

immediately issue clear and unambiguous guidance so that outpatient artificial pancreas studies can proceed as soon as possible.

Nearly 26 million Americans have diabetes, and one in three American children born today will develop the disease. Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure and adult-onset blindness. Moreover, diabetes increases the risk of heart attack deaths by two to four times, and causes more than 80,000 amputations each year. People with diabetes are also at risk for seizures, comas and sudden death. Americans with diabetes, particularly young children with diabetes, desperately need better tools to manage their disease and thereby prevent many of its life-threatening and costly complications.

Some of these breakthrough tools and technologies are already available in other parts of the world. Low-Glucose Suspend systems—devices that automatically suspend insulin delivery when blood sugar levels are dangerously low—have been approved in more than 40 countries around the world but not here in the United States. In fact, the FDA only this year—almost four years after these devices were approved for use in Europe, issued draft guidance on what studies manufacturers would need to conduct in order to win approval for Low-Glucose Suspend systems in the United States. To make matters worse, according to the Nation's leading clinical organizations specializing in diabetes care, the guidance proposed by FDA in June 2011 for Low-Glucose Suspend systems created many unnecessary obstacles to the evaluation of those systems. For example, I understand that this guidance requires multiple clinical trials (inpatient and outpatient) involving a large number of subjects to show statistically significant differences in preventing hypoglycemia. This is an excessive hurdle when all that is required is data showing safety and effectiveness (in other words equivalent glycemic control) not that the Low-Glucose Suspend system is BETTER than other techniques.

Nighttime is a particularly dangerous time for individuals with diabetes because their blood sugar level can drop while they are sleeping, potentially leading to seizures, coma or death. I have heard heart wrenching stories from parents forced to wake their diabetic children in the middle of the night to check their blood sugar levels and, if necessary, administer insulin. Access to Low-Glucose Suspend systems, and ultimately to artificial pancreas technology, is desperately needed to help manage this disease and effectiveness, would be unconscionable.

We are at a critical point in the development of the artificial pancreas. Timely approval of this technology will help improve health outcomes for the millions of Americans afflicted with type I diabetes; and potentially save hundreds billions of dollars annually in health care costs. I urge your timely consideration of this matter and respectfully request a prompt response.

Sincerely,

DAN BURTON,  
*Member of Congress.*

RECOGNIZING LEA GOLD OF  
BURKE, VA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 30, 2011*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Lea Gold, a 2011 Critical Language Scholarship Program Recipient. Lea

has been identified by her educators for her academic excellence, leadership potential and exemplary citizenship to participate in the Critical Language Scholarship Program Jeonju, South Korea.

This Critical Language Scholarship Program allows students to participate in daily educational activities in Jeonju, South Korea, as well as the surrounding areas. The program allows participants to make friends with young leaders from all over the world with an intensive focus in the Korean language, one of the thirteen critical need foreign languages determined by the Department of State, for summer 2012. At the end of the program, participants receive a certificate of completion.

Lea is a student at the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill. It is inspiring to see young people who are interested in educational and developmental experiences such as these.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable achievement by Lea Gold and wishing her continued success in her further pursuits.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE  
JOHN H. WATSON, JR. ON HIS  
RETIREMENT

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 30, 2011*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to pay tribute to Judge John H. Watson, Jr. as he retires from his position as Municipal Court Judge for the City of East Orange. It is my distinct pleasure to add my congratulations to that of his family, friends and associates as they celebrate in honor of a man who has been involved in every aspect of law for over 30 years. For all the leadership he has shown and the contributions he has made over the years, Judge Watson is a worthy recipient of the accolades he will receive on November 18, 2011.

I consider it a privilege to have been involved with Judge Watson's early foray into public service. In addition to serving on the bench, Judge Watson has maintained a successful private practice where he has used his legal expertise to guide numerous clients through a variety of legal matters. He has been a mentor to new attorneys and has provided internship opportunities to youngsters interested in pursuing law degrees. Fortunately, for the community at large, Judge Watson has always been a fair and thoughtful individual. He is a Vietnam War veteran who obviously has a strong sense of loyalty to his country.

