

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING STEPHANIE SCHEIB

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Stephanie Scheib. Stephanie is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Stephanie's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Stephanie has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Stephanie can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Stephanie Scheib for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

INTRODUCTION OF THE REMOVING EXCESS LITIGATION INVOLVING ENERGY ON FEDERAL LANDS ACT

HON. PAUL C. BROWN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced the Removing Excess Litigation Involving Energy on Federal Lands Act, RELIEF Act. This legislation would help streamline judicial procedures for causes and claims regarding the leasing of Federal lands for the exploration, development, production, processing, or transmission of oil, natural gas, or any other source or form of energy.

Excessive legal challenges have significantly delayed and in many cases prevented energy resources from reaching the American public. These oftentimes frivolous legal challenges have helped contribute to our nation's economic turmoil and skyrocketing energy costs.

The RELIEF Act would not take away anyone's "day in court;" instead, it will simply streamline the process for all parties involved. This legislation would require that all claims be filed within 60 days of an action or decision and that any proceeding be resolved within 180 days of the claim being filed and gives precedence over other court proceedings. In addition, it requires that all appeals from the District Court be reviewed by the Supreme Court and that any proceeding be resolved within 180 days of the claim being filed. To

deter frivolous lawsuits, it also requires that any person seeking judicial review of any action under this Act shall pay the prevailing party's legal fees and other expenses, unless the Court finds that the position of the person was substantially justified or that special circumstances make an award unjust.

As the economic downturn continues and energy prices soar, our nation must do everything in its power to access the abundant natural resources with which we have been blessed. I believe this legislation can play an important part in our nation's economic recovery by alleviating current energy costs, while also helping to ensure our energy future.

HONORING THOMAS PATRICK O'ROURKE

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Thomas Patrick O'Rourke, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, son and brother and to mourn him upon his passing at the age of 75.

Born on February 22, 1936, Thomas O'Rourke was the youngest of six children born to James and Mary O'Rourke and attended both Detroit Catholic Central and St. Cecelia before graduating from St. Cecelia in 1954. Having honorably served this great nation as a member of the United States Army, SPC 4 Thomas O'Rourke was honorably discharged on September 30, 1962. Thomas married the love of his life, Mary Ellen on May 3, 1974. A dedicated and loving father to their four children, Thomas embodied the truest spirit of the Irish enjoying the boundless conversation and camaraderie the Gaelic League and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He was affectionately known as "Mr. Notre Dame" among his friends at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post where he was an active member.

On March 7, 2011, Thomas O'Rourke passed from this earthly world to his eternal reward. Thomas will be deeply missed by his wife of 36 years, Mary Ellen. He will long be remembered as a father devoted to his beloved children Katie, Molly, Tom and Erin. Thomas O'Rourke leaves a legacy in his grandchildren, Ella, Aidan, Jack, Megan, Danny, Colleen, Maggie and the impending James, due in July. He is survived by his sister, Marge. Preceded into eternity by his parents, James and Mary as well as his brother James and his sisters Marie, Dorothy and Jane, Thomas was a wonderful man, kind to all he encountered. He will be truly and sorrowfully missed.

Mr. Speaker, during his lifetime, Thomas O'Rourke enriched the lives of everyone around him. There is no doubt that Thomas was a beacon of joy, hope and inspiration to those who knew him. As we bid farewell to

this exceptional man, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his life and his service to our community and our country.

STATEMENT ON H.R. 998, THE "STUDENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT"

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise as a proud cosponsor of the "Student Non-Discrimination Act," SNDA, introduced today by my friend Congressman JARED POLIS of Colorado.

I commend Congressman POLIS for his commitment to creating and fostering a safe educational environment for all students. The legislation we introduced today would assure equal protection for lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender, LGBT, students.

As an educator for over 30 years, I have witnessed firsthand the devastating impact bullying and harassment has on students emotionally, socially and academically. These problems are pervasive and persistent in our schools. The hostile environment created by harassment and bullying not only deprives students of the opportunity to receive a quality education, but also contributes to academic underachievement. Furthermore, bullying and harassment can, and have, led to life-threatening violence and suicide, as evidenced by several nationally reported incidents including cases in New Jersey, Philadelphia, New York and across the United States.

