

share when they help a company prosper. He has championed the rights of workers to receive good health care if they get sick. He has worked to make sure that each worker receives a secure pension for their lifetime of loyal service.

Thanks to the work of leaders like Ron and his predecessors, working people have come a long way—an eight-hour work day, pensions, safer job conditions, and health benefits.

Most notably, Ron Gettelfinger has been known for his outspoken advocacy to make health care accessible and affordable for every woman, man, and child in the United States. I agree with him on this goal and long have supported universal health coverage. I am pleased that this year Congress has passed into law health reform legislation that provides secure coverage to almost all Americans and gives workers more control over their health care.

I again congratulate Mr. Gettelfinger on his retirement and thank him again for his service.

A TRIBUTE TO RICHARD KLOIAN

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Richard Diran Kloian, who passed away on May 1, 2010. Mr. Kloian was founder of the Armenian Genocide Resource Center of Richmond, California.

Richard Kloian and the AGRC were best known for "The Armenian Genocide: News Accounts from the American Press, 1915–1922," a landmark 1985 collection of articles reproduced from the New York Times and other sources. Painstakingly compiled from microfilm in the years before digitization and the Internet made historic newspaper stories widely accessible, this coverage of what America's newspaper of record had once called "systematic race extermination" made a powerful impact just as denial of the genocide was accelerating. Originally published in 1980 and 1981 as "Armenian Genocide: First 20th Century Holocaust," the collection's subsequent editions were expanded to cover the Hamidian massacres of the 1890s and the Adana massacre of 1909.

A fellow scholar called him "an indispensable bridge" between genocide researchers, historians, educators, and the public. Richard's interest in the Genocide was inspired by his discovery of his father Zakaria's memoir and the harrowing story of survival of his grandmother, Khanum Palootzian, which he recorded in 1972. Realizing the effectiveness of personal narratives as a teaching tool, he would later encourage others to send family memoirs to Armenian studies centers where the stories could be preserved and shared.

To facilitate the teaching of the Armenian Genocide, Richard compiled hundreds of articles from scholarly journals and published scores of booklets and readers. He collected, edited, produced, and distributed a 400-page resource manual of maps, web sites, photographs, news reports, primary-source documents, scholarly articles on the genocide and its denial, and U.S. state-level curricula that

mandated teaching about the Armenian Genocide.

Israel Charney, Executive Director of the Institute on the Holocaust and Genocide in Jerusalem wrote, "I consider him a GIANT on behalf of Armenian Genocide recognition and memory. His devotion to his work in enabling education and memory about the Armenian Genocide was immense."

May Richard's life and work live on through the tremendous contributions he made to the study and teaching of the first genocide of the 20th century.

TRIBUTE TO WILL BAKER

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Will Baker of Hyden, Kentucky, a storied man who lived 102 years and was beloved by his community.

Will Baker loved his country and dedicated a lifetime of service to his community, to civic responsibility and honoring fellow military veterans. He was likely the oldest living election officer in Kentucky, dedicating more than 25 years to the electoral process late in his life, even past his 100th birthday. However, he started his service as a young man, proudly serving during World War II, in the United States Army. Following his service, he became an active member of the Leslie County D.A.V. Chapter 133 and took great pride in honoring fallen soldiers. Outside of his military service, Will Baker was a handy man. He spent many years as a carpenter, coal miner and business owner in Leslie County. Will shared his heart of gold with everyone he encountered, earning him the respect and love of hundreds of families across the region.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Will Baker for dedicating a lifetime of service to the families of Eastern Kentucky, our Commonwealth and our great Nation.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for a man who dedicated his entire life to rising up for hardworking men and women in this country.

Ron Gettelfinger, known to many as "the chaplain" for his drink-free, smoke-free habits, started out as a chassis line repairman at a Ford factory in Indiana. He would later succeed in leading automotive employees for 8 years as president of the United Auto Workers union.

Mr. Gettelfinger spent a significant amount of his presidency guiding over 500,000 men and women through a period of disheartening job cuts, plant closures, and financial hardship.

And yet, he never relented in his fight for others. He never quit standing up for the people and the principles he believed in.

As one of 12 siblings from a small farming town, President Gettelfinger has always had a way of bringing people together in solidarity. I have no doubt that he will, for the rest of his life, greet his union members as "brother" and "sister."

He found dignity in all work and refused to accept the notion, much in fashion these days, that working men and women don't deserve a middle class wage that allows them to own a home, provide for their families, send their children to college, and afford quality health care.

His make-no-apology approach saved countless jobs and even the viability of some businesses. To his core, he believes in respect for the working men and women of America.

As President Gettelfinger begins the next stage of his life, we should all pay heed to a motto he lived by: Every job we save is an important job—that is what we are all about.

It is an ideal we should all be about. He is a man to whom we should all give our gratitude.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Ron Gettelfinger for his commendable service to others and leadership in the face of adversity.

RAE LANIEL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rae Laniel who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Rae Laniel is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Rae Laniel is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Rae Laniel for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON ITS 140TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives recently considered H. Res. 1422, honoring the 140th anniversary of the Department of Justice. I voted against this resolution

because of the Justice Department's history of violating individual rights.

