

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DR. JAMES CRAIK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STATE MESA CHAMPIONS

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2011*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate a remarkable group of talented young students from Maryland's Fifth Congressional District.

On May 9th, a team from Dr. James Craik Elementary School in Charles County won first place in Maryland's statewide Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) competition held at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel. To participate in the competition, the students first had to prevail in the regional semi-finals against 21 other Charles County elementary schools.

Led by coaches Nick Gardiner and Susan Steinmet, the team took on a series of challenges that tested their ingenuity, creativity, and determination. Although they faced stiff competition, the team impressed the judges and emerged victorious by incorporating green design elements like solar panels and making the most efficient designs. It is the second time Craik has won the competition in just 3 years.

The team's win represents not only a victory for Craik, but for our State and Nation. With the proper education and support, these students have proven that the next generation of American leaders are poised to push the boundaries of science and technology and achieve great things. I urge my colleagues to join me in applauding this great accomplishment.

IN HONOR OF DR. TIM GILMOUR

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2011*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor and acknowledge Dr. Joseph E. (Tim) Gilmour for his role as the fifth President of Wilkes University. His unprecedented dedication to education has provided outstanding opportunities for our community as well as all the students of Wilkes University. When Dr. Gilmour leaves Wilkes in the spring of 2012, he will certainly be leaving behind a great legacy.

In June of 2001, Dr. Gilmour accepted the position of President. Dr. Gilmour's accomplishments are too numerous to fully acknowledge. He successfully reached Wilkes University's enrollment goals six years ahead of schedule, increasing the student body by over 26%. He led the creation of an urban planning research-based think tank, the Joint Urban Studies Center. He spearheaded the Institute

of Energy and Environmental Research to study the effects of the Marcellus Shale Drilling. Also, to his credit, was the university's partnership with its neighbor Kings College to help revitalize downtown Wilkes-Barre with the opening of their joint Barnes and Noble Bookstore.

Prior to his position as President with Wilkes University, Dr. Gilmour was an assistant professor of higher education, associate member of the graduate faculty and a senior research fellow at the University of Maryland College Park, associate director of academic affairs for the Council of State College and University Presidents for Washington State, university planning specialist in the Office of Budget and Planning at the Pennsylvania State University, vice president for strategic planning at Georgia Tech, and finally, provost and chief academic officer at Northwest Missouri State University from 1995 to 2000.

In addition to his lengthy service in education, Dr. Gilmour serves on the board of the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, the Diamond City Partnership, United Way, Earth Conservancy and the Center for Advancing Partnerships in Education. His history of service to Northeastern Pennsylvania spans well beyond his impressive record of service to the university.

Mr. Speaker, I honor Dr. Tim Gilmour for his dedicated service to our community in northeastern Pennsylvania, specifically his outstanding promotion of Wilkes University's educational goals.

IN MEMORY OF RUTH BRINKER

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2011*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness I rise to pay tribute to a beloved San Franciscan, Ruth Brinker, who died Monday, August 8th in San Francisco.

Ruth was a visionary hero who brought healing to San Francisco at a time of horrific tragedy in our city's history. In 1985, the AIDS epidemic was ravaging San Francisco. A retired widow and grandmother who loved to cook, and volunteered for Meals on Wheels, Ruth noticed that malnutrition was killing many who were terminally ill with AIDS before the disease took its toll, but there were no social service agencies providing meals to those too weak from AIDS or too impoverished to feed themselves.

First in her kitchen, and then in a church basement, Ruth prepared delicious meals to deliver to seven San Franciscans wasting away from AIDS. She solicited volunteers and within a few years, one woman's attempt to nurture and care for a handful of people living with AIDS grew into an organization serving 500 meals a day.

As the epidemic spread, Project Open Hand expanded its nutritional services for those with

disabling HIV, and, years later, broadened its mission to include "meals with love" for homebound and critically ill clients, seniors and the disabled. They also extended their reach beyond San Francisco to Alameda County.

