

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