

I am honored to have known Jack as a colleague and friend, and hope that the designation of the Jack F. Kemp Post Office Building will serve as one of many different recognitions of his life and service to our country. His family remains in our thoughts and prayers, and I encourage my colleagues to keep his memory alive as we work together in the fight for freedom and opportunity for all Americans.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, I missed eleven recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall 841, "nay" on rollcall 842, "yea" on rollcall 843, "yea" on rollcall 844, "yea" on rollcall 845, "yea" on rollcall 846, "nay" on rollcall 847, "yea" on rollcall 848, "nay" on rollcall 849, "yea" on rollcall 850, and "yea" on rollcall 851.

HONORING MRS. MARGIE SULLIVAN

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Margie Sullivan for her accomplishments and dedication to the bluegrass gospel music industry.

Sullivan, born in Baskin, LA, has devoted more than 60 years to the bluegrass gospel music ministry. Known as the "First Lady of Bluegrass Gospel Music," she is featured in the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame located in Bean Blossom, Indiana. In addition, she is an International Bluegrass Music Association Living Legend recipient, member of the Alabama Country Music Hall of Fame in Tusculumbia, Alabama, and has been named as "Goodwill Ambassador" for bluegrass music in several European countries.

Earning these recognitions is a tremendous honor, and I commend Margie for her hard work and compassion.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Mrs. Margie Sullivan. She is truly deserving of our appreciation.

REMEMBERING VICTIMS OF UKRAINIAN HOLODOMOR ON THE 76TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 76th anniversary of the famine that was deliberately and systematically inflicted upon the Ukrainian people by Josef Stalin's brutal regime. I rise today in solemn memory of the Ukrainians who were killed between 1932 and 1933.

The Ukrainian famine, referred to as Holodomor or "Death by Starvation," remains one of the least known human tragedies. An estimated 7 to 10 million Ukrainians perished when the Soviet government, using food as a weapon to suppress the nationalism and identity of the Ukrainian people, seized the country's 1932 grain crop and executed thousands who resisted. The country's borders were sealed to prevent starving Ukrainians from fleeing and to prevent any outside relief efforts from reaching the people.

In its effort to suppress the Ukrainian nation, the Soviet Union perpetrated a famine so brutal that it ranks as one of the starkest examples of inhumanity in modern history.

For generations, the Soviet Union tried to ban discussion of the famine, deceptively portraying the millions of deaths as the result of drought, food shortages, or unavoidable circumstances. We know this is false. The recently opened Soviet archives show the premeditated, political nature of the famine. The commendable work of Ukrainian scholars and the Ukrainian-American community is helping to bring these horrors to light and to ensure our collective memory of this terrible act.

I am proud that Congress has supported efforts to recognize the Holodomor, particularly legislation allowing Ukraine to donate a memorial in the District of Columbia honoring the famine's victims. The Ukrainian Government, the Ukrainian-American Community, and the Department of the Interior have identified a site for this memorial and the Ukrainian Government is now working toward a design. This memorial is deeply significant to the 1.5 million Ukrainian-Americans, indeed to all of us, and will serve as a tangible reminder of the horror tyranny can inflict.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in remembering the victims of the Ukrainian Holodomor on its 76th anniversary and in renewing our commitment to ensure events such as this are never repeated.

SALUTING KATHLEEN HODGES OF GARLAND'S WALNUT GLEN ACADEMY

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I'd like to recognize Kathleen Hodges for winning the Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Award 2008–2009. She teaches at Walnut Glen Academy in Garland and lives in Rowlett. Kathleen stands head and shoulders above her peers for her role as an outstanding humanities teacher making a difference in the lives of young Texans.

The Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Awards recognizes 11 exemplary K–12 humanities teachers. Humanities Texas, formerly the Texas Council for the Humanities, is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Humanities Texas conducts and supports public programs in history, literature, philosophy, and other humanities disciplines. These programs strengthen Texas communities and ultimately help sustain representative democracy by cultivating informed, educated citizens.

