

agencies and companies, including the U.S. Public Health Service, Time Warner, and Tiffany & Company.

Throughout her career, Rosemary has consistently demonstrated her intelligence, compassion and desire to serve others. Her determination has garnered the admiration of her co-workers and the respect of her patients.

It is a special privilege to honor Rosemary McCann because I know firsthand what a remarkable human being she is. I also have the privilege of knowing her daughter Leonore Horowitz and her family, and can say with great confidence that Rosemary McCann's values live on. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating her 85th birthday and thank her for her decades of service to our nation. She has made her family strong, and her community and country better by all she has done.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, last week marked the 20th anniversary of one of the greatest triumphs of freedom and democracy in history—the fall of the Berlin Wall.

But two decades ago, the national media gave Americans a biased account of the issues surrounding this historic event, according to a new report by the Media Research Center, titled “Better off Red?”

MRC found that many in the national media failed to portray the evils of communism and suggested that free-market capitalism was somehow worse.

Furthermore, the media's coverage often tipped in favor of the oppressors—not the oppressed—and frequently criticized those who were fighting communism rather than those who were perpetuating it.

It is just as important today as it was 20 years ago that the national media give Americans the facts, not tell them what to think.

ON THE PASSING OF EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER, THE CREATOR OF THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the passing of a Great American, Eunice Kennedy Shriver. Her life and her times were a lesson to us all about a life well lived. From mother to matriarch, hers was a life of love, nurturing and giving. The creator of the Special Olympics. A woman who led by example, and of great faith, who ever throughout her lifetime, asked the question, “Have you done enough?” I ask that this poem penned by Albert Caswell in honor of her be placed in the RECORD.

BUT, HAVE WE DONE ENOUGH?

Sunrise, Sunset . . .
All in these, the days of our lives that we have left!

All in these the moments, that which so race . . . of which lie before us in our life's face . . .

Only, so much time to find . . . all in one's lifetime, that which our world to grace!
To give to this our world, all in what we have done . . .

To make our lives burn bright, burn bright like the morning sun!

To ask that question, “have we done enough?”

A Mother, A Wife, A Sister, A Matriarch . . .
A Champion for others, as was Eunice's most splendid part!

For she was such a woman of faith!

Such a woman of heart!

As to all of these, Eunice could not so give enough, her art!

As to all she so asked as such!

But, have you done enough?

As a Champion For Children, as her heart was so filled in!

Creating The Special Olympics, a work of art to help all hearts mend!

For from a beautiful Rose, once came a flower so beautiful to help hearts win . . .

So bright, a giver of light . . . a true lover of life!

As above great American Women she so towers, as we look back upon her hours . . .

For she never asked more, than what she was willing to give herself . . .

For in all hearts, she always saw good . . . as how a life should be lived as felt!

As someone, who so came from such heartache and pain . . .

And yet, somehow in her fine heart . . .

Her Profiles In Courage . . . still remained!

Showing us all, her light!

But, have we done enough?

To make our world burn bright?

To Heaven now our sweet child, rise . . . looking into our Lord's eyes . . .

But, have we done enough?

CONGRATULATING SHARK TOWN MICRO COMMUNITY

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, Monday, November 23, in Port Lavaca, Texas, IBC Bank and HJM Elementary School will co-host the Shark Town Micro Community Grand Opening. Shark Town Micro Community is an innovative education program that gives HJM Elementary students the opportunity to learn “real world” business and financial skills. I am pleased to extend my best wishes to the people of IBC Bank, HJM Elementary, and all the businesses, educators, and, especially, students participating in this program.

The Shark Town Micro Community is a small community within the school run by the students. The HJM Elementary student council serves as the Shark Town council, and the student council president serves as the mayor of Shark Town. HJM Elementary students named the community after their school's mascot, a shark.

Students may choose to work at any of a variety of business, including an IBC Bank, Wal-Mart, and HEB grocery store. Students can also work at Shark Town's branch of the IRS, student workers have to pay taxes, one of Shark Town's utility companies, the post office, the local newspaper, the safety patrol, or the recycling center. Students may also train to be future teachers.

Local Port Lavaca businesses sponsor their Shark Town counterparts. The businesses

provide their Shark Town counterparts with signs, badges, and shirts for their employees. Local businesses also provide funds for the Shark Town companies. Employees of the local businesses also periodically visit the school to offer assistance to their counterpart businesses.

Students receive salaries based on their jobs and their work performance. In order to participate in Shark Town, students must submit job applications and be interviewed. Payment is in the form of “sand dollars.” Students may use their sand dollars to pay their taxes and utility bills as well as to shop at Shark Town's stores.

Madam Speaker, the Shark Town Micro Community program represents an innovative means of providing students with a unique opportunity to learn about how businesses operate as well as develop work and financial management habits that will serve them well throughout their lives. It is my pleasure to again congratulate all those participating in the Shark Town Micro Community project.

COPD AWARENESS MONTH

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, today is World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness, COPD, Day. COPD is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States.

COPD includes many conditions such as chronic bronchitis, emphysema, refractory asthma and bronchiectasis. It is preventable and treatable. However, it is also progressive and there are millions of Americans that do not detect COPD in the early stages.

There are over 12 million Americans diagnosed with COPD and that number is growing. It is estimated that COPD will be the third leading cause of death worldwide by 2020. Despite all this, there is lack of awareness of COPD.

That is why, as one of the founders of the COPD Caucus, I've worked to highlight the problem of COPD and am introducing today, a Resolution, with my friend and colleague, JOHN LEWIS of Georgia, designating COPD Awareness Month.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, this morning our national debt was \$12,039,319,107,488.80. I should note this week is the first time our debt has broken the 12 trillion level. We have added \$8,019,921,198.73 to the national debt since yesterday.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

The national debt has increased by \$1,400,893,361,195 so far this year.

