

Fire Chiefs Association, where he serves as liaison to a number of adjunct groups. Chief Dornell is also the first inaugural chairman of the Burlingame Adopt-a-Unit program, which since 2004 has supported hundreds of U.S. soldiers through their deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

In his retirement, Chief Dornell will be relocating to Calaveras County to enjoy hiking and outdoors activities in the Central Sierra, to continue work on the home he has been rebuilding, and to spend some time travelling around the country with his wife Debra. He will also continue his work as a volunteer for the Calaveras County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating Fire Chief Don Dornell on a remarkable career. His contributions to our community are an example of the best in public service, and his leadership and dedication will be missed. We wish him the best in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF RONALD LABAR FOR 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE WITH THE BANGOR, PENNSYLVANIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2013*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Ronald Labar, who was recognized on Saturday, April 6, 2013 by his fellow firefighters for 40 years of courageous service and leadership with the Second Ward Fire Company of the Fire Department of Bangor, Pennsylvania.

As part of his four decades with the Second Ward, Mr. Labar served as the Captain of the company. Ronald was also Assistant Chief for 12 years, and then Chief of the fire department. His dedication to the job always created a lasting impression on both his colleagues and the members of the public who relied on his skills.

Firefighters must remain physically and mentally fit for the job and possess the highest levels of honesty and dependability. For administrators in this field, there is also a great need to be a coordinator, budgeter, educator, reviewer, communicator, engineer and counselor—and to be good at all of these roles. Over the last few decades, firefighting has changed, and some practices once considered safe have been replaced by new methods and technologies. Public officers like Ronald Labar, who serve through many such changes, are needed to bring cohesion to our critical civic institutions.

I thank Ronald for his efforts over 40 years on behalf of my constituents, and I salute his distinguished service to his community.

RECOGNIZING DR. ANITA B. ENRIQUEZ ON RECEIVING THE 2013 U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S WOMEN IN BUSINESS CHAMPION AWARD FOR GUAM

### HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2013*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez on being awarded the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Women in Business Champion Award for Guam. Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez is Dean of the School of Business and Public Administration at the University of Guam.

Dr. Enriquez periodically serves as Acting Senior Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs at the University of Guam. In addition to this role, she is the Executive Director of the Pacific Center for Economic Initiatives and the principal owner of Strategic Organizational Solutions, a project consulting company, which provides research and strategic planning facilitation.

Dr. Enriquez grew up in a large and modest family in the southern village of Agat. She helped support her family by assisting at her mother's small grocery store. Early in her life, she gained independence and worked hard to achieve success. At the young age of 19, Dr. Enriquez established her own bookkeeping business, providing services to businesses on Guam; this was the first business she would establish on her own.

A strong proponent of economic development, Dr. Enriquez established the UOG Pacific Center for Economic Initiatives in 2006, and has secured over \$1 million in technical assistance grants from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. These funds helped to establish the Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center and the new Guam Veterans Business Outreach Center. In addition, funds from the Department of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs helped to support a community and economic development forum in 2009 and to launch the "Buy Local Guam" marketing educational campaign in 2011.

Dr. Enriquez is also an active and passionate member in our island community. She believes that education is the key to sustainable economic success for Guam. She oversees the Women in Business program at the Guam SBDC, mentors the SIGMA Society Soroptimist college club that focuses on "best for women" and counsels up-and-coming female entrepreneurs. She is also a member of the International Economic Development Council, the California Association for Local Economic Development, the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce, the Guam Procurement Advisory Council, the Career and Technical Education Task Force Committee, and the Guam Board of Directors. She previously served as an appointed member of the Guam Education Board, is a founding member of the Guam Museum Foundation Board, and member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce Small Business Focus and Development Committee, Rotary Club of Tumon Bay Board of Directors (RI District 2750), the Economic Development Subcommittee of the Guam Civilian and Mili-

tary Task Force, and the Junior Achievement Board of Directors. She was also founding Vice President of the Guam Marketing Association in 1997.

In 2011, Dr. Enriquez won the "2011 GCC Alumna of the Year Award," and the Academy of Economics and Economic Education "Distinguished Research Award" for her co-authored work on "The Making of the Pacific Tiger: Lessons from the Celtic Tiger." In 2012, she was awarded the "UOG Administrator of the Year Award" and "UOG Unit of the Year Award."

Ms. Enriquez is married to Noel Enriquez and she has one daughter, Vanessa and two stepsons, Nathan and Nicolas. She earned a B.S. in Management from University of Maryland, a certificate from the Institute for Management and Leadership in Education at Harvard Graduate School of Education, an M.B.A. from the University of Guam, and a Doctor of Business Administration degree in International Business and Marketing from Alliant International University.

I congratulate Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez on receiving the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Women in Business Champion Award for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending her for her award and thanking her for her many contributions to our island community.

RECOGNIZING NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

### HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2013*

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate the city of Naperville, Illinois on its "Sunny Award" for local government transparency. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis once said, "Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants," and I believe this statement applies to all forms of government.

The "Sunny Award," awarded by the Sunshine Review, honors the most transparent government websites in the nation. The organization found that the Naperville website contained comprehensive information on meetings, elected and administrative officials, audits, lobbying, public records, contracts, taxes, and the budget.

This honor was received by only 247 of the 7,000 government websites that were ranked during "Sunshine Week," a period of national recognition among civic organizations and the media for achievements in open government. The Naperville government earned an A+ rating.

I would also like to acknowledge the city's continued efforts to establish transparency. A portion of their website is now dedicated solely to updating citizens about how their tax dollars are being spent.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the City of Naperville, not only on this honor, but also on its ongoing effort to govern transparently and provide its constituents with unfettered access to information.

# HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE MID-MAINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS

## HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2013*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce's Annual Awards Dinner.

Each year, the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce recognizes local businesses, business leaders, community service projects and individuals who promote and advance a vital and healthy business environment. These individuals and businesses are committed to strengthening opportunity and increasing prosperity in Maine.

This year's award recipients include: Megan Williams, recipient of the Rising Star Award; Bert Languet, recipient of the Outstanding Professional Award; Michelle LePage, recipient of the Customer Service Stardom Award; the Waterville Opera House, recipient of the Community Service Project of the Year Award; Peter Schutte, recipient of the Business Person of the Year Award; Delta Ambulance, recipient of the Business of the Year Award; Shawn Michaud, recipient of the Elias A. Joseph Award; and Scott Bullock, recipient of the Distinguished Community Service Award.

These recipients are among the best that Maine has to offer. Through their leadership and incredible commitment to their communities and the region, Maine is a better place in which to live and do business.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce and these individuals and businesses on their outstanding service and achievement.

# RECOGNIZING MR. MICHAEL P. DOUGLASS FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2013*

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to commemorate and acknowledge a long-time curator from western Wisconsin, Mr. Michael P. Douglass. Michael is a knowledgeable, hard working man from Grant County who is retiring after 30 years of service to the Wisconsin Historical Society as site director at the Villa Louis historic site in Prairie du Chien.

I'm very proud of the extraordinary dedication and positive contributions that Michael has made during his time at Villa Louis—a National Historic Landmark that was the estate of the prominent H. Louis Dousman family in the 19th century. Thanks to the stewardship of Michael, since his very first day at the site on August 4, 1983, the Villa Louis mansion has been restored and renovated to what it once was, making it one of the most well-tended historic sites in Wisconsin. Michael discovered distant Dousman relations and brought back many of the mansion's original furnishings; throughout this process, he helped to preserve and share accurate accounts of Wisconsin's history.

The Wisconsin Historical Society and people of Wisconsin have greatly benefited from his extensive knowledge of the Dousman family and dedication to Villa Louis. Michael excelled in the mission of the Society—to preserve and share stories of Wisconsin history. Good narratives bring past events back to life, and Michael has undoubtedly and successfully championed these efforts in the expansion and enhancement of the collections of Villa Louis. I commend Michael Douglass for his extraordinary efforts in bringing history to life.

Mr. Michael P. Douglass's hard work and 30 years of dedicated service to the people of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Historical Society, and Villa Louis is truly deserving of recognition. It is with great pride that I rise today and congratulate Michael on a job well done, and I wish him all the best in his retirement.

# HONORING THE DEDICATION OF THE FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

## HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2013*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rev. Roderick McClanahan, and the dedication of the First Missionary Baptist Church's newest house of worship. For over 20 years the Reverend has served as Pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church, and has lead this congregation in the Building project which resulted in this church.

Rev. McClanahan was born in Louisiana where he received a calling from God at a young age, preaching his first sermon on September 4, 1984, and eventually becoming ordained at the New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Willie Minor, on September 21, 1985. He was brought to Maryland shortly thereafter, and has officially served as pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church since March of 1990.

The First Missionary Baptist Church has a rich history in Maryland. The church was started as a Prayer Band in October of 1945 by Martha Hickenbottom, as a way of giving the African Americans of Lexington Park a place of worship. Service was initially held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Colson, but as the congregation grew, so did their need for space. For a brief time the Prayer Band made their home in the then USO Building, until on April 19, 1947, at the suggestion of Brother Ivory Moore, then the prayer leader for the Prayer Band, they purchased the first acre of land the church calls home today. Since then, through segregation and beyond, the church has continued to grow and faithfully serve the African American community of Southern Maryland.

It is truly my honor to pay tribute today to Rev. Roderick McClanahan, and the First Missionary Baptist Church, a shining beacon for all of Southern Maryland.

# IN RECOGNITION OF MERLIN REPSHER FOR 50 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE WITH THE BANGOR, PENNSYLVANIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

## HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2013*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Merlin Repsher, who was recognized on Saturday, April 6, 2013 by his fellow firefighters for 50 years of brave service and leadership with Rescue Fire Company No. 1 of the Fire Department of Bangor, Pennsylvania.

Within those five decades, Mr. Repsher served as the chief engineer of the company. He also served as Fire Chief for five years. Merlin additionally always served as a mentor and trainer to new recruits, passing on his extensive knowledge to the next generation of firefighters. In that capacity, he worked as a teacher in the Northampton County Fire School.

Firefighters are often known for their dramatic acts of courage and quick-thinking in the field, but I understand that what a small community sometimes needs most is dogged dedication to the basic public-serving roles, including the civic administrative roles, on which everyone in town depends. Being there for one's neighbors—and always being there—is a quality to which we should all aspire. Fifty years in a demanding position, assisting those in need week in and week out, is quite an impressive record.

I ask everyone in Bangor and northern Northampton County to join me in congratulating Merlin Repsher for his decorated service to his community.

# TRIBUTE HONORING GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

## HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 9, 2013*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 192nd anniversary of Greece's independence, which we celebrated on Monday, March 25. This event commemorates the day in 1821 when the people of Greece reclaimed their heritage as democratic citizens and restored democracy to their nation.

The ancient Greeks established the world's first democratic government, and contributed to our own understanding of the world in diverse fields such as mathematics, philosophy and medicine. The democratic principles set forth by the ancient Greeks were the archetype for Americans to establish a democracy in 1776 and have guided our nation ever since. These classical ideals inspired our own founding fathers and shaped the United States Constitution which we are sworn to uphold as Members of Congress.

America's relationship with the people of Greece runs deep. Since the birth of our nations, the ties of democracy between Greece and America have been unwavering. The strong partnership between our two countries