Long before the advent of powerful medications to control HIV/AIDS, Project Open Hand's home-cooked meals and groceries were a lifeline to the ill and isolated individuals battling this devastating disease. Project Open Hand has been using "food as medicine" with great compassion and care for 26 years, bringing dignity and independence to those it serves. Now in its 26th year, Project Open Hand delivers 3,500 meals every day and serves as a model to more than a hundred organizations in the United States, and increasingly around the world.

In 2005, Ruth received the prestigious Jefferson Award for public service. In 2007, I was proud to nominate Project Open Hand for the national Victory Against Hunger Award from Congress. Last year, Project Open Hand honored her with its Visionary Award which will now be named in her honor.

As our nation marks 30 years since the first AIDS diagnosis, we are inspired by the commitment and compassion of Ruth Brinker in the earliest days of the epidemic.

I hope it is a comfort to her daughters Lisa and Sarah, her grandson Max and great-granddaughter Bailey that so many people loved Ruth and will never forget her. Her wonderful spirit and her legacy will live on in the hundreds of meal-delivery organizations worldwide that she inspired and the millions who have received food and love because of Ruth's courage and compassion.

IN HONOR OF FATHER GHEZZI

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2011*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the service that Father Richard G. Ghezzi has provided to the Catholic Church throughout his 25 years in the Roman Catholic priesthood. Father Ghezzi has dedicated his life to the mission of the Catholic Church and, through the execution of those ideals, has benefitted Northeastern Pennsylvania in numerous ways.

After graduating from Pennsylvania State University and working for his family business, Richard Ghezzi received his calling to join the priesthood. In 1978, he began preparations and earned his Masters in Divinity from Mary Immaculate Seminary. He was ordained on August 30, 1986 and began his work in the Catholic Church in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Throughout his service, Father Ghezzi has supported the parishioners of Our Lady of Grace parish in Hazleton, Sacred Heart of Jesus parish in Peckville, St. Thomas Aquinas parish in Archbald, St. Ann parish in Bentley Creek, St. Joseph parish in St. Joseph, and

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St. Ann parish in Tobyhanna. Currently, Father Ghezzi is serving as chaplain of the Little Flower Manor Nursing Home and St. Therese Residence in Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the vital role this true leader has taken on shaping the religious landscape of so many communities. Father Ghezzi has humbly served for twenty-five years, throughout which he has certainly touched many lives and left a lasting impact on the parish's he has helped to build.

OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE  
SCOUT

**HON. SANDY ADAMS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2011*

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Christopher Steven Hostettler for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Christopher has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

IN HONOR OF RAYMOND S. ANGELI

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2011*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to acknowledge Raymond S. Angeli, President of Lackawanna College, for his outstanding service to both his community as well as the students he has tirelessly represented since 1994. President Angeli's departure from Lackawanna College will surely be a loss for not only the College, but for all who matriculate there.

President Angeli is no stranger to serving both his community and his country. Prior to his position at Lackawanna College, he was a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army. He has also served as a representative to the Southwest Asia Working Group in the Pentagon, Deputy Director of U.S. Army Personnel in Sattip, Thailand, a Department of Defense Inspector General, and Secretary of the Department of Community Affairs of Pennsylvania under Governor Robert Casey.

Lackawanna College has seen unprecedented growth under the helm of President Angeli. The College moved to their current Scranton location in 1996. This move made the College more accessible to students as well as providing the space for a plethora of academic opportunities. To this campus, President Angeli has also seen the addition of a theater, a student center and dormitories. Lackawanna College did not stop expanding; President Angeli's legacy includes the New Milford location as well as the expansion of the Lake Region campus.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize Lackawanna College President Raymond S. Angeli or his pro-

motion of educational priorities in Northeastern Pennsylvania. He has truly played an integral role in ensuring that this community's youth has the tools to have successful futures.

OBTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE  
SCOUT

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*Friday, August 12, 2011*

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Logan Isaac Edmondson for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Throughout the history of the Boy Scouts of America, the rank of Eagle Scout has only been attained through dedication to concepts such as honor, duty, country and charity. By applying these concepts to daily life, Logan has proven his true and complete understanding of their meanings, and thereby deserves this honor.

I offer my congratulations on a job well done and best wishes for the future.

IN HONOR OF FATHER O'HARA

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2011*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor and acknowledge Father Thomas O'Hara for his 12 years of service as President of King's College, a liberal arts Catholic college located in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Father O'Hara fostered a strong sense of community throughout King's College. As a native of my own hometown of Hazleton, PA, he is the first alumnus president of King's College. Ordained in 1978 by the Congregation of Holy Cross, Father O'Hara first taught political science at King's College from 1988 to 1994. He now leaves the Presidency to return to the classroom as a political science professor.

Under Father O'Hara's administration, King's College has achieved national accolades for its academic programs and service to the community. King's was recently recognized among the Nation's best in a ranking that stresses service to the community and social mobility of the student body. He has seen the College through tremendous physical growth as well, with the Scandlon Gymnasium expansion and the addition of the Alumni Hall, Gateway Corners and Barnes and Noble downtown bookstore, King's has greatly increased the opportunities available to its students.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize today a true Northeastern Pennsylvania inspiration who has dedicated his life to the service of others. Father O'Hara has admirably accomplished King's mission of preparing students for meaningful and purpose driven lives. I commend his important service to his community and his country.

IN HONOR OF BERNADINE P.  
HEALY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Bernadine P. Healy, one of the seminal figures in the health community.

Dr. Healy was born on August 2, 1944 in New York City, the daughter of Michael and Violet Healy. She graduated from Hunter High School in 1962 and proceeded to graduate from Vassar College in 3 years. She then went on to Harvard Medical School, from which she graduated in 1970. Following postdoctoral work, she became a full-time professor in 1982 at Johns Hopkins University, where she was the cardiac director from 1976 to 1984.

In 1984 she was the deputy science adviser to President Ronald Reagan. From 1985 to 1991 she directed research and practiced cardiology at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, which was directed by her husband, Dr. Floyd D. Loop. She also served as president of the American Heart Association from 1988 to 1989.

Bernadine was the first woman to run the National Institutes of Health, a role which she held from 1991 to 1993. She became well-known for her intensity and capacity to innovate. She challenged conventional wisdom regarding women's health, especially the belief that coronary conditions were largely concerns for men. In response, she began the Women's Health Initiative, a study that focused on the causes, treatment, and prevention of cardiovascular diseases in women. Even though her role ended, the study continues to produce findings that affect the way the world views what is considered to be "healthy."

Dr. Healy was also the first physician to lead the American Red Cross, dean of the Ohio State University medical school from 1995 to 1999, and an adviser to President George W. Bush on bioterrorism.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Dr. Bernadine P. Healy, a vital figure in the health community and a woman whose contributions to women's health benefited millions of Americans.

HONORING THE PLYMOUTH FIFE  
AND DRUM CORPS

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2011*

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps based in Plymouth, Michigan as they celebrate 40 years of service to our community and our country.

Formed in November 1971 by Mark and Carol Petty, the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is not only the first fife and drum corps in Michigan, but the first fife and drum corps in the entire Midwest. Corps members aged 12-18 are dedicated to the preservation of the arts of color guard, fifing, and drumming through performances at parades, historical and patriotic celebrations, and other civic events.

Each year the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps embarks on an eight to ten day tour to visit and perform at historical sites. The group prides itself on a celebrated history, having performed at sites of historical importance in the personal life and military career of George Washington during its silver anniversary year of 1996. The crowning moment of the tour was receiving a standing ovation after a performance for the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, the official ceremonial unit of the Army, and escort to the President. The Old Guard has long served as a model for the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps.

Mr. Speaker, for 40 years the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps has maintained a prominent presence in the Metropolitan Detroit area and traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada to preserve our nation's musical heritage. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the storied members and alumni of the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, and in recognizing their four decades of patriotic inspiration and loyal service to our community and our country.

