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Outside of work, Ellen is remembered as a passionate woman who embraced life to its fullest. She is missed dearly by her mother Marian, sisters Christine and Charlotte, brothers Fred and Sam, and a great many close friends and colleagues. They remember fondly her love of classical music, fine food and the great outdoors, which were eclipsed only by her commitment to children's health.

Madam Speaker, when those of us from San Francisco are asked what makes our city so special, we often say, "the people." With the passing of Ellen Wolfe, our beautiful hometown has lost a favorite sister, but her legacy of good works and sound public policy will outlive all of us.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT CHAUNCEY K. LOVELL AND AIRMAN FIRST CLASS ALTHEA LOVELL—SCOTTSDALE HEALTHCARE'S "SALUTE TO MILITARY" HONOREES

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of two members of the Armed Forces from my home state of Arizona. Every month Scottsdale Healthcare honors service members that perform diligent service to this country. This month, they have recognized two siblings: Sergeant Chauncey K. Lovell and Airman 1st Class Althea Lovell.

I commend Scottsdale Healthcare for paying tribute to such outstanding service members for their bravery and service to our country.

Sergeant Chauncey Lovell has been in the Marine Corps for six and a half years, which he has included three deployments to Iraq in 2004, 2006, and 2008. He is currently deployed and will be transferred in November to his home station, Marine Corps Base Kaneohe, on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. His record includes the National Defense Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, a Meritorious Mast and a Certificate of Commendation among others.

Airman First Class Althea Lovell is also on active duty as a Dental Hygienist at the Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany. Having joined the Air Force three years ago, this is her first deployment. She is accompanied by her husband, Gil, who is a Tech Sergeant working in the operating room on the same base, and their six-month-old daughter, Chloe. Airman First Class Lovell and her family expect to be reassigned to Hickham Air Force Base in Hawaii.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the inspiring combined efforts of this brother and sister who are serving our country and protecting the lives of their fellow servicemen in combat.

COMMEMORATING WARREN AND BARBARA WINIARSKI FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NAPA VALLEY COMMUNITY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Warren and Barbara Winiarski. The Winiarskis are being honored by Napa County as the 2008 Grandparents of the Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Winiarski met at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland. The Winiarskis along with their three children, Kasia, Julia and Stephen, moved to Napa County in 1964. They settled into the Stags Leap region, purchasing 44 acres in which they planted Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. They named the vineyard Stag's Leap, now known as S.L.V.

The Winiarskis started their vineyard with modest means, but were soon propelled into the spotlight when their wine essentially changed the way California wines were perceived. In 1976 at the famous blind tasting in Paris, the second vintage produced by Stag's Leap Vineyard beat world renowned Chateau Mouton-Rothschild and Chateau Haut-Brion.

They were visionaries in supporting the 1968 decision by the Napa County Board of Supervisors to approve Agricultural Preserve Zoning. The decision prohibits the splitting of lots on the valley floor that are less than 20 acres in size. The Winiarskis also championed Measure J in the 1990s, which prevents the development of agricultural lands without voter approval. Stag's Leap Vineyard was also the first vineyard placed under a conservation easement, leading the way in environmental protection.

Throughout their time in the Napa Valley, the Winiarskis have contributed greatly to the community. They always keep the futures of their five grandchildren in mind, whether preserving the land or creating fine wine.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, the Winiarskis have earned the respect of their colleagues and community. Through visionary leadership they created pathways for others in the community to follow. For these reasons and for the lasting impact that Stag's Leap Vineyard has had, it is fitting at this time that we honor the Winiarskis.

VETERAN VOTING SUPPORT ACT

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the Veteran Voting Support Act, and to commend the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRADY) for his leadership in offering it. I was honored to join him as an original sponsor of it, and I urge all of my colleagues to support it.

In a few short weeks, we will participate in two celebrations of our democracy: Election Day, the day upon which we will exercise our most fundamental right—the right by which we secure all others—the right to vote. And one

week later, we will celebrate Veterans Day, the day upon which we honor those who always risk and who all too often give their very lives to preserve and protect our ability to engage in that fundamental right. Arguably, we should celebrate Veterans Day first, and Election Day thereafter, because without the sacrifice of the former we could not continue to be endowed with the latter.