According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, the forecast deficit for this year

is \$1.6 trillion. That means that so far this year, we borrowed and spent \$4.4 billion a day more than we have collected, passing that debt and its interest payments to our children and all future Americans.

COMMENDING THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Water Replenishment District of Southern California on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

The Water Replenishment District of Southern California was created by the voters of California on November 17, 1959.

The successful election and creation of the Water Replenishment District was the culmination of a 17-year effort by groundwater producers in the Central and West Coast Basins to devise a system to finance and manage the restoration of dangerously depleted basins, retard and reverse the intrusion of sea water, institute a program of annual replenishment, and adjudicate and protect the rights of groundwater producers.

For five decades, the Water Replenishment District of Southern California has pursued this mission, assuring the continued beneficial use of the basins for groundwater production.

The programs and projects of the Water Replenishment District have included the pioneering use of recycled water and the capture and use of storm water for replenishment, multiple groundwater contamination cleanup projects in the Central Basin, desalination of brackish water in the West Coast Basin, and the supply of water to the sea water barrier wells in both basins. These successful programs have resulted in the steady reduction of reliance on the expensive and uncertain supply of imported water and a steady increase in the use of locally-developed water.

The goal of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California is to eliminate the use of imported water for replenishment by 2015. On the occasion of its 50th anniversary, I want to commend the district for a job well done and to recognize the crucial role the Water Replenishment district plays in the daily lives of Southern California residents.

HONORING MAX AND MARION VOLTERRA

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Max and Marion Volterra of Attleboro, Massachusetts. Max and Marion Volterra are pillars of their community. Their dedication and service to the betterment of the city of Attleboro is inspiring. In acknowledgement of their many contributions to the good and welfare of their community, they have been selected to receive the United Regional Chamber of Commerce's "2009 Persons of the Year" award.

Max Volterra has devoted the better part of his life to ensure the success and prosperity of the city of Attleboro. He served as a City Councilor and as City Solicitor prior to launching a successful campaign for State Representative. He then represented the city of Attleboro in the State Legislature until he was tapped to serve as Chief Legal Counsel to Governor Michael Dukakis in 1978.

Leaving state politics to return to his law practice in Attleboro, Max focused his attention on bringing a formerly vital and prosperous downtown back to life. He personally invested in the downtown by purchasing a vacant train station and converting it to office space for his law firm and other offices. He was one of the founding members of an organization called Friends of Attleboro Interested in Revitalization and served as a member and past chairman of the Attleboro Redevelopment Authority that was responsible for several successful economic development projects. He volunteered countless hours for the purpose of ensuring that Attleboro would once again become a vibrant place to work and raise a family.

Marion Volterra's many accomplishments parallel those of her husband. She embodies the concept that a truly successful community must provide opportunities for people of all ages and ethnicities to experience art and culture in order to produce well-rounded citizens. Marion has volunteered with the Attleboro Arts Museum for so many years that no one has any idea how long it has actually been. With her support and guidance, the museum has become an oasis in the center of the city, welcoming all to participate in its educational and cultural opportunities. In her spare time, Marion volunteers as a mentor to students at Attleboro High School and serves on the Board of Directors of the YMCA.

Together Max and Marion Volterra accomplish far more than the sum of their individual efforts, and do so with enthusiasm and dedication. In tribute to their outstanding service to the city of Attleboro, I congratulate Max and Marion Volterra on receiving this award. I know all my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to them today.

HONORING JACOB OWENS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jacob Owens, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 75, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jacob has been very active with his troop participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Jacob has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jacob Owens for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING WNY AMERICORPS, PUSH BUFFALO, AND BUFFALO REUSE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, most are familiar with ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition program which embarks on the monumental task of building a new home from the ground up in just one week for a deserving family. Last week WNY AmeriCorps, People United for Sustainable Housing (PUSH) Buffalo and Buffalo ReUse, organizations in my hometown, took on that job.

On a visit to the site I was expecting to see the team's progress on the Powell family home on Massachusetts Avenue but what I witnessed far exceeded expectations.

The extreme team, which comprised of WNY AmeriCorps, PUSH Buffalo and Buffalo ReUse, in partnership with David Homes and many more from the community stepping up to help, went house to house patching roofs, fixing porches, planting shrubs, painting siding and more.

Hailed by producers as unlike any community effort they've seen in the show's history, the organizations worked in perfect synchronization, Buffalo ReUse deconstructing and recycling building materials, AmeriCorps donating and managing volunteers by the thousands and PUSH Buffalo working throughout the neighborhood, all operating around the clock for one week improving over 50 homes. But it didn't stop there. Their generosity inspired others, prompting food and blood drives and the construction of a community garden.

Madam Speaker, today I am honored to recognize WNY AmeriCorps, PUSH Buffalo and Buffalo ReUse for taking on the assignment to develop a home and turning it into an opportunity to develop hope—hope for a family, a neighborhood and an entire city. While the spotlight highlighted their efforts last week, these organizations work quietly each and every day building a better future for the Western New York Community and for that we are deeply grateful.

CONGRATULATING SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD

HON. ALAN B. MOLLOHAN

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Mr. MOLLOHAN. Madam Speaker, Senator ROBERT C. BYRD today becomes the longest-serving Member of Congress in our nation's history. I join my fellow West Virginians and, indeed, citizens from across the country in congratulating Senator BYRD for this historic record.

We mark Senator BYRD's longevity today, but that longevity is not what captures his greatness. I have worked with Senator BYRD for more than a quarter of a century—barely half of his tenure in the Senate—and I have known him for most of my life. His greatness is built on three pillars.

First is his personal story and the way that it has always informed his career. ROBERT C.