Existing federal civil rights statutes that address discrimination do not cover sexual orientation or gender identity, thus LGBT students are vulnerable to discrimination, harassment, and bullying. Furthermore, there is no recourse or legal protection when the rights of LGBT students are violated.

The Student Non-Discrimination Act is a positive step toward achieving equal protection for LGBT students. It will do this by prohibiting discrimination in public school based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. These steps will provide LGBT students a safe environment free from discrimination to learn and succeed in school.

The SNDA has goals similar to legislation I supported as chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus including the Safe Schools Improvement Act, which helps schools and school districts develop and improve anti-bullying and anti-harassment initiatives. We need all of this and much more, until our students are safe enough to study without the strain of discrimination or fear of bullying and harassment.

I am proud to be a cosponsor of the Student Non-Discrimination Act and urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation to ensure that all our students have access to a quality education free from fear.

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HONORING LYNESIA TAYLOR

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Lynesia Taylor. Lynesia is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Lynesia's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Lynesia has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Lynesia can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Lynesia Taylor for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

HONORING LINDA PASTO AS A 2010 GREAT COMEBACKS AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, I pause today to recognize Linda Pasto, R.N., of Ithaca, New York. Linda has been selected as a 2010 Great Comebacks Award recipient for the East Region. This program honors a group of individuals who are living with varied intestinal diseases and/or recovering from ostomy surgery. It seeks to raise awareness of the quality of life issues confronting more than 700,000 men, women and children throughout our country affected by the very conditions that can result in an ostomy.

Every year on the first day of September, Linda throws a party. It's not for her birthday, but for what she considers her rebirth—the day she received her ostomy. After 10 years of flare-ups, hospitalizations and weight gain from medication due to Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, Linda opted for ostomy surgery. At age 51, Linda's life began again. Now she uses her newfound zest and enjoyment for life to help others who are dealing with intestinal diseases.

Since her surgery, Linda went from struggling with everyday activities, including her duties as a nursing instructor, to playing with her grandchildren, traveling abroad and even going on a 3-hour kayaking trip in the Adirondack Mountains.

The Great Comebacks Program is sponsored by ConvaTec, a leading developer of ostomy and wound care products, in partnership with the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, the United Ostomy Associations of America, Inc. and the Intestinal Disease Education and Awareness Society. Each year, Great comebacks presents regional awards to 12 individuals through the United States who have struggled with a chronic intestinal condition

and have exhibited extraordinary strength and courage for managing to live full and productive lives despite daily struggles.

I urge my colleagues to take time to meet with some of the Great Comebacks award recipients. Their personal stories, like Linda's, are inspiration and will heighten your awareness about some of the huge strides being made by people living with intestinal diseases or recovering from ostomy surgery.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INDIGENT FUNERAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT ACT OF 2011

HON. PAUL C. BROWN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Indigent Funeral Expense Reimbursement Act of 2011. This common sense legislation would allow for up to a \$3,000 federal tax credit for the providing of individual funeral services. Additionally, this legislation would not usurp existing state tax incentives for the funeral services of indigent individuals, but instead would supplement them.

Funeral homes respectfully and diligently provide the last measure of care for those in our society who have passed away. Oftentimes the family of the deceased or the deceased's estate takes care of the funeral expenses. However, in some cases, most especially in the case of indigent or unclaimed deceased individuals, the means to pay for these solemn services simply do not exist. Typically, cities, counties and states are left to cover the bill, and states often have tax credits or tax deductions available to funeral homes that provide services for indigent care. However, in these trying times, these state tax incentives are among the first cuts being made.

Across the country, because of an influx of the number of deceased individuals and their families now befitting indigent status, funeral homes and mortuaries are being forced to shoulder the financial burden of providing the last service of a person's life. This straightforward tax credit would simply remove the financial burden and allow funeral homes to provide the care and services that they are trained to provide.