That is why I offer my heartfelt support for the Veteran Voting Support Act, which responds to a flawed policy of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that would have prohibited voter registration at VA facilities. The measure permits states to designate facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs as voter registration agencies, requires the VA to provide assistance with absentee ballots, and requires that nonpartisan organizations and election officials be given opportunities to assist veterans with registration and to provide voting information. Above all others, our service men and women should be provided with every convenience and resource to facilitate their ability to vote. This balanced measure does that, while protecting their privacy and preserving the high standard of their care. Our veterans' have fought for our right to vote, and we must now fight for theirs. I urge my colleagues to honor their sacrifice by supporting this measure.

CHIPACC BILL: CHILDREN'S PROGRAM OF ALL-INCLUSIVE, COORDINATED CARE

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about an issue of concern to all families, and everyone who has ever known a sick child.

The Children's Program of All-inclusive, Coordinated Care, ChiPACC, serves the needs of Medicaid-eligible children who suffer from potentially terminal illnesses or conditions. The legislation I am introducing will make ChiPACC a state option under Medicaid.

Medicaid-eligible children—like all children who suffer from potentially terminal illnesses or conditions—need comprehensive, coordinated care. Currently, nearly 30 percent of the children in the United States who have life-threatening conditions qualify for Medicaid. These children are forced into a system that will only treat them on an emergency basis, sending them home to wait until their next health emergency.

Based on the highly effective, collaborative model of care developed by Children's Hospice International, CHI, the Children's Program of All-inclusive, Coordinated Care provides each enrolled child an individualized treatment plan that includes and manages services from providers across the health care spectrum. ChiPACC's services will improve upon the often inconsistent care that is currently available to seriously ill children under Medicaid, doing so at a savings to taxpayers.

With appropriate comprehensive and coordinated services under ChiPACC, many emergency episodes can be avoided or anticipated and managed, such that children receive appropriate care in their homes instead of in hospitals, and so that even when they require

critical care they can enter the hospital through the front door instead of the emergency room, significantly reducing health care costs.

Under the traditional Medicaid model, individuals can receive only "hospice" services and only after their doctors give them a prognosis of 6-months to live. Children, however, are much more likely than adults to go in and out of terminal phases multiple times. No family should be forced to give up curative care for their child in order to receive services that are predicated on accepting that their child has no more than 6 months to live. ChiPACC addresses this problem by combining medical and support services currently available in Medicaid with counseling, respite, and other care that have previously only been available as hospice services.

AUTHORIZING THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT POLICE TO PROTECT OFFICIALS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2008

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. R. 6855, a bill to extend the authority for the United States Supreme Court Police to protect Court officials off the Supreme Court grounds. This important bill is sponsored by my colleague on the Judiciary Committee, Mr. SMITH. In order to get unbiased, thoughtful rulings on important cases, it is necessary the officials who preside over these cases can walk the streets unburdened with the fear that their interpretations and decisions will lead to them facing harm on their way home. It is time to protect our court officials so they can carry out their important work.

This bill will protect the Members of the Court. Currently, Justices do not receive any protection when they are off the Court grounds. Unlike cabinet secretaries and governors who receive protection from the Marshall Service, Justices are forced to remain unprotected. They are open up to being attacked and injured or worse. We must protect them as they are just as important to our democracy as our President and Members of Congress.

Four years ago, Supreme Court Justice David Souter, while jogging near his home in Southwest Washington DC, was assaulted by two young men. He was taken to the hospital with minor injuries and thankfully was released a few hours later. While this attack was deemed by the police as only a random assault, and that robbery was not the motive, this should serve as a wake up call for us all. The Supreme Court, like the Office of the President, is more important than the person serving in the position. Protecting these people, is not just about protecting the person, it is about protecting the sanctity of the Court and the decisions they render. This legislation will assure the choices that the Justices make comes from a place of righteousness and not intimidation.

The noted philosopher and English Parliamentarian, Edmund Burke, said, "Good order is the foundation of all things." Members of

the Court have an important responsibility to maintain order in government. They were chosen to provide clarity when questions arose on the rights that were promised to us by the Founding Fathers.

