

the district cannot be filled after a certain date. In the 1990 bill, this time frame was determined to be ten years after each temporary judgeship was filled. That meant that Hawaii could not fill a temporary vacancy occurring after October 2004.

Currently, the District of Hawaii has four active judges. However, if any of these judges become inactive, by taking senior status or otherwise, the district will not be able to replace that judge because of the ten-year limitation, which has long passed. This would place a great burden on not only the three remaining active judges, but also on the litigants themselves, especially civil litigants. Due to the right to speedy trial, felony cases regularly bump civil trials off the calendar, leading to long delays to get to court for civil litigants. Civil cases include disputes involving personal injury, civil rights, the environment, business, and other non-criminal matters.

The Judicial Conference of the United States has previously recommended that Hawaii's fourth temporary judgeship be converted to permanent status. The conversion was included in the 2007 Judicial Conference Judgeship Biennial Recommendation.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on this and other initiatives that will address our need for additional federal judgeships across the country.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RONALD
ANTHONY PARISE

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Ronald Anthony Parise. Dr. Parise led an admirable life of service to our country through his dedication to the space program and his exemplification of the ideals of good citizenship.

Dr. Parise was a distinguished native of Warren, Ohio, a graduate of Western Reserve High School and a physics graduate of Youngstown State University in 1973. He developed one of his deepest, life-long interests at the age of eleven when he became licensed for Amateur Radio. Dr. Parise's love of radio guided his life of research and exploration from his academic work to his work in space.

While at Youngstown State University, Dr. Parise's interest in astronomy and exploration flourished. He was a prominent member of the Astronomy Club at Youngstown State and a technician at the planetarium. After graduating from Youngstown State, Dr. Parise furthered his education by earning a Master's degree and a doctorate at the University of Florida.

In 1984, Dr. Parise was selected by NASA to be a payload specialist. He made two remarkable trips into outer space, once in 1990 aboard the space shuttle *Columbia* mission ASTRO-1 and once in 1995 aboard the space shuttle *Endeavor* mission ASTRO-2. Dr. Parise logged an astonishing total of 614 hours in space and traveled 10.6 million miles.

As payload specialist, Dr. Parise took his admiration of astronomy and his respect of radio to a new level. He used his passion for astronomy and radio to develop Amateur Radio on the International Space Station. This

development used a simple ham radio to communicate from space to Earth. The creation of Amateur Radio on the International Space Station was essential because it allowed schools to speak with astronauts and learn about space exploration. Dr. Parise established the radio communication link that inspired countless students to study and seek careers in vitally important scientific fields. This radio connection brought about the interest and devotion to outer space that we see today.

Dr. Parise also pioneered the operation of a telescope in space. He completed hundreds of observations regarding ultraviolet rays and x-rays in space. Dr. Parise's observations created a greater understanding of how celestial objects affect the birth of a star. These observations also expanded our knowledge of the complex life cycle of a star. As recognition for his accomplishments, NASA awarded Dr. Parise twice with its Space Flight Medal.

However, Dr. Parise's love of science did not end after his last space flight. After leaving NASA, he continued to inspire students to pursue careers in science as a motivational speaker. He traveled to many different schools to spread his enthusiasm and knowledge of science.

Dr. Parise led an impressive public life, but he also led an impressive family life. Ron Parise was known as a man who put his family and friends first and always valued the relationships in his life, especially his relationships with his wife and two children.

After a long and courageous battle with cancer, Dr. Ronald Anthony Parise passed away at the age of fifty-seven on May 9, 2008. Dr. Ronald Anthony Parise touched countless lives through his contributions to his community, his nation, and the world of science, and for this he will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, on roll-call No. 89 I was not able to reach the House floor to cast my vote before the vote was closed. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

THE SUSAN BROWNELL ANTHONY
BIRTHDAY ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month—along with my Democratic colleague Congressman MICHAEL ARCURI—to introduce the Susan Brownell Anthony Birthday Act. This bill will designate the third Monday in February as a day to celebrate the legacy of Susan Brownell Anthony, a pioneer of the women's rights movement, and its leader for more than 50 years.

