

RECOGNIZING ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE SCHOOL OF CLARK, NEW JERSEY AS A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 29, 2011*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. John the Apostle School of Clark, New Jersey for being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

The Department of Education acknowledges schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals. St. John the Apostle School is a proud example of academic excellence where students have high levels of performance, stellar student achievement, and where educators facilitate a strong learning environment.

I commend Sister Donna Marie O'Brien, the faculty, the students, the parents, and the entire community on receiving this prestigious award. St. John the Apostle School is a proud example of academic excellence and worthy of this national distinction.

### HONORING THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

### HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 29, 2011*

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced a resolution commending the American Academy of Arts and Sciences on its centuries of work as an independent, non-partisan research institution and on the induction of its newest class of members. The resolution and the list of new inductees to the Academy from Massachusetts follow.

#### RESOLUTION

Commending the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and its 231st Class of members on the occasion of the institution's October 1, 2011, Induction ceremony in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Whereas these 211 new members earned election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences for extraordinary individual achievement;

Whereas they are among the world's most influential artists, scientists, scholars, authors, and institutional leaders;

Whereas in accepting membership into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, these individuals agreed to contribute their talents, experience and knowledge to help the Academy advance the Nation's social welfare;

Whereas the American Academy of Arts and Sciences is an august, quintessentially American institution founded by John Adams and other scholar-patriots during our Nation's brave struggle for Independence;

Whereas the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, chaired by Louis W. Cabot and led by President Leslie C. Berlowitz, is a vital center of knowledge focused on the great challenges and concerns of the day, from science and technology policy to global security; social policy to the humanities; and culture and education;

Whereas members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences include more than

250 Nobel laureates, some 100 Pulitzer Prize winners, and the world's most celebrated artists and performers; and

Whereas the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, as an independent, nonpartisan research institution, exhibits a standard for civil discourse to which organizations everywhere can aspire: Now therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) extends heartfelt congratulations to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and its newest members;

(2) salutes the American Academy of Arts and Sciences for its continuing service and intellectual leadership around the country and across the world; and

(3) wishes the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and its 231st Class of members good luck and Godspeed with future Academy endeavors.

### THE 231ST CLASS OF MEMBERS, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, FROM MASSACHUSETTS

Name	Affiliation
Dr. Victor Ambros	University of Massachusetts Medical School
Dr. James Ireland Cash, Jr.	Harvard Business School
Professor Timothy J. Colton	Harvard University
Professor David Paul Corey	Harvard Medical School/HHMI
Dr. George Q. Daley	Children's Hosp. Cancer Inst./HMS/HHMI
Professor Philip Fisher	Harvard University
Dr. Julio Frenk	Harvard School of Public Health
Professor Annette Gordon-Reed	Harvard University/HLS/Radcliffe Institute
Dr. Daniel Arie Haber	Harvard Medical School/Massachusetts General Hospital/HHMI
Reverend Ray A. Hammond	Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
Professor Jeffrey Henderson	Boston University
Mr. Robert F. Higgins	Highland Capital Partners/Havard Business School
Professor Jay H. Jasanoff	Harvard University
Professor Farish Alston Jenkins, Jr.	Harvard University
Mr. Alex S. Jones	Harvard Kennedy School
Professor Frances Myrna Kamm	Harvard University/Harvard Kennedy School
Professor Thomas Forrest Kelly	Harvard University
Dr. Robert E. Kingston	Harvard Medical School/Massachusetts General Hospital
Mr. Robert Kraft	The Kraft Group
Professor David I. Laibson	Harvard University
Professor Chester Charles Langway, Jr.	State University of New York at Buffalo
Professor Louis Menand	The New Yorker/Harvard University
Dr. W. Jason Morgan	Harvard University/Princeton University
Dr. David Conrad Page	Massachusetts Institute of Technology/HHMI
Dr. Malcolm Austin Rogers	Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Professor Peter Williston Shor	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Professor Charles Haines Stewart III	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Professor Daniel Merton Wegner	Harvard University

### RECOGNIZING NEW PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL OF NEW PROVIDENCE, NEW JERSEY AS A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 29, 2011*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize New Providence High School of New Providence, New Jersey for being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

The Department of Education acknowledges schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals. New Providence High School is proud example of academic excellence where students have high levels of performance, stellar student achievement, and where educators facilitate a strong learning environment.

I commend Mr. Paul Casarico, the faculty, the students, the parents, and the entire com-

munity on receiving this prestigious award. New Providence High School is proud example of academic excellence and worthy of this national distinction.

### UNITED STATES ARMY CORPORAL EDUARDO PEDREGON

### HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 29, 2011*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor United States Army Corporal Eduardo Pedregon, who tragically went missing during the Korean War.