HONORING MEGAN HOTTEL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Megan Hottel. Megan is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Megan's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Megan has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the fu-

ture. This is an accomplishment for which Megan can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Megan Hottel for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL EACH ONE, TEACH ONE'S 44 YEARS OF SERVICE AND TO CELEBRATE THE 70TH BIRTHDAYS OF ITS FOUNDING FATHERS, BOB MCCULLOUGH AND FRED CRAWFORD

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Children of the Founders in recognition of National Each One, Teach One's 44 Years of Service and to celebrate the 70th Birthdays of its Founding Fathers, Bob McCullough and Fred Crawford.

The National Association of Each One, Teach One, Inc.—“Where Knowledge is Power,” is a non-profit (501c3) youth developmental & mentoring program, which uses sports as a vehicle to motivate youngsters to pursue higher education and explore various careers. They conduct college tours; provide guest speakers from public, private and the entertainment sectors, while fostering self respect, community awareness and self empowerment.

“Each One, Teach One,” was a motto coined by Holcombe Rucker, who organized basketball tournaments as way to help keep kids off the street and out of trouble through life lessons. Born and raised in Harlem, Holcombe Rucker played guard at Benjamin Franklin High School in East Harlem before dropping out to serve in the United States Army during World War II. Upon his discharged from the Army, Rucker earned his General Equivalency High School Diploma and was hired as a Playground Director in Harlem for the New York City Department of Parks.

The Playgrounds and Parks would double-up as his office and meeting place, where people, whether they liked basketball or not, would come to Rucker for advice and words of wisdom. The word was that he spent more than half his day—thirteen to fifteen hours—at the park, beginning around 8:30 am. He even ate dinner there, which consisted of his favorite meal—Chinese food, vegetables with rice and brown gravy and was followed by a cup of coffee and a cigarette.

In 1962, Rucker would prove the importance of education and enrolled at the City College of New York, CCNY. While taking night classes, Holcombe took his work ethic and thirst for education and completed a four-year Bachelor of Arts degree in only three years. He used the degree to teach English at Junior High School 139 in Harlem. In 1965, Holcombe Rucker passed due to cancer complications at the young age of 38 years old. Before he died, Rucker would set the standard for years to come.

Over the years, Holcombe Rucker would help youth to obtain over 700 intercollegiate

athletic scholarships. Bob McCullough and Fred Crawford are two of the many prodigies and leaders, touched by Holcombe Rucker, and most important cats in New York basketball history. In 1967, under the guidance and vision of the legendary New York City Parks Department Playground Director, Coach and Mentor, Bob McCullough and Fred Crawford developed, The Each One, Teach One Basketball Program, where NBA Legends, Nate "Tiny" Archibald and Dean "The Dream" Meminger served as the program's first counselors. Bob and Fred also served as the Commissioners of the Holcombe Rucker Park Tournament and League.

Bob McCullough played basketball for Benedict College in South Carolina from 1962–65. He is considered one of the all-time greatest basketball players in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. He was recruited by Coach John E. Brown and scored 2,135 points for a 28.4 career average during his three years with the Tigers. As a freshman in 1961–62, Bob canned 54, 56, and 64 points in exhibition games. In 1963–64, he was the star of Benedict's national scoring championship basketball team that averaged 101.2 points per game. In 1964–65, he was the second leading scorer in the nation averaging 36.4 points per game. He netted over 45 points on four occasions, 49 points twice and a single career high of 51 points against the South Carolina State Bulldogs. Bob was inducted into the Benedict College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004.

McCullough was the first black athlete to be selected for the All-Southern Textile Basketball All-Star Team in Greenville, SC. He was named to the All-American Honorable Mention team by sportswriters for United Press International and Converse Magazine in 1965, and was offered a contract by the Harlem Globetrotters. Bob was drafted by the Cincinnati Royals of the National Basketball Association, and was dropped from the Royals when All-Star guard Oscar "Big O" Robinson renewed his contract. In 1967, Bob played with the New Jersey Asbury Park Boardwalkers in the Eastern Professional Basketball League, now known as the CBA. He averaged 22 points and five assists per game and was selected to the All-Rookie Team. McCullough earned a Master of Science degree from Lehman College and studied additionally at New York University, Cornell University and Hunter College.