This bill does something fundamental for the American way of life, it protects it. The legacy of all those who came before us depends on making sure that those who come after can do the job duty requires. Nothing is more fundamentally American than protecting those who protect our rights. It is in this function, that we know when it is our turn to serve; we can do so without undue fear.

Without the venerable work of the members of the Court and the myriad of landmark cases that they decided, the country would have a markedly different look, far from what we see today.

Police officers could walk around searching anyone they choose; personal privacy would be a dream and not a reality. *Miranda v Arizona* would have never given us the right to remain silent, or the right to talk to a lawyer.

But for the case of *Brown v. the Board of Education*, many Americans would not be able to take part in integrated schools and would face lower quality of education.

But for the Court, many African American voters would not be able to take part in a historic vote this November.

To be sure, our Nation would look very different if it was not for the Court. Since its creation in the Constitution, they have been a vital partner in the fight for civil rights, women's rights and the rights of all people across the country.

NATIONAL CAPITAL SECURITY AND SAFETY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6842) to require the District of Columbia to revise its laws regarding the use and possession of firearms as necessary to comply with the requirements of the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of *District of Columbia v. Heller*, in a manner that protects the security interests of the Federal government and the people who work in, reside in, or visit the District of Columbia and does not undermine the efforts of law enforcement, homeland security, and military officials to protect the Nation's capital from crime and terrorism:

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Chairman, I regret that the Congress is even debating this matter. As this summer's Supreme Court decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller* made clear, governments have the right to enact gun safety laws consistent with the Court's decision *Heller*. Unregulated firearms in the capital would preclude the ability of the Metropolitan Police Department to track guns through registration and otherwise to help ensure that guns do not endanger Federal officials and employees, visiting dignitaries, tourists, and local residents. Unfortunately, some see this bill as an opportunity to try to undo the Supreme Court's decision, the effect of which would be to create a "Criminal's Firearm Bill of Rights."

Of greatest concern to me is that the proposed amendment to this bill would allow D.C. residents to cross State lines to purchase weapons, thereby weakening Federal anti-gun trafficking laws and encouraging the mass purchase of firearms outside of D.C. for resale to criminals or terrorists in D.C. We in New Jersey have lived very comfortably under our existing State gun safety laws—hunters, lobbyists, police, private citizens—but legislative interventions like the one proposed today undermine New Jersey's ability to keep its citizens safe. I can assure you that we in New Jersey do not want guns illegally purchased in D.C. being used in our State, which is why I did not support the amended version of this bill approved by the House.

HONORING THE WORK OF RALPH GROSSI

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend Ralph Grossi of Marin County, California, who has recently retired as President of American Farmland Trust (AFT), an organization he co-founded. During his 23 years at the helm, AFT became the leading organization in the country focused on conserving farmland and local food systems while promoting environmental stewardship.

Ralph has made AFT a major force in protecting farmland against development, especially around the urban edge—a growing crisis that can effect food availability. About 86 percent of U.S. fruits and vegetables and 65 percent of dairy products are produced in urban-influenced areas. Under Ralph's leadership, the American Farmland Trust has steadfastly fought against destroying our agricultural lands for roads, malls and housing developments.

AFT has taken a comprehensive approach to further farmland preservation, providing policy assistance on the state and local level, and nationally lobbying for reform of agricultural subsidies programs and increased funding for conservation programs. Recognizing how the challenge of climate change intersects with farm preservation, AFT promotes "buy local" programs and has joined in the call for energy efficiency and the increased use of renewables.

Policy models developed and/or promoted by AFT are now used across the nation, including a "Right to Farm" and "no net loss of farmland" ordinances, Agricultural District programs, special tax credits, mitigation for farmland loss, and, perhaps most widely, conservation easements, now commonly used by local land trusts.

I can proudly say that Ralph pioneered the AFT amazing farm preservation tool box in Marin County, in my district. As a member of four generations in a family dairy and beef business, Ralph was a co-founder and chairman of Marin Agricultural Land Trust, the first such agency in the nation to preserve agricultural land by acquiring easements that enable local ranchers to maintain their land for farm uses. His years with MALT and the Marin County Farm Bureau, as well as his time working on the family ranch, shaped his dedication to protecting this vanishing resource.