their families, decreasing their reliance on government support, renting their own apartments, and regaining self-esteem.

To support their work, Chrysalis will hold its 8th Annual Chrysalis Butterfly Ball on June 6 at the Mandeville Canyon home of Susan Harris and Hayward Kaiser. This incredible evening is supported by friends of Chrysalis, including executives and artists in film, television, and music who will come together to help raise funds to keep Chrysalis' doors open to people in need throughout the year.

In recognition of the important role of Chrysalis' supporters, this year's celebration will honor several individuals critical to the organization's success, including Bruce Cohen and Dan Jinks, Academy Award Winning producers most prominently known for their work on the movies MILK and AMERICAN BEAUTY, as well as Doug Ellin, the creator and executive producer of the HBO television series, "Entourage." In addition, Chrysalis client Terry Moore will also be honored as this year's recipient of the John Dillon Butterfly Award. With the help of Chrysalis' services, Terry Moore overcame multiple barriers to find and keep a job, build a successful career, and regain dignity and self-esteem.

Madam Speaker, on the occasion of Chrysalis' 25th anniversary, I join today with my congressional colleagues in recognizing all of the many dedicated people who make this fine organization the beacon of hope that it is today. I extend my thanks to this year's honorees, incredible donors and supporters, invaluable volunteer force, the Chrysalis staff, and, most of all, the agency's clients. Chrysalis provides the resources that enable those seeking a brighter future to truly "transform" themselves and their lives, and I wish everyone involved with this fine organization many more years of continued success.

#### HONORING BUD DOGGETT

##### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 14, 2009*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, this week the District of Columbia is renaming 10th Street, NW., "Bud Doggett's Way" after Leonard "Bud" Doggett, an iconic civic, business and political leader here in Washington who passed away last year. It's a well-deserved honor to an individual who devoted his life to making Washington, the Nation's Capital, a better place. During my tenure both as a member and Chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia I had the