A graduate of Rutgers University Law School, Judge Watson held a number of positions before branching out on his own. He is a member of several Bar Associations and has been an active participant in the Rutgers-Newark Law School Alumni Association. A doting husband and father, Judge Watson is also a loving grandfather, a loyal friend and a trusted confidant.

Mr. Speaker, I know my fellow members of the House of Representatives agree that Judge Watson has been an integral part of the East Orange Court system. His retirement is the culmination of a stellar career and we wish

him well in this new and exciting phase of his life.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE  
OF NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN  
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 30, 2011*

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Native American Heritage Month and to celebrate the rich heritage of Native Americans in Washington state, which is home to 29 federally recognized tribes. These tribes have emphasized the importance of further empowering tribal governments to be able to serve their members in a variety of areas, including: housing, social programs, courts, natural resource management, education, and health care. Over the years I have worked hard to address these issues by supporting tribal governments and the positive work they do for their communities, and I will continue to do so in my capacity as the Vice-Chair of the Native American Caucus.

Northwest Coast tribes have a rich history and continue to share that with their surrounding community. Earlier this fall, a carver from the Lummi Indian Reservation traveled across the country with his 20 foot healing pole bound for the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland. This summer I stopped by the Tulalip Tribe's new Hibulb Museum. The museum—one of ten tribal museums throughout Washington state—teaches visitors about the traditions and history of the Tulalip tribe through art that is emblematic of the region's tribal history and coastal environment, such as cedar totem poles and ceremonial masks.

In Washington state, education offered by the tribes and other related institutions plays an integral role in maintaining traditions, fighting unemployment, and raising awareness about tribal issues. Educational programs include ten tribal primary and secondary schools, a number of Northwest Indian Colleges and other tribal colleges, as well as American Indian Studies and native language programs offered at the Evergreen State College, Washington State University, and the University of Washington's Department of American Indian Studies.

Despite achievements in education and other fields, Native American communities still suffer from greater health disparities, including high rates of diabetes, tuberculosis, and alcoholism. To improve the quality of the health care system for tribes, I supported the Indian Health Care Improvement Act that was passed into law as a part of the Affordable Care Act, and I will continue to work to protect that law. With 23 tribal clinics in Washington state alone, there is already an existing health care infrastructure in Native American communities, and as we work to improve the quality of our own health care system we should continue advocating for better, and self-governed, health care for tribes.

As we look to improve health care, education, and the economy in Indian Country, I will strongly support self-governance as a way to achieve these goals. To that end, I have co-sponsored H.R. 2444, the Department of the

Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act, as well as related legislation to restore the integrity of government-to-government relationships and promote opportunities for tribal self-determination. I believe that we should support tribal governments to find ways to best serve their communities and protect their heritage.

CONGRATULATING FRENCH ROAD  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 30, 2011*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate French Road Elementary School in Brighton, New York for recently earning its designation as a 2011 National Blue Ribbon School. The United States Department of Education grants this prestigious award to schools demonstrating a high level of academic excellence or where the achievement gap is shrinking. Secretary Arne Duncan describes National Blue Ribbon Schools as those, "committed to accelerating student achievement and preparing students for success in college and careers."

As one of only 315 schools across the nation to earn this honor, French Road Elementary School embodies the standard of excellence this award celebrates and is an example for others to emulate.

While nothing should diminish the hard work and talents of French Road Elementary School's individual teachers and students, Superintendent Dr. Kevin McGowan accurately stated that this honor reflects, "the support of an incredible school community."

Community is a central component of French Road Elementary School. Its students are not only encouraged to succeed academically but to be constructive members of their communities. In an era where school bullying is far too prevalent, French Road students start their day by reciting the school's Purple Hand Pledge. It reads, "I will not use my hands or my words for hurting myself or others." It is a simple message that should be emphasized more throughout school communities around the country.

Articulating the school's underlying values, this pledge has helped to foster the strong sense of community found among these third, fourth and fifth graders.

For instance, when entering French Road's courtyard you will find students working side by side in the school's community garden to grow healthy, pesticide-free vegetables for each other's enjoyment and to supplement the cafeteria menu.