It is the Justice Department that leads the ongoing violations of the fourth, fifth, ninth, and tenth amendments in the name of the "war on drugs." It is Justice Department agents who perform warrantless wiretap, and "sneak-and-peak" searches under the misnamed PATRIOT Act. It is the Justice Department that prosecutes American citizens for violating unconstitutional federal regulations even in cases where no reasonable person could have known their actions violated federal law.

Some like to pretend that the Justice Department's assault on liberties is a modern phenomenon, or that abuses of liberties are only carried out by one political party. However, history shows that the unconstitutional usurpations of power and abuse of rights goes back at least almost a hundred years to the "Progressive" era and that Justice Departments of both parties have disregarded the Constitution and violated individual liberties.

During World War I, President Woodrow Wilson's Justice Department imprisoned people who dared to speak out against the war. Following the war, the progressive assault on the first amendment continued with the infamous "Palmer raids," named for Wilson's Attorney General, A. Mitchell Palmer. Just as President Wilson's policies of foreign interventionism and domestic welfare served as a model for future presidents, Attorney General Palmer's assaults on civil liberties served as a model for future attorneys general of both parties. Think of Robert Kennedy authorizing the wiretapping of Martin Luther King, Jr., John Mitchell's role in the abuses of civil liberties by the Nixon administration, Ed Meese's assault on the first amendment with his "pornography commission," Janet Reno's role in the murder of innocent men, women and children at Waco, and the steady erosion of our rights over the past decade. In addition, it is the attorney general and the Justice Department that defend and justify violations of constitutional liberties by the President and the other federal bureaucracies.

Many civil libertarians were hopeful the new administration would be more sympathetic to civil liberties than was the prior administration. But the current administration has disregarded campaign promises to restore respect for civil liberties and has continued, and in many cases expanded, the anti-freedom policies of its predecessors. For instance, the current administration is supporting renewal of the policies of warrantless wiretapping and other PATRIOT Act provisions. The administration, despite promising to be more open and transparent, is also continuing to use the claim of "state secrets" to shield potentially embarrassing information from Americans. According to the New York Times, the current administration is even outdoing its predecessors in the prosecution of government whistleblowers. It is little wonder that the head of the American Civil Liberties Union recently said he is disgusted with the administration's record on civil liberties.

Of course, Mr. Speaker, Congress bears ultimate responsibility for the Justice Department's actions, as it is Congress that passes the unconstitutional laws the Justice Department enforces. Congress also fails to perform effective oversight of the Justice Department. Instead of honoring the Justice Department,

Congress should begin to repeal unconstitutional laws and start exercising congressional oversight of executive branch agencies that menace our freedoms.

IN HONOR OF PEGGY SPIEGLER

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Peggy Spiegler, who tragically lost her battle to melanoma two years ago.

Peggy was a loving daughter, wife, mother, and grandmother. She was an extremely passionate teacher and was a great friend to the many people in her life. Despite being diagnosed with stage-four melanoma in February of 2008, the disease never weakened Peggy's spirit. Throughout her life, Peggy touched the lives of so many people with her amazing strength and positive outlook on life.

Last year, Peggy's family and friends decided to host 'Peggy's Walk,' an annual walk held in her honor to raise money for melanoma research. For their inaugural event, they raised more than \$40,000. During this year's walk on June 26th in Cooper River Park, Peggy's friends and family will aim to raise even more.

Peggy Spiegler was an inspirational human being that touched the lives of so many throughout her community. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in remembering this remarkable woman and commend her friends and family for their outstanding efforts in raising awareness for this deadly disease.

ROSA MUNGUIA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rosa Munguia who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Rosa Munguia is a 7th grader at Wheat Ridge Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Rosa Munguia is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Rosa Munguia for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE
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SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, Ron Gettelfinger, one of this nation's great labor leaders, retired this year as President of the United Auto Workers. We will sorely miss him.

Born in 1944, Ron has a long distinguished history with the United Auto Workers, starting when he went to work at Ford Motor's Louisville, Kentucky, assembly plant as a chassis line repairman. Because of his dedicated advocacy for the rights of his fellow workers, he quickly ascended the ranks of the UAW. In 1984, he was elected president of his local union, and, in 1987, he became a member of the Ford-UAW Bargaining Committee. He held several other positions before being elected the union's vice-president in 1998, and then of course its president.

Ron has been a leading advocate of single-payer health care, and was a key player in the health reform process. In addition, Ron has worked tirelessly for investment in American manufacturing and for fair-trade agreements with strong workers' rights provisions. Just last year, in Detroit, he received the Edward H. McNamara Goodfellow of the Year Award for his significant contributions to the community.

As Chair of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee, I know first-hand the significance of Ron's accomplishments on behalf of America's working families. Congratulations, Ron, we honor you, and thank you for your contributions.

SAM ROSALES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sam Rosales who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Sam Rosales is a 12th grader at Arvada School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sam Rosales is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Sam Rosales for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.