Born on February 15, 1820, Susan Brownell Anthony met Elizabeth Cady Stanton in 1851

and attended her first women's rights convention in Syracuse in 1852. At that convention she was inspired to join the fight for women's suffrage, asserting that this was "the right women needed above every other." The first proposal for women's suffrage was presented to Congress in 1868, and the first formal women's suffrage amendment to the Constitution of the United States was introduced in January 1878. For 35 years after that first proposal was made, Susan Brownell Anthony appeared before every Congress to ask for passage of a suffrage amendment, demonstrating her unwavering dedication to the cause. Her last public words before her death on March 13, 1906 were "Failure is impossible."

Unfortunately, Susan Brownell Anthony did not live to see her dream of women's suffrage become a reality, but thankfully her heroic efforts were not in vain. On May 21, 1919, the House of Representatives passed the 19th amendment, and two weeks later, the Senate followed. The Secretary of State, Bainbridge Colby, certified the ratification on August 26, 1920. The text of the 19th amendment states that "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

The United States has previously recognized Susan Brownell Anthony's tremendous contributions to our Nation. To commemorate her legacy, a marble statue of her and her women's rights colleagues, Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, was dedicated in the United States Capitol in 1921. Susan Brownell Anthony's picture appeared on postage stamps in 1936 and 1955. Her home in Rochester, New York, has been a National Historic Landmark since 1966, and in 1979, her image was placed on a dollar coin.

I am proud that the work of Susan Brownell Anthony and her fellow suffragists has been acknowledged and honored in these ways. However, as the founder and leader of the women's movement in the United States, Susan Brownell Anthony deserves a permanent place in our history. Passage of the Susan Brownell Anthony Birthday Act would make March 3 the first Federal holiday that celebrates the birthday of a woman, and would allow all women and men in the United States to celebrate and honor the legacy of a true American hero.

CONGRATULATING THOMAS J.
HROMISIN

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. Thomas J. Hromisin, the 2009 recipient of the Man of the Year Award from the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

Mr. Hromisin is a son of Jerry and Mary Ellen Hoban Hromisin, having been born April 30, 1983.

He attended St. John the Baptist Elementary School and Seton Catholic High School where he graduated in 2001 as vice president of the senior class. He has been a lifelong

member of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Pittston, where he has served as an acolyte and Eucharistic Minister.

Mr. Hromisin attended the University of Scranton on a four-year ROTC scholarship, majoring in criminal justice. As a Cadet, he attended Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He also attended Cadet Troop Leadership Training with a psychological operations unit at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was also a competitor on the Ranger Challenger Team.

Upon graduation, Mr. Hromisin received the distinguished graduate award in the fields of criminal justice and military science and he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army on May 28, 2005.

After completion of the Infantry Officer's Basic Course and attending Ranger School, he was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington in April 2006. He was promoted to first lieutenant in January 2007, and served as a mobile gun system platoon leader in the 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

During his unit's deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he led his unit on 20 combat patrols and was critically wounded by a sniper on May 29, 2007, resulting in blindness and a traumatic brain injury. His recovery has included a month at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland; seven months at the Drucker Brain Injury Center at Moss Rehab, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and six months at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Rehabilitation for the Blind in West Haven, Connecticut.

In September 2007, Mr. Hromisin was promoted to captain. At that time, he was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge. Mr. Hromisin resides at his home in Pittston, Pennsylvania, and continues to receive outpatient therapy.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Mr. Hromisin for the extraordinary and courageous service he has given to his country and for the profound sacrifices he has made in the defense of freedom and the protection of his fellow Americans.

OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2009

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) Program at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The CTSA program is a noteworthy initiative with the potential to enhance and invigorate our nation's clinical and translational research enterprise.

