

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 |
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| 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 | Harvard University |
| Professor Philip Fisher | Children's Hosp. Cancer Inst./HMS/HHMI |
| Dr. Julio Frank | 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 Aiston 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.