After a 21-year career in education, Hodges has numerous teaching accolades to her

name, including the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year and the Walnut Glen Academy Teacher of the Year Award. She considers her proudest accomplishment the art program she has helped establish at Walnut Glen Academy.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Karen for her selfless contributions to make Texas and America a better place by pouring into our young people. Please join me in congratulating Karen on a magnificent achievement and wishing her all the best with her future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING OLD NATIONAL BANK ON ITS 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRAD ELLSWORTH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. ELLSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Old National Bank as a community leader and trusted financial institution. For 175 years, Old National Bank has been providing outstanding service and banking options to communities throughout the Ohio River Valley.

The bank was founded in 1834 in Evansville, Indiana. And since that time, Old National has grown to become one of the most trusted financial institutions in the country. By committing itself to a sound, conservative approach to banking, Old National has survived and thrived when others faltered.

Old National is more than just a bank; it is actively working to improve our communities, too. Through its foundation, the bank is giving back and supporting community initiatives through generous grants. And employees have added manpower to those initiatives, volunteering thousands of hours to the communities and causes they care about.

Without a doubt, Old National Bank has made Evansville and the other communities it serves a better place for our citizens.

Congratulations, Old National; here's to another 175 years of success and prosperity.

CONGRATULATING MARGARET BEATTY

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Margaret Beatty for being selected Queen Evangeline of the 41st International Acadian Festival in Iberville Parish.

Margaret, a 17-year-old senior at St. John High School in Plaquemine, La., is the daughter of Donnie and Amy Beatty.

The International Acadian Festival is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Council #970 of Plaquemine, which is the oldest Knights of Columbus Council in Louisiana.

It is always outstanding to see the diligence with which the young students of Louisiana work to give back and better their communities. I have the highest confidence that Margaret will succeed in whatever endeavors she pursues.

I ask my colleagues to join me in passing good wishes to Margaret Beatty, her family,

and the entire International Acadian Festival. Margaret is truly deserving of this recognition.

HONORING THE DEDICATION OF THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL OF TEXAS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I recognize Kaufman County Veterans for their tremendous work in procuring a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.

The memorial wall, which will be permanently located at the Kaufman County Veterans Memorial Park, will be a lasting tribute to those who not only served in Vietnam, but to all the veterans of Kaufman County.

As we prepare for Veterans Day on November 11th, let us remember those throughout our nation's history who have sacrificed so much so that we may be free. Freedom is not free; it comes at an incredible cost. Veterans and their families, more than any other group of Americans, understand that cost.

President Coolidge once said, "A nation which forgets its defenders, will itself soon be forgotten." This park and wall in Kaufman, Texas, will forever be a reminder of the sacrifices our fellow Americans and their families endured so that we may enjoy the freedoms that have made our country so great.

As the Congressman of the Fifth District, I would like to thank everyone who played a role in building the Kaufman County Veterans Memorial Park and bringing the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall to Kaufman County.

CONGRATULATIONS TO E.M. DAGGETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN FORT WORTH

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to an elementary school in my District. E.M. Daggett Elementary in Fort Worth, Texas is celebrating its 100th anniversary. This is particularly noteworthy because Daggett Elementary is only the second elementary school in the country to reach this milestone.

Named after a pioneer settler of Fort Worth, E.M. Daggett Elementary opened in September of 1909. At that time, Fort Worth was experiencing a tremendous amount of growth and a new school was needed to serve the families moving into the southern parts of the city. As the city has continued to grow, so has E.M. Daggett Elementary. Buildings were added in 1914, 1926, and 1988 to increase the number of classrooms and the overall size of the school so it would be better equipped to serve the community.