As the representative from the 8th Congressional District of Massachusetts, I am especially pleased that the program makes significant efforts to create new clinical research homes in academic settings and, so, strengthen our nation's current and future research infrastructure. Furthermore, I am quite proud that Boston institutions; Boston University, Harvard University, and Tufts University are 3 of the 38 sites that currently comprise the growing CTSA network.

Over the past few years, roughly level funding for NIH has severely limited the size of the

award that can be made to these and the other CTSA-recipient institutions. These funding challenges have had dire consequences for the program's implementation and have seriously impeded its very necessary expansion.

As an ardent supporter of NIH, I thank Chairman OBEY on the increased NIH funding in both the FY09 Omnibus Appropriations bill and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

HONORING THE DELAWARE COUNTY
FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the courage and dedication of The Delaware County Fire Police Association. These exceptional first responders are often overlooked by many communities in our nation. However, I am proud to say that is not the case in the 7th Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

In the past two years I have come to appreciate and respect the invaluable service these essential citizens provide to their neighbors and brothers and sisters in our Fire and Police Departments. Were it not for the training and bravery of the Fire Police, those initial moments, as a tragedy unfolds, would be chaotic and exponentially more dangerous. For it is the Fire Police who, when a situation is still uncertain, stand in the breach to afford other first responders the time, space and security they require to do their jobs.

As we learned tragically on September 11, 2001, the earliest moments of a crisis demand the greatest caution, experience and communication. I thank the Delaware County Fire Police Association for generations of public service. By consistently arriving at the right time and being in the right place they have saved untold numbers of lives and valuable, often irreplaceable property and possessions.

Madam Speaker, I ask that our nation take this moment to offer our thanks and appreciation to a group of hometown heroes, the Delaware County Fire Police Association.

HONORING PLEASANT VALLEY
HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and thank the students, faculty, administrators, staff, and parents of Pleasant Valley Community High School. Pleasant Valley students have now contributed over 100,000 hours of service as part of the innovative PVHS Service Learning Program.

In 2003, the PVHS community decided it was essential to teach students the importance of community service and civic responsibility. The school district created a bold service-learning program that requires all students to complete seventy hours of service before they graduate. Since the inception of the pro-

gram, PVHS students have contributed their passion, intelligence, and creativity to organizations across the United States and the world. They have served people in need and helped communities address some of our most difficult problems.

Today we face challenges that threaten the world economy, our national security, and the environment that makes life on earth possible. To meet these challenges and ensure that future generations can realize their full potential, we must embrace what the President has called a "new era of responsibility in America." PVHS students have answered this call and set an example for all citizens to follow. Congratulations to Pleasant Valley Community High School and thank you.

WANDA RIDDLE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Wanda Riddle at Sullivan County Memorial Hospital on the occasion of celebrating 50 years as a Registered Nurse.

Wanda graduated from the College of St. Teresa as a Registered Nurse, and began her career at Sullivan County Memorial Hospital in 1955. She has dedicated almost her entire career to the hospital in Milan, MO and the community it serves. Wanda has had many accomplishments throughout her career, including starting the Sullivan County Ambulance Service at the hospital in the 1980s. She has also taught CNA classes, attended numerous inservice/education for cardiac and EKG interpretations, and has been a mentor to the entire nursing staff at Sullivan County Memorial Hospital.

Wanda has earned the gratitude and respect of her colleagues and fellow citizens of Sullivan County, Missouri. Her life's dedication and hard work should serve as an example to the rest of us on how we can better serve each other and our communities.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending Wanda Riddle for her dedicated service to Sullivan County Memorial Hospital. I know Wanda's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking her for her commitment to others and wishing her happiness and good health for years to come.

STATEMENT RECOGNIZING THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE JOLIET
PARK DISTRICT

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Joliet Park District. The park district is the 2009 recipient of the "Salute to Accomplishment" Award from the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce. I join the Chamber of Commerce in saluting the Joliet Park District for its long record of service to the residents of Joliet, Illinois.