

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. SHARON
ROOT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sharon M. Root, D.P.M., FACFAOM as she is recognized by fellow colleagues at the 64th Annual American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) Region 3 Scientific Meeting. Dr. Root's dedication to her profession and her selfless actions outside of the office are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Dr. Sharon Root graduated Magna Cum Laude from New York College of Podiatric Medicine. Previously, she completed Biological Sciences and Pre-medical studies at Rutgers University—Newark and earned her Associate in Applied Science Degree and was a Highest Honors Graduate in Nursing at County College of Morris. She completed her residency in Podiatric Surgery at The Bryn Mawr Hospital in 1993 and currently practices in Succasunna, New Jersey.

Throughout her career, Dr. Root has been a member of several professional organizations. She is a current New Jersey Delegate to the APMA House of Representatives and serves on the Resolutions Committee and Elections Committee. In addition, Dr. Root was president of the New Jersey Podiatric Medical Society for the 2006–2007 year and held many other positions within the Society, including Advisor of the Executive Committee, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Chair of the Carrier Advisory Committee.

Dr. Root is also a dedicated physician outside of the office. On March 16, 2012, while at dinner in Washington, DC, Dr. Root performed the Heimlich maneuver on another diner, Maryland psychologist Dr. Ellen Lent, who was choking. Dr. Root's quick actions saved Dr. Lent's life.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Dr. Sharon Root on her many professional accomplishments and thanking her for her actions to save another life.

**WALNUT GROVE LADY TIGERS
BASKETBALL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Walnut Grove Lady Tigers Basketball Team for winning the Missouri Class 1 Girls State Championship.

The Lady Tigers clinched the title with a thrilling finish, making a free throw with 1 second left for a final score of 47–46. Members of the team include Miranda Allison, Audree Crain, Carrigan Comstock, Ellen Hayter, Heather Harman, Lexi Harman, Shelby Harman, Megan Shuler, Madisyn Freeze, and Karsyn Hejna.

Through their hard work and dedication on and off the court, the Lady Tigers developed into a truly great championship team. The Lady Tigers ended the season 30–2, which set a school record for most wins in a season.

I also want to commend Head Coach Rory Henry and Assistant Coaches Deidre Parks and Jeff Cope for a job well-done on developing such a strong basketball program.

The Walnut Grove community is justifiably proud of this extraordinary group of young and talented student-athletes. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Walnut Grove Lady Tigers as they celebrate their Class 1 Girls State Championship.

HONORING NATIONAL MEDAL WINNERS OF THE SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS OF 2013

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a number of talented and dedicated high school students from my Congressional District who have won National Medals from the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2013. The Scholastic Awards are the largest, longest-running scholarship and recognition program for creative teens and are presented annually by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. These talented students are creative thinkers that will lead our nation into the future and I am so proud to recognize them today.

I am honored to represent Long Island and Queens which are home to many top notch schools with dedicated teachers guiding talented young students to success. Specifically, I want to recognize the following students that I have the honor to represent here in Congress: Megan Basaldua of Frank Sinatra School of the Arts High School; Michela Bentel of the Choate Rosemary Hall; Lindsay Bu of Stuyvesant High School; Max Carol of Syosset Senior High School; Michelle Chen of Hunter College High School; Soohyun Cho, Seungeun Ha and Min Soo Kim of Oogie Art; Yirang Choe of Ashcan Studio Art; Alexandra Deplas, Megan Fox, Lauren Goldstein and Danielle Pestynier of Jericho Senior High School; Patrick Fahey of Manhasset Secondary School; Meagan Fontanes, Brianna Martin and Julia Tannenbaum of Northport Senior High School; Samantha Rose Klainberg and Kaiqi Zhu of Great Neck South High School; and Nicole Lee of High School Art & Design.