E.M. Daggett Elementary has always been a site of innovation and progress for the Fort Worth Independent School District. In the 1940s, the regional day school for the deaf was established. This school served deaf students from all over Tarrant County and sur-

rounding counties. In 1983, Daggett Montessori School became the first public Montessori school in the school district. E.M. Daggett Elementary recently began a Parents as Teachers Program.

As a former teacher, I know that quality education is the foundation of a successful future. E.M. Daggett Elementary has been able to provide that essential foundation to countless people from Fort Worth. It has been a vital part of Fort Worth for the past 100 years, and I hope it will continue to be an invaluable part of the community for many years to come.

Again, I congratulate E.M. Daggett Elementary on its 100th anniversary.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Project Name: Caroline County for the Dawn Community Decentralized Wastewater System project

Amount: \$3,000,000

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Requested by: Caroline County

Intended Recipient of Funds: Caroline County, VA, 117 Ennis Street, P.O. Box 447, Bowling Green, VA 22427

Project description and explanation of the request: The project will expand the availability of safe county-owned and operated wastewater treatment to replace failing or problem septic systems in the community of Dawn. The Dawn area has experienced serious public health issues for years due to failing septic systems. Phase 1 of the project was successful in connecting over 180 households to the county owned and operated Dawn Decentralized Wastewater System. Phase 2 is estimated to connect another 180 homes and small businesses.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2996, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agency Appropriations Act of 2010. This earmark in the Environmental Protection Agency's State and Tribal Assistance Grant Program is for \$500,000 to the City of Rock Island, P.O. Box 99, Rock Island, WA 98850.

This project would construct a wastewater collection and treatment system for the City of Rock Island and a portion of the unincor-

porated area of Douglas County. More than five years of technical study have demonstrated the need for a central sewer system to address the high risk of drinking water contamination that exists as a result of failing on-site septic systems, inadequate soils and a high water table. Design of the system is complete, and the project is ready for construction.

IN HONOR OF ACEL MOORE, DIS- TINGUISHED PHILADELPHIA JOURNALIST, EDUCATOR, MEN- TOR AND ROLE MODEL

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Accl Moore, a distinguished Philadelphia journalist and educator, mentor and role model, who is adding another significant honor to his already impressive career. Along the way, Accl Moore has been a pioneer in the promotion and showcasing of minority journalism and a star in the ranks of Philadelphia journalists.

Accl Moore has been called "the conscience of the community," a title and responsibility that he continues to earn every day.

His latest honor, the 2009 Star Alumnus EDDY from the Philadelphia Education Fund as a Star of Public Education, will be presented November 19, 2009 at the Philadelphia Education Fund awards ceremony on the campus of Drexel University in my district.

Accl's journalism career began at the Philadelphia Inquirer in 1962 as a copy book, gained added prominence with the 1977 Pulitzer Prize and continues today as the Inquirer's Associate Editor Emeritus and columnist. Yet alongside his work in the newsroom, Accl has been the creator of programs, motivator and instructor for generations of public school youth in Philadelphia.

Most significantly, he has blended these dual passions. Accl Moore has not only opened the door for talented youth of color to launch journalism and communications careers in workplaces desperately in need of diversity. He has, time after time, built the doorway itself.

Accl—known throughout Philadelphia and in wider journalism circles simply by his distinctive first name—continues to lecture at several colleges and universities around the country. At the Inquirer, he writes and directs recruitment, training and staff development while still being consulted to help shape and balance the paper's editorial policies.

In 1979, he established the Art Peters Fellowship Program, a copy editor internship that has launched the careers of 50 journalists. In 1984, he created the Journalism Career Development Workshop that has trained dozens of Philadelphia high school students. The program is now named in his honor—the Accl Moore Minority Workshop. He also has developed writing and journalism programs for the School District of Philadelphia.

In 1970 he won the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Scale of Justice Award for his series on the juvenile court system. Then came the Public Service Award from the Society of Professional Journalism in 1971 and an award from the Pennsylvania Associated Press Managing Editors Association in 1974. That same