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HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
DEBBIE SUTTON

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**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2011*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of California's Thirty-Seventh Congressional District to honor the courage and service of Ms. Debbie Sutton.

Ms. Sutton, a retired nurse from Long Beach, California was the sole volunteer from Long Beach's Chapter of the American Red Cross to be assigned to help in relief efforts after a devastating tornado ripped through Joplin, Missouri in May of 2011. The tornado that passed through the town of Joplin was so extensive, that it damaged the local hospital, destroyed four local schools and left surrounding areas in tatters. Ms. Sutton, one of the lead members of a volunteer team assigned to help residents of Joplin, played an integral role in securing replacements for lost medical equipment, medicine and other goods essential to public health.

Before Ms. Sutton was called to aid in the post-tornado recovery efforts in Joplin, she had been working to set up health services in preparation for floods in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Ms. Sutton's role in assisting those in need in Joplin represents her fifth assignment as a volunteer in post-disaster recovery. Ms. Sutton also assisted in recovery efforts after hurricanes Rita and Katrina devastated Louisiana.

Ms. Sutton retired from the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services in 2004, and is a truly an outstanding member of our community. In her retirement, Ms. Sutton has dedicated herself to volunteering. Her enthusiastic, adventurous, and altruistic personality serves as a model for all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring Ms. Debbie Sutton for her commitment to public health and public service.

IN HONOR OF ROCCO J. COLONNA

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**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Rocco J. Colonna on the occasion of his passing.

Rocco "Rocky" Colonna was an Ohio state legislator. He served from 1975 to 1998 in the Ohio General Assembly in the House of Representatives. During that tenure, he served as the chairman of the House Economic Development and Small Business Committee. In 1998, he was appointed by former Governor George Voinovich to serve on the Liquor Board for the State of Ohio as Commissioner. Additionally, he was a councilman for the City of Brook Park.

In all that he did, Mr. Colonna made sure that he treated everyone around him with dignity and respect. He is remembered by colleagues for always having a joke ready and was universally liked in the House, an accomplishment.

Aside from his political career, Rocco was a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the United States Navy. Additionally, he was married for 54 years to Shirley (nee Meyer). Surviving Rocky are his brother Vito; his children, Tina Montagino and Lavaine Cates; his son Danny, who followed his father into politics and is currently a city councilman in Brook Park; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mr. Rocco J. Colonna, a man whose unending duty to the State of Ohio and to this great nation is something to which we should all aspire.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF EDNA  
ALIEWINE

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**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2011*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to rise today to inform the House of the death of Ms. Edna Aliewine. Founder of the Watts/Willowbrook Christmas Parade and co-creator of the Watts Walk of Fame, Edna, a longtime Watts resident, devoted her life to instilling civic pride into residents of her community. Edna Aliewine passed away at her home on Tuesday at the age of 90 due to complications from lymphoma.

Ms. Aliewine was born in Los Angeles on January 1, 1921 and later went on to attend Los Angeles City College and Cal State LA. Upon graduation, Edna worked as a real estate agent and later as a private nurse, but many knew that Edna's real passion lay in community service and local politics. Ms. Aliewine was well known throughout the community for her many accomplishments and was held in high regard by those closest to her.

Among her proudest achievements, Ms. Aliewine founded the Watts/Willowbrook Christmas Parade. Inspired by the glitz and glamour of the Hollywood Christmas Parade, Ms. Aliewine sought to bring her own version

to the community of Watts. In 1964, Ms. Aliewine started the Watts/Willowbrook Christmas Parade by scraping together as much money and as many volunteers as she could. The parade has since turned into an annual event, which has spanned over 46 years and included many celebrities, such as Sammy Davis Jr. and the Jackson 5.

In 1988, along with Dr. James Mays, Ms. Aliewine decided to create the Watts Walk of Fame, a monument to community heroes. The Promenade of Prominence, as it is called, was placed along the edge of what is now Ted Watkins Memorial Park at 103rd and Success streets. Edna also served as President of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women, founded the Watts-Willowbrook Chamber of Commerce, and the Watts Community Beautiful Corp.