Only 1,900 works of art and writing, from the initial pool of 230,000 submissions, earned a National Medal. These students and their teachers should be commended for excelling and achieving such great success. They will be honored at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Friday, May 31. Artwork from the award-winning students will be featured in an exhibition at Parsons The New School for Design and the Pratt Manhattan Gallery. A selection of students receiving awards for writing will have their work published in the annual anthology *The Best Teen Writing of 2013*.

Mr. Speaker, I again want to applaud the families, teachers and students that have made these achievements possible. I urge my colleagues to join me in commending you for all of your successes and I look forward to seeing your continued contribution to the arts.

A TRIBUTE TO CRAIG AND
SHIRLEY PHINNEY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Craig and Shirley Phinney for being named a 2013 Hero of the Heartland by the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa.

Each year, the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa recognizes Heroes of the Heartland by selecting everyday Iowans who have done extraordinary things to help their neighbors and communities. The Iowans honored with this prestigious award displayed selflessness in a variety of courageous, charitable and thoughtful acts. The Heroes of the Heartland program not only showcases the heroes among us, but also helps raise crucial funds to ensure that the American Red Cross is prepared and equipped to assist those that need food, shelter, and comfort during emergencies and difficult times.

The lives of Craig and Shirley Phinney changed forever one Friday evening in 2009 when Craig, a police officer and military veteran, was diagnosed with colorectal cancer. After seeing the struggles and sacrifices of other cancer patients firsthand, the Phinneys started the Cops Against Cancer organization to provide financial assistance to cancer patients and their families that are burdened by the unexpected and overwhelming expenses associated with cancer treatments. Craig and Shirley's organization assists with costs that are not typically covered by insurance, such as lodging and travel expenses for medical appointments, specialized treatments, and various monthly home expenses. Cops Against Cancer has assisted more than 125 families in 41 of Iowa's 99 counties, seven families outside of the state, and even a family as far away as Quebec, Canada. In one particular instance, the organization was able to help absorb the travel costs of a 72-year-old patient who had to travel 80 miles one-way for treatment because her local medical facility had been damaged by a tornado. In addition to their financial assistance, Craig and Shirley also provide the families and medical staffs of patients with their personal phone numbers to be able to assist at any hour of the day or night. The Phinneys' commitment to "protect and serve" their community is present in all facets of their lives, and it truly embodies what it means to be a hero. These wonderful Iowans have set a shining example that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. and Mrs. Phinneys' actions that earned them each the title a "Hero of the Heartland" are a testament to the humble, hardworking and helpful people who make up the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Craig and Shirley on a job well done, thanking the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa for their life changing efforts, and wishing all of those involved in the Heroes of the Heartland program continued success for years to come.

HONORING SERVICE OF COAST
GUARD CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER
L. ROBERGE

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the extraordinary service of Capt. Christopher L. Roberge, who is retiring after nearly 30 years in the United States Coast Guard.

For the last two years, Capt. Roberge has shown incredible leadership as the Commander of Coast Guard Sector New England, overseeing 1,100 personnel in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and northern New York. His tenure there has capped an extremely distinguished career with over 30 military decorations, including four Meritorious Service Medals.

Since taking command, Capt. Roberge has strengthened Coast Guard operations in the sector and around the country. He identified key vulnerabilities in the sector's emergency communications system and implemented vital changes to make the system less susceptible to outages—his recommendations paved the way for similar upgrades around the country. The Reserve Readiness Assessment Program he developed has moved the sector's Reserve unit to the number one position in the nation for readiness. And while supporting the planning for the first-ever tidal power generator in a U.S. waterway, Capt. Roberge's guidance has put the Coast Guard in a better position to handle future energy projects.

Capt. Roberge's day-to-day management of the sector also served to distinguish him. His leadership and expertise ensured the flawless execution of 1,690 vessel boardings, 213 pollution responses, and 1,058 Search and Rescue cases, with over 2,000 lives saved or assisted and \$38.9 million in property preserved.