Fred "Freddie" Crawford was a 1st team, All-City player at Samuel Gompers High School in the Bronx and played basketball for St. Bonaventure University, from 1960–64. In 1961, during St. Bonaventure's first venture into the NCAA tournament, sophomore Fred Crawford scored 614 points and led the Bonnies to their first NCAA Tournament in school history. Crawford continued his torrid scoring pace in his junior and senior seasons. He averaged 19.7 points per game during his junior campaign, scoring 492 points. In his senior season, he scored 631 points, earning All-East honors. Crawford also averaged 10.3 rebounds per game for his career. He was inducted into St. Bonaventure University's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1970.

Forward Freddie Crawford was selected number one in the fourth round of the NBA Draft by the New York Knicks in 1964 and spent five years in the league. Crawford had his best season in the NBA in 1968 with the Lakers when he averaged 10.3 points, 2.9 rebounds, and 2.5 assists per game in the NBA

Finals against the Boston Celtics. A team that featured West Virginia's Jerry West, Keith Erickson, Providence's Johnny Egan, Saint Joseph's Cliff Anderson, USC's Bill Hewitt, Seattle University's Elgin Baylor, Oregon State's Jay Carty, UCLA's Keith Erickson, Notre Dame's Tom Hawkins, Oregon State's Mel Counts and Kansas University's Wilt "The Stilt" Chamberlain. During his stellar NBA career, Freddie Crawford, has also played for the Philadelphia 76ers, the Golden State Warriors and the Milwaukee Bucks.

The impact that Bob McCullough and Freddie Crawford have made, on young men and women, on and off the court through the Each One, Teach One Basketball Program, has averted generations of young people from falling into illegal activity on the streets, by promoting education, discipline, drug prevention and mentoring.

Former Each-One Teach One Counselors were, NBA legends Julius Erving, Emmitt Bryant, Connie Hawkins, Mike Bantom, Willis Reed, Wilt Chamberlain, Dave Stallworth, Hawthorne Wingo, Butch Lee, Steve Sheppard, Arnold Duggar, Larry McNeil, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, Charlie Scott, Jo Jo White, Joe Bostic, Bill Bradley, Hubie Brown, Al McGuire, Mel Davis, Joe Dupree and St. John University's outstanding Hall of Fame college coach, Luigi P. (Lou) Carnesecca, to name just a few.

Today the program is run through SCAN/El Faro Beacon Center in East Harlem, where we celebrate the National Each One, Teach One's 44 years of service. Please join me in saluting my good friends Bob McCullough and Freddie Crawford as we celebrate their 70th Birthdays.

HONORING ERIN PRICE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Erin Price. Erin is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Erin's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Erin has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Erin can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Erin Price for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

DEVASTATION IN JAPAN

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, my thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the dev-

astating earthquake on the eastern coast of Japan, and the resulting catastrophic tsunami that struck Japan and is currently moving throughout the Pacific, with the potential to impact Hawaii, Alaska, and the West Coast of the United States, including my state of California. President Obama has stated that the United States stands ready to help, and I join the President and the American people in pledging our assistance to the people of Japan as they recover from this terrible disaster.

The United States Congress must stand united with our ally Japan and provide it with the resources it needs to respond and recover. I will work with my colleagues on the House Appropriations Committee to ensure that we make available the resources necessary to assist the Japanese Government and the Japanese people during this time of suffering and distress. While we mourn the massive loss of lives, we recognize this is a time for action and a time for Congress to commit ourselves to assisting our friend and ally Japan.

HONORING MS. AURELIA LOPEZ GONZALEZ ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the celebration of Ms. Aurelia Lopez Gonzalez's 90th birthday. With nearly a century passing, Ms. Gonzalez has dedicated her life to her family, loved ones, and giving back to the community.

Ms. Gonzalez was born March 11, 1921 at the San Bartolo Ranch near Cadereyta Jimenez, Nuevo Leon. At a young age, Ms. Gonzalez and her parents migrated to the United States after their wooden home was washed away in a flood. At the age of nine, Ms. Gonzalez enrolled in the La Escuellita Amarilla Public School. She went on to attend Christen Jr. High School and by 1943 she graduated from Martin High School. In 1993, Ms. Gonzalez was able to attend the Martin High School's 50 year reunion at the La Posada Hotel in Laredo, Texas.