In 1947, Eduardo Pedregon left his hometown of San Elizario, Texas, when he was only 17 years old. He wanted to serve his country, but, because he was not yet old enough to enlist, he convinced his mother to sign his enlistment papers granting him parental permission to join the Army. In 1950, he was deployed to fight the spread of communism on the Korean peninsula.

Corporal Pedregon's unit moved across the 38th Parallel into what is now North Korea where they fought in the Battle of Chosin Reservoir. In the harsh, mountainous terrain, it was a brutal fight in the freezing cold—as low as 35 degrees below zero as the winds swept in from Siberia. Weapons malfunctioned, and the roads were often impassable, as they were encircled by 60,000 Chinese troops.

The U.S. forces were eventually able to retreat, but not before suffering massive casualties—including Corporal Eduardo Pedregon, who was last seen on November 30, 1950.

Corporal Pedregon's family hoped and prayed that he would be found. This spring—over sixty years later—Corporal Pedregon's family learned that the remains of their lost family member were finally identified using the latest technology and DNA provided by his late mother.

Today as the House of Representatives convenes, Corporal Pedregon's remains are returning home. Our community will join his family to honor him at the San Elizario Chapel on Saturday, and he will be interred in this nation's most hallowed ground on October 6, 2011. He will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery with his brothers and sisters in arms who, like him, made the ultimate sacrifice. I can think of no greater honor to give to an American hero.

As a fellow combat veteran, I have seen firsthand the sacrifices that soldiers like Corporal Pedregon and his family make in defense of our great nation. The Pedregon family sacrificed more than most; of the 11 children in the family, 5 served in the armed forces, including Eduardo and his brother, Roberto, who fought in the Korean War.

These brave men and women deserve the honor and respect they have earned by risking, and even giving, their lives to defend our freedom. We will continue to keep faith with the families of all soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines and never leave a service member behind.

RECOGNIZING TEWKSBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF CALIFON, NEW JERSEY AS A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**HON. LEONARD LANCE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 29, 2011*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tewksbury Elementary School of Califon, New Jersey for being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

The Department of Education acknowledges schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals. Tewksbury Elementary School is proud example of academic excellence where students have high levels of performance, stellar student achievement, and where educators facilitate a strong learning environment.

I commend Mr. Jim Miller, the faculty, the students, the parents, and the entire community on receiving this prestigious award. Tewksbury Elementary School is proud example of academic excellence and worthy of this national distinction.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 29, 2011*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I was unfortunately unable to cast a vote on Roll Call 741 on the evening of Friday, September 23, 2011.

I strongly oppose H.R. 2401 and I would have voted NO on its passage. H.R. 2401 would delay indefinitely two important public health regulations under the Clean Air Act, the Mercury and Air Toxics Standard and the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule. These long overdue rules will prevent thousands of premature deaths from respiratory and cardiovascular disease and yield billions of dollars in net benefits each year. H.R. 2401 would block the Environmental Protection Agency from updating these protections, placing vulnerable populations, including children and seniors, at even greater risk. I will continue to oppose legislation that exposes American families to harmful pollution and reduces the quality of the air we breathe.

RECOGNIZING THE PEOPLE OF LOUISA COUNTY FOLLOWING THE AUGUST 23RD EARTHQUAKE

**HON. ERIC CANTOR**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 29, 2011*

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the people of Louisa County following the earthquake that rattled the East Coast on August 23, 2011. The 5.8 magnitude earthquake—which was centered in the 7th District of Virginia—was one of the most widely felt in American history, ranging from Alabama to as far north as Canada.

The August 23rd earthquake and its aftershocks had a devastating effect on the Louisa community—destroying homes, closing businesses, and severely damaging schools. The effects of the earthquake cannot be measured by dollars alone. This was a rare event that

has disrupted lives, changed routines and has forced the citizens of Louisa County to adapt in ways that they never expected.

The day after the earthquake, I had the chance to visit the community to survey the damage and meet with local officials, first responders, business owners, and families who were affected by this sudden and unexpected natural disaster. Communities and individuals were suddenly faced with the need to complete unexpected and expensive repairs in order to live and work in their homes and businesses. We should all be proud of the way the greater Louisa community has responded and its ongoing efforts of people to help their neighbors during this difficult time. I also want to commend our local and state officials who have worked tirelessly over the past several weeks with federal officials to assess the damage and determine what is needed to help people recover and get the community back on its feet.

While in Louisa, I also visited the North Anna Power Station operated by Dominion Virginia Power, which is located only 12 miles north of the epicenter of the quake. The team at North Anna acted promptly and decisively to safely shut down the two nuclear reactors and thus far no major damage has been reported. I was extremely encouraged by the workers at the power station, who did everything they were supposed to keep the plant and the surrounding community safe in an emergency.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the residents of Louisa County for coming together during this time of crisis. I commend them for their continued strength and resolve as the community continues to rebuild following the unexpected disaster.