As an island resident who regularly makes ferry trips across miles of water, I have a personal appreciation for the men and women of the Coast Guard. I feel safer knowing that they stand ready to respond to an emergency with skill and courage, and deeply appreciate their willingness to risk their lives to save others. My special thanks to Capt. Roberge for the many ways he has better prepared the Coast Guard to answer the call when we need them, and for his exceptional service to the country. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING AUBURN
MANUFACTURING, INC.

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Auburn Manufacturing, Inc. as it breaks ground on a significant expansion to its Auburn, Maine Kittyhawk Industrial Park location. Founded by President and CEO Kathie Leonard more than three decades ago, Auburn Manufacturing is known across the world as a leader in extreme temperature textiles.

Kathie and her former business partner founded Auburn Manufacturing in 1979. In the

intervening years, the company has grown to employ 50 employees, with its upcoming expansion set to create jobs for four new individuals. Kathie has never strayed from her core commitment to producing American-made textiles, seeking to enhance or improve Auburn Manufacturing's unique products without reinventing the wheel. It should come as no surprise that MaineBiz named Kathie one of its "Women to Watch" in 2009.

Auburn Manufacturing is the only manufacturer of extreme temperature fabrics to make its product line entirely in the United States. The company's commitment to producing "Made in the USA" products is in no small part because of Kathie's strong belief that domestic manufacturing is the key to innovation.

With another major expansion in Auburn Manufacturing's business plan, I have no doubt that Kathie and her employees will continue to turn out quality American made products for years and years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me on congratulating Kathie Leonard and her employees as they begin this tremendous next chapter for Auburn Manufacturing.

CELEBRATING INDIA PLAZA'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the India Plaza of Tempe, Arizona for its 10 years of dedicated service to the community.

Since 2003, India Plaza has served as a meeting place gateway for Arizonans into Indian culture, a center for education and celebrating diversity. They have also been actively engaged with the wider community, donating land and funds to various causes and working with both local government and Arizona State University to promote a more accessible city. India Plaza is a true community partner, receiving awards such as the "Best of Phoenix" and an Honorable Mention as "Tempe's Good Neighbor of the Year".

India Plaza serves as an excellent example to the rest of the Nation of what can be accomplished when people come together to promote diversity and understanding. It is my privilege to serve this great community. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating India Plaza on its 10 years of service and in wishing it many more.

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN OSTRING

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize John Ostring for being named a 2013 Hero of the Heartland by the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa.

Each year, the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa recognizes Heroes of the Heartland by selecting everyday Iowans who have done extraordinary things to help their neigh-

bors and communities. The Iowans honored with this prestigious award displayed selflessness in a variety of courageous, charitable and thoughtful acts. The Heroes of the Heartland program not only showcases the heroes among us, but also helps raise crucial funds to ensure that the American Red Cross is prepared and equipped to assist those that need food, shelter, and comfort during emergencies and difficult times.

On a spring day in June, John Ostring was in his workshop when he heard an explosion from the home next door. As John told his wife Mary to call 911, the house had become engulfed in flames. Knowing his neighbor still may have been inside, Mr. Ostring ran into the burning house to find his neighbor unresponsive on the floor. To save her life, John picked her up and carried her outside until the first responders could arrive. Although the home was destroyed that day, a life was saved because of Mr. Ostring's bravery and quick thinking. John's life-saving actions provide a shining example that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ostring's actions that earned him the title a "Hero of the Heartland" are a testament to the humble, hardworking and helpful people who make up the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating John on a job well done, thanking the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa for their life changing efforts, and wishing all of those involved in the Heroes of the Heartland program continued success for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT MEN AND WOMEN

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinctive service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage and a dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

Last year, I established the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement Awards, CLEA, to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments, or units for exceptional achievement.

This year, during National Police Week, I will present congressional law enforcement awards to the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community.

Sergeant Ryan LaRowe of the Palmetto Police Department received the Career Service Award.

Officer Sean Hammett of the Venice Police Department, Sergeant Debra Kaspar of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, and Detective Louis Licata of the North Port Police Department received the Dedication and Professionalism Award.