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## *House of Representatives*

**Gus M. Bilirakis**

**Extension of Remarks**

**Congratulating the 2012 National Academy of Inventors' Charter Fellows**

**February 28, 2013**

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 101 inventors who were recently recognized at the University of South Florida in Tampa and inducted as the 2012 National Academy of Inventors' Charter Fellows by the United States Commissioner of Patents, Margaret A. Focarino. In order to be named as a Charter Fellow, these men and women were nominated by their peers and have undergone the scrutiny of the NAI Selection Committee, having had their innovations deemed as making significant impact on quality of life, economic development, and welfare of society. Collectively, this elite group holds more than 3,200 patents.

The individuals making up this year's class of Charter Fellows include individuals from 56 research universities and non-profit research institutes spanning not just the United States but also the world. This group of inductees touts eight Nobel Laureates, 14 presidents of research universities and non-profit research institutes, 53 members of the National Academies, 11 inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, two Fellows of the Royal Society, five recipients of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, four recipients of the National Medal of Science, and 31 AAAS Fellows, among other major awards and distinctions.

The contributions made to society through innovation are immeasurable. I commend these individuals, and the organizations that support them, for the work that they do to revolutionize the world we live in. As the following inventors are inducted, may it encourage future innovators to strive to meet this high honor and continue the spirit of innovation.

The 2012 NAI Charter Fellows include:

Dharma P. Agrawal, University of Cincinnati  
Anthony Atala, Wake Forest University  
Benton F. Baugh, University of Houston  
Khosrow Behbehani, University of Texas at Arlington  
Raymond J. Bergeron, University of Florida  
Gerardine G. Botte, Ohio University  
Robert H. Brown, Jr., University of Massachusetts Medical Center  
Robert L. Byer, Stanford University  
Sir Roy Calne, University of Cambridge  
Curtis R. Carlson, SRI International  
Nai Yuen Chen, University of Texas at Arlington  
Stephen Z. D. Cheng, The University of Akron  
Paul C. W. Chu, University of Houston

James J. Collins, Boston University  
James G. Conley, Northwestern University  
Joseph T. Coyle, Harvard University  
James E. Dahlberg, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Roger J. Davis, University of Massachusetts Medical Center  
Sandra J. F. Degen, University of Cincinnati  
Hector F. DeLuca, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Donn M. Dennis, University of Florida  
Akira Endo, Tokyo University of Agriculture & Technology  
Howard J. Federoff, Georgetown University  
Thomas J. Fogarty, Fogarty Institute for Innovation  
Kenneth M. Ford, Institute for Human & Machine Cognition  
Eric R. Fossum, Dartmouth College  
Robert C. Gallo, University of Maryland  
Alan N. Gent, The University of Akron  
Morteza Gharib, California Institute of Technology  
Ivar Giaever, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Barbara A. Gilchrest, Boston University  
**Richard D. Gitlin, University of South Florida**  
Leonid B. Glebov, University of Central Florida  
D. Yogi Goswami, University of South Florida  
Mark W. Grinstaff, Boston University  
Greg Hampikian, Boise State University  
Barbara C. Hansen, University of South Florida  
Patrick T. Harker, University of Delaware  
Martin E. Hellman, Stanford University  
Nick Holonyak, Jr., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Leroy E. Hood, Institute for Systems Biology  
Richard A. Houghten, Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies  
Ernest B. Izevbigie, Jackson State University  
Stephen C. Jacobsen, University of Utah  
Eric W. Kaler, University of Minnesota  
Linda P.B. Katehi, University of California, Davis  
Joseph P. Kennedy, The University of Akron  
Sakhrat Khizroev, Florida International University  
Sung Wan Kim, University of Utah  
George V. Kondraske, University of Texas at Arlington  
John J. Kopchick, Ohio University  
Roger D. Kornberg, Stanford University  
Max G. Lagally, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Robert S. Langer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Brian A. Larkins, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Victor B. Lawrence, Stevens Institute of Technology  
Virginia M.-Y. Lee, University of Pennsylvania  
Jean-Marie Pierre Lehn, University of Strasbourg  
Shinn-Zong Lin, China Medical University  
Thomas A. Lipo, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Barbara H. Liskov, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Alan F. List, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute  
R. Bowen Loftin, Texas A&M University  
Dan Luss, University of Houston  
Robert Magnusson, University of Texas at Arlington  
Richard B. Marchase, University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Stephen W. S. McKeever, Oklahoma State University  
Craig C. Mello, University of Massachusetts Medical Center  
Shyam S. Mohapatra, University of South Florida  
Theodore D. Moustakas, Boston University  
George R. Newkome, The University of Akron  
C. L. Max Nikias, University of Southern California

David P. Norton, University of Florida  
Julio C. Palmaz, U. of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
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Prem S. Paul, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
David W. Pershing, University of Utah  
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Shin-Tson Wu, University of Central Florida

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