Edna's community involvement and selfless attitude were a powerful example for her three children: Paula Aliewine, Marsha Feaster and Wilnora Ewell. She will always be remembered by Watts-Willowbrook residents for her wonderful spirit and dedication to community improvement. I ask all Members to join me in a moment of silence to honor the memory of the late Edna Aliewine.

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RECOGNIZING PURPLE HEART DAY

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**HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2011*

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, today I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Purple Heart Day.

On August 7, 1782, General George Washington issued an order establishing the Honorary Badge of Distinction, otherwise known as the Badge of Military Merit or the Decoration of the Purple Heart.

The Purple Heart bears the profile of George Washington, the man who led our country through the Revolutionary War and eventually became the nation's first President.

The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the armed forces who are wounded in conflict with an enemy force, or while being held by an enemy force as a prisoner of war, and may also be awarded to the next of kin of members of the Armed Forces who are killed in conflict with an enemy force, or who die of a wound received in conflict with an enemy force.

The Order of the Purple Heart for Military Merit is our oldest military decoration.

Purple has always been a symbol of royalty and it is fitting that we award the Purple Heart to our wounded heroes, those American military members who have bravely served their country and risked their lives to secure our freedom. I want to thank all veterans for their bravery on behalf of the United States of America. I am personally inspired by the selfless service and devotion of the veterans who have fought for our nation.

The United States of America honors the service men and women who on distant fields of death gave their life blood for their country, not forgetting warriors of yesteryear or those still in Iraq or Afghanistan, today.

As the Representative for Nevada's First Congressional District, it gives me immense

pride to recognize August 7 as the anniversary of the Purple Heart award, and as Purple Heart Day. Today is a day to reflect and take great pride in being Americans. We must never forget the sacrifices all veterans have made in the name of freedom.

HONORING SANDY COVALL-ALVES  
OF SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 12, 2011*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, together with my colleague, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, to recognize Sandy Covall-Alves, who is retiring after three decades in the emergency management field. Throughout her 30 years of service, including 16 as Emergency Manager for Sonoma County's Fire and Emergency Services Department and the Sonoma County Operational Area, she dedicated herself to making sure that people in her charge were safe and received the

resources they needed in the wake of natural disasters.

During her tenure in Sonoma County, Ms. Covall-Alves coordinated the response, recovery and mitigation efforts for the 1995–1999 and 2006 winter storms and floods, the 1996 Cavedale fire and the 1998 Rio Nido debris flow. In total, she oversaw the implementation of 14 local emergency proclamations, 12 Emergency Operations Center activations, 8 gubernatorial proclamations and 6 events that were designated by the President to be national disasters.

Ms. Covall-Alves was also the guiding force in establishing, implementing and coordinating emergency programs for the country, its cities and special districts. Her commitment to improving emergency management did not stop at the county line. She is a founding member and current Chair of the California Operational Area Coalition (COAC), a forum for information exchange and advocacy on emergency management issues. The coalition's mission is to enhance closer cooperation and collaboration with its members and with the State Emergency Management Agency.

Ms. Covall-Alves began her career in emergency management as a 9–1–1 dispatcher for the Tuolumne County Sheriffs Department. After developing disaster recovery plans for private businesses, she returned to public service with the San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services and from there was deployed to the 1994 Northridge earthquake in Southern California as part of the state's mutual aid program. She joined the Sonoma County Office of Emergency Services in 1995 and quickly became an integral part of the county's response and recovery team. Our offices appreciated working with her, knowing that she was the consummate professional who could use all of her connections to develop a coordinated response.

Mr. Speaker, Sandy Covall-Alves has had a long and distinguished career in serving and protecting the people of the State of California. We wish her well in her retirement as she enjoys time with her husband, Ron Alves, and their three special pets, Beesley, Mowse and Wilson.