However, their sense of community extends beyond their school yard, classmates and immediate neighbors. Over the past 30 years, French Road students have raised \$1,265,000 through the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart Event, to benefit children across the country with cardiac abnormalities. During the 2010 to 2011 school year, these young philanthropists raised \$75,489.29; \$20,000 more than any other school nationwide. They have been the event's number one fundraiser for the past 12 years.

The administrators, teachers, parents and students of French Road Elementary School form a truly remarkable community deserving

of this Blue Ribbon recognition. Its students move on with the necessary foundation to accomplish many great things, as well as the desire to leave their communities better than they found them.

Mr. Speaker, I could not be more proud to recognize this school in the United States House of Representatives and hope to help others follow in its footsteps.

REMEMBERING HAL BRUNO

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 30, 2011*

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and honor Hal Bruno, who recently passed on November 8th. Hal Bruno will be remembered as a man of service to his country. Having served as an Army intelligence officer, a volunteer firefighter and the director of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF), he put service to others first and foremost. For over 60 years Hal was an active member of the fire service community, whether it was on the ground as a first responder, in the halls of Congress working to improve resources for families of fallen firefighters, or on the public stage advocating for ways to improve fire safety to reduce line of duty deaths and injuries.

Appointed as chairman of the NFFF in 1999, he received numerous awards and recognition for his dedication and commitment. This fall, he was awarded the National Fire & Emergency Services Hall of Legends, Legacies and Leaders Award. In 2008, the Congressional Fire Services Institute selected him as the recipient of the CFSI / Motorola Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award and in 1999 he received the "President's Award" from the International Association of Fire Chiefs. He was also named "Fire Service Person of the Year" by the Congressional Fire Services Institute in 1995.

Hal also had a prestigious career as the longtime ABC News Political Director. Known for his journalistic integrity and pioneering spirit, he represented the reason the news media is sometimes referred to as the 'fourth branch of government.'

As a Co-Chairman of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, I know Hal Bruno will be greatly missed by the fire service community and by the many others he touched.

EDEN PRAIRIE EAGLES WIN 7TH  
STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ERIK PAULSEN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 30, 2011*

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, in my hometown of Eden Prairie, we take high school football seriously, which is why I am so honored to congratulate the Eden Prairie Boys Football Team on winning their seventh Minnesota State Championship title on Friday evening.

The Eden Prairie Eagles faced their conference rivals, the Wayzata Trojans, at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. It was a game that

was dominated not by either side's offensive line, but by both team's disciplined defense as both sides found it difficult to rack up points throughout a majority of the game.

Late in the fourth quarter, with Eden Prairie up 6-3, the Eagles scored the game's only touchdown. At fourth and fourteen, the Eagles used a reverse flea flicker to make a 25 yard gain, bringing them within five yards of a touchdown. With three minutes left in the game, running back Andrew Larson fought his way into the end zone.

To all the student athletes on the Eden Prairie football team, and to Coach Grant and his coaching staff, I want to say "job well done."

2011 EMISSARIES OF MEMPHIS  
MUSIC

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 30, 2011*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, Tennessee is the home to country music and the blues. Music is in the very fiber of our being, and we are proud to continually showcase the thousands of singers, songwriters, performers, producers, and music industry professionals that call Tennessee "home." I rise today to honor eight such professionals whose talents have made Memphis' musical heritage the soundtrack of America.

Barbara Blue, Dani, Lil Rounds, Dawn Hopkins, Valerie June, Amy LaVere, Sheri Jones Moffett, and JoJo Jefferies were named recently as the 2011 Emissaries of Memphis Music. Honored for their contributions to the culture of music that is uniquely Tennesseean and uniquely American, these eight women are deserving of praise. I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring the Emissaries of Memphis Music and thank all of those who add their distinct notes to the musical history of Tennessee.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 30, 2011*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 860, due to family health issues, I was unable to make the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

A TRIBUTE TO BERNARD "C.B."  
KIMMINS

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 30, 2011*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true hero, Bernard "C.B." Kimmins. For over 44 years, Mr. Kimmins has been a committed volunteer, leader, and teacher throughout Philadelphia. He is a man of great courage and a true friend of mine.

Born in Atlantic City, New Jersey on February 13, 1944, Mr. Kimmins lived most of his