

grown into the most prestigious Hispanic honor and event for Latino youth in the United States.

Since 1998 the Hispanic Heritage Foundation has been celebrating Hispanic pride, culture, and accomplishment in the community and in classrooms throughout the United States.

Latinos are our Nation's largest minority and the Hispanic Heritage Foundation works to make sure that our Nation's Latino youth are prepared for the challenges to come. Through leadership, cultural, educational, and work programs, these future role models are identified, inspired, and instilled with the knowledge and experience to succeed.

Over 1,500 students have been awarded more than three million dollars in educational grants through the Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards. There are seven categories for these students to demonstrate their ability to excel in their areas of focus, with three finalists in each category from the Chicago area.

I am proud to recognize two winners from the Fifth Congressional District, Thalia Urbina and Estefanie Garcia. Thalia Urbina from East Lyden High School has earned a gold medalion for her commitment to education and Estefanie Garcia from Notre Dame High School for Girls has earned a bronze medalion for her excellence in journalism. These winners of the 2008 Hispanic Heritage Youth Award are part of the best and brightest in the Chicago Region.

This year's Chicago Regional award recipients will be honored with a special ceremony hosted by local businesses and community leaders to pay tribute to their accomplishments at the University of Chicago tonight.

Madam Speaker, Thalia and Estefanie have earned tonight's honors through hard work and dedication. I am proud to serve as their representative in Congress, and I wish them the best of luck tonight and in all of their future endeavors.

HONORING THE CHARITY EVENT, CRUISIN' MICHIGAN

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge an event, Cruisin' Michigan, which will be held in Wayne County, Michigan.

Cruisin' Michigan is a charity event created by Don Nicholson, an avid community serviceman. On July 12, 2008, classic automobiles will be cruising Michigan Avenue from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m. This is the first multi-city Michigan Avenue cruise where classic beauties will be traveling through Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Wayne, and Westland, Michigan. Cruisin' Michigan will benefit many non-profit organizations, the Wayne Rotary Club, service groups and supports the City of Inkster's Summer Jazz Festival. This special occasion is expected to bring more than 50,000 visitors to the area, which will increase the sales for local businesses and stimulate the economy.

Madam Speaker, Cruisin' Michigan will encourage travel, create economic growth, and benefit numerous organizations. This event is also expected to promote future charitable

events produced by Mr. Nicholson including, the Don Nicholson Charity Car Show and EnjoyWayne.com Charity Car Show, which raise money for adults with special needs and for scholarship funds. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting the Cruisin' Michigan event and acknowledging Mr. Don Nicholson for his loyal service to the community and our country.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BILL LAHUE

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to recognize the long and selfless career of Dr. Bill LaHue of Lexington, Missouri. Dr. LaHue has spent over 35 years as a dedicated general practitioner in the field of medicine.

Dr. LaHue received his BA and MD Degrees from the University of Missouri before completing his internship at Kansas City General Hospital and his residency at Tampa (FL) General Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City. He began his practice in general surgery in Lexington, Missouri, in 1972, and has served the needs of his community and the surrounding area since that time.

Dr. LaHue was recently named Presiding Chief of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, an honorary Boy Scout Organization of the Heart of America Council, which serves over 45,000 youth. This honor is the highest recognition within the Scouting Organization. This prestigious award comes with the responsibilities of conducting council meetings and presiding over council ceremonies for the course of one year, after which Dr. LaHue will remain a chief, but no longer the presiding officer.

Dr. Bill LaHue continues to practice medicine in Lexington and remains an active member of his church and community. I trust that the Members of the House will join me in thanking Dr. LaHue for his devotion to the youth of our Nation.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

HON. BILL SALI

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. SALI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the University of Idaho for their re-designation as a National Center of Academic Excellence (CAE) in Information Assurance Education (IA).

The National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security has bestowed this distinguished recognition on only ninety-three schools across 37 states and the District of Columbia.

In order to be considered a CAE high academic standards must be in place. A CAE is required to have a full-time faculty dedicated to teaching IA, academic courses focused on IA and students involved in IA research projects. CAE students are trained to play a critical role in protecting our national information infrastructure.

The University of Idaho will now be eligible to apply for scholarships and grants through both federal and Department of Defense Information Assurance Scholarship Programs.

Congratulations to the University of Idaho for this fine distinction and commitment to cultivating the minds of our future leaders.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes during the late afternoon and evening of May 22, 2008. For the information of our colleagues and my constituents, below is how I would have voted on the following votes I missed that day.

On rollcall 355, on the Akin amendment to H.R. 5658, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 356, on the Franks amendment to H.R. 5658, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 357, on the Tierney amendment to H.R. 5658, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 358, on the Pearce amendment to H.R. 5658, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall 359, on the Lee amendment to H.R. 5658, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 360, on the Braley amendment to H.R. 5658, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 361, on the Price amendment to H.R. 5658, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 362, on the Holt amendment to H.R. 5658, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 363, on the McGovern amendment to H.R. 5658, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall 364, on the Motion to Recommit with instructions the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (H.R. 5658), I would have voted "no."

I would have done so because the Motion to Recommit—as written—would have effectively killed the bill by sending it back to Committee. I also objected to what the Motion attempted to do. It would have repealed Section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act, which ensures that federal agencies do not procure or promote alternative fuels that emit, on a lifecycle basis, more greenhouse gas emissions than equivalent conventional fuels produced from conventional petroleum sources. This provision relates primarily to efforts of the Department of Defense to obtain half of its domestically used fuel from domestic synthetic sources by 2016. Specifically, the Air Force is pursuing 'coal-to-liquid' fuel (CTL). According to both the EPA and DOE, liquid coal produces double the global warming emissions compared to conventional gasoline.

An amendment adopted on the floor clarified Section 526 to ensure that federal agencies could procure conventional fuels that contain incidental amounts of unconventional fuels. With the passage of this amendment, it is my belief that there is no reason to repeal Section 526, since the Department of Defense has said that it intends to pursue CTL with carbon capture and sequestration. In addition, the Defense Science Board Task Force on Energy recommended that if DOD decides to provide financial backing to synthetic fuel production plants, it should avoid investing in processes that exceed the carbon footprint of petroleum.

On rollcall 365, on Passage of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for