Throughout her life, Ms. Gonzalez has worked to support herself and her family at the Law Offices of Phelps and Phelps, S & H Kress Store, McClends and H.E.B. grocery store. By 1948, she married Mr. Eusebio Busto Gonzalez. A year later, Mr. and Mrs. Gonzalez welcomed their first child, Adolfo and later would go on to have two more children, Thomas and Eusebio Jr. Unfortunately, Mr. Gonzalez contracted Lou Gehrig Disease in 1950. For the next 10 years, she tried to find a cure for the disease through taking trips around Texas and Mexico. In November of 1960, Eusebio passed away leaving her to care for herself and their three sons. After her husband's passing, Ms. Gonzalez went back to work with S & H Kress, until they closed down in 1970. Soon after, Ms. Gonzalez started working with H.E.B. grocery store in Laredo, Texas. She worked with them for 12 years until her retirement in 1982.

In her spare time, Ms. Gonzalez garnered a passion for baking. Her cakes and cookies,

known as Ojaracas, can be found around La-redo in weddings, Quinceaneras, birthdays, and Christmas. Additionally, after her time with H.E.B., Ms. Gonzalez took up teaching classes on cake decorating. The annual Wilton Cake decorating convention is where she picked up many new ideas to take back to her students. She also decorates bouquets, which can be seen during All Saints Day. Currently, Ms. Gonzalez spends her days tending to her home garden, exercising, and staying healthy. Her devotion to the Catholic faith does not waiver; she attends church every week. For nearly a century, Ms. Gonzalez has dedicated her life to the community and touching the lives of her family and loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had the time to recognize and celebrate the tremendous life of Ms. Aurelia Gonzalez and her 90th birthday celebration.

HONORING ALLISON FELTON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Allison Felton. Allison is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Allison's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Allison has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Allison can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Allison Felton for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

CONGRATULATING JOE AND SUZANNE PATERNO ON THEIR RECEIPT OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, the name "Paterno" is legend across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The successes of Joe Paterno, as football coach of the Penn State Nittany Lions since 1966, compiling an astonishing 401 victories, 24 bowl game triumphs, five undefeated seasons and two national championships, are well known to even the most casual sports fans.

Not so well known, yet equally worthy of acclaim, is the generosity of Joe and Suzanne Paterno in their charitable support for educational institutions and other causes. This amazing couple, often known simply as JoePa/SuePa, has contributed over \$4 million, and raised many millions more, to depart-

ments, colleges, buildings, libraries and other causes at Penn State. Sue Paterno is recognized as a philanthropist and community leader in her own right. She has served as a champion of Penn State's library system while volunteering for Pennsylvania Special Olympics, United Way, Centre (County) Volunteers for Medicine, and a tutor for student-athletes.

No wonder the American Jewish Committee has selected Joe and Sue Paterno for its prestigious 2011 National Community Leadership Award. This nonsectarian honor will be presented to the Paternos at the AJC Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey's Award Dinner on March 15, 2011, at the Union League of Philadelphia.

The National Community Leadership Award is an excellent example of the service commitment and broad outreach of both the Paternos and the bridge-building, human rights promoting organization that created it. The American Jewish Committee honors stellar achievement in civic and community circles and in the world of philanthropy. Past recipients of AJC National Awards include Sidney Kimmel, Jones Apparel; Rupert Murdoch, News Corp.; Steven Spielberg, Dreamworks; William Clay Ford, Ford Motor Company; Terry Lundgren, Federated Department Stores; Cathie Black, New York City Schools Chancellor; Henry Kravis, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts; and Steven A. Schwarzman, The Blackstone Group, L.P., among many others.

Earlier in my career, as a state legislator, I served on the Board of Pennsylvania State University and got to know Joe Paterno. His fan club stretches from the Delaware River to the Ohio line. In Philadelphia, some of us may cheer for Temple, Penn or Villanova. Every member of this House has his or her favorite college team. But in the fields of philanthropy and community service, I urge all my colleagues to join in cheering for the JoePa/SuePa team and for their AJC National Leadership Award.

TRIBUTE TO FAITH FRAZIER

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I acknowledge the passing, on February 20, 2011, of former San Leandro City Councilmember Faith Frazier. Faith was a native of New Orleans and raised in Memphis, Tennessee before attending college at both the University of Cincinnati and Memphis State. She settled at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where she received her elementary and junior high school teaching credentials and bachelor of arts. Faith met her late husband James while attending college and they relocated to San Leandro in the mid-1950s.

Faith was a pioneer for women's rights and women in government. Shortly after moving to San Leandro she worked to bring women in the community together for purposes of educating them about local city government. She wanted to help women become a part of the government and running for elected office. Her group would eventually become known as the Civic Information and Education Group, CIEG.

Faith was a member of the Board of the San Leandro Service Center—a community-

based group for helping citizens in San Leandro in need of assistance. She was also a charter member of the first San Leandro Arts Council—which was reconstituted in 1998 and is still active today.

Faith was a member of the Library Board of Trustees and sat on this committee for almost 12 years until she won a seat on the San Leandro City Council in 1974. While serving as a member of the City Council she also served as a member of the Associated Community Action Program, serving low income residents of Alameda County for over 30 years, and the Alameda County Training and Employment Board.

Among her many other achievements she was also a Founding Member of the Bonaire Civic League and Charter Member of the San Leandro League of Women Voters, appointed Commissioner of the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women, helped found the Southern chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus, Member of the Peralta Chapter of OWL (Older Women's League) which keeps track of legislation affecting women statewide and nationally, and she was an original founder of the Political Action Committee for Excellence, PACE, which supports women for elective office.

I feel privileged to have known Faith. I treasure the opportunity I had to work with her during her tenure as one of the City of San Leandro's Councilmembers and my relationship with her during her active career in community service as a public citizen.

I join the community of San Leandro in honoring Faith Frazier. Her presence and contributions will be felt for years to come.

HONORING PAIGE ALLEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Paige Allen. Paige is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Paige's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Paige has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Paige can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Paige Allen for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

REDUCE UNNECESSARY SPENDING ACT OF 2011

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Reduce Unnecessary Spending Act of 2011" on behalf of the President.

There is no question we need to rein in spending and put our nation on the path to long-term fiscal sustainability—and at the same time invest in job growth and ensure that America remains competitive in the 21st century global economy. With that in mind, President Obama put forth a tough love budget that reduces our deficit over 10 years, while also investing in our future.

This legislation will add another tool to make sure the investments we make are targeted and designed to maximize economic growth. The establishment of an expedited rescission process will help keep us on a responsible path and enforce greater fiscal discipline. An expedited rescission process allows the President to sign a spending bill into law, and at the same time propose to Congress that certain items in the bill with a budgetary cost be “rescinded” or cancelled. The President sends his recommendations for rescission to Congress within a short time-frame after presentation of the spending bill, and the Congress takes up the proposals on a fast track, acting in a short period after receiving the President’s recommendations. The rescissions take effect only if approved by a majority in each house.

Even though the current law already provides Presidential rescission authority, the law does not ensure that the Congress will vote on the President’s proposed rescissions. By contrast, the measure President Obama is now proposing, and I am introducing by request, adds new procedures that will virtually guarantee a vote. In addition, this version of the bill ensures that any savings from Congressional passage of a rescission approval bill will be dedicated to deficit reduction.

This proposal is another step forward on the path to greater fiscal responsibility. Other Members of Congress, including Chairman RYAN, have proposed different versions of expedited recession legislation in past years. I hope this year we can work together to find common ground in this area.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR CITIZENS OF FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES ACT OF 2011

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Medicaid Coverage for Citizens of Freely Associated States Act of 2011. I would like to thank Congressman ENI FALEOMAVAEGA, Congresswoman COLLEEN HANABUSA, and Congresswoman MADELEINE BORDALLO for cosponsoring this bill.

Compact Migrants are citizens from Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau that have migrated to the United States. Citizens from these countries are allowed to freely enter the United States without a visa, criminal background check, or health certification due to agreements signed by the Federal Government.

The 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act prohibited Federal Medicaid payments for nonimmigrants, a category that includes Compact Migrants. Prior to this specific prohibition, Compact Migrants were covered by Medicaid. Since enactment of the

Federal welfare reform law, state and territorial governments have been the sole sources of funding for meeting the social service and public health needs of this ever growing population.

In 2007, Hawaii spent over \$37 million to cover the health care costs of the state’s Compact Migrant population. Of this amount, \$30 million would have been eligible for partial Federal reimbursement through the Medicaid program.

The decision to allow citizens of the Freely Associated States to come to the United States was a Federal decision; however, the cost of that decision has fallen mainly on a handful of states and territories. Most Compact Migrants have settled in the Pacific region, likely because the environments and climates are similar to their home nations. Hawaii is home to 12,215 Compact Migrants; Guam, 18,305; and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, 2,100. Compact Migrants are also on the continental United States, including California, Oregon, Washington, and Arkansas—a state where they have been specifically recruited as laborers. Restoring Medicaid coverage is the only fair way to address the Federal mandate.

Our former colleague and now Governor of Hawaii, Neil Abercrombie, worked with Congressman ELIOT ENGEL and Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO on an amendment to provide Medicaid coverage for Compact Migrants during the mark-up of the House health care reform bill by the Energy and Commerce Committee. This amendment was adopted by the Committee by a voice vote.

Regrettably, the Senate health care reform bill did not include comparable language. So today, I am introducing that same, bipartisan supported amendment language as a stand-alone bill.

Restoring the Medicaid eligibility of Compact Migrants is an important issue not only for Hawaii, but also Arkansas, California, Oregon, and Washington as well as the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Marianas Islands. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues on this important issue.

Mahalo nui loa.

HONORING MARY MCCLANNAHAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mary McClannahan. Mary is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Mary’s outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Mary has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Mary can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mary McClannahan for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the

USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

HONORING JOSEPH GIROLAMO

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. McCOTTER Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Joseph Girolamo, a remarkable Michigan citizen and esteemed veteran, upon his 90th birthday.

Born on March 9, 1921 in New York City, Joseph Girolamo is the oldest of seven children born to Pellegrino and Mary Girolamo. Pellegrino came to the United States as an immigrant from Benevento, Italy during World War I and served in the Army. The young family moved to Detroit when Joe was a toddler. Growing up in Detroit, Joseph Girolamo has made Livonia his home for the last 58 years.

Joseph Girolamo has always been active in his community. As a youngster Joe sold newspapers on the street corners of Detroit. He became a Boy Scout and a proud member of the Junior ROTC in high school. Young Joe joined the army during World War II and served honorably as a staff sergeant of General George Patton’s 7th Army in the European Theatre of Africa, France and Italy. It was during his time in the service that Joe, given his penchant for taking “creative liberties” on the interpretation of music as the camp bugler, became known as the “Boogie Woogie Bugler.”

When World War II ended Joseph came home to begin a 32-year career with Ford Motor Company, working in the Tool and Die Division and holding the position of committeeman. Joe also became a very accomplished bugler. He served as Drum Major for the Wayne County Council and the Detroit Edison Lamplighter Drum and Bugle Corps. Joseph has written drill and instructed many marching units in both the United States and Canada.

During his service as an instructor he trained a women’s drum and bugle corps where he met Lillian Paananen. Finding a genuine harmony, Joseph and Lillian were married on June 12, 1951. The Girolamos quite literally made beautiful music as both became state champion buglers and Joseph became a national champion bugler. On June 5, 1957 Joe and Lillian became parents to daughter Joyce Arlene and their family was complete. After celebrating 40 years of marriage in June of 1991, Joseph’s beloved Lillian succumbed to leukemia in October of that year.

Joseph Girolamo continues to be involved in his community through various veterans’ programs. He is the JR. VICE of VFW Post 3941 and the Patriotic Instructor for American Legion Post 32, both in Livonia. Major Joe teaches flag etiquette to the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies. He volunteers as a marching and drill instructor with the Livonia Churchill High School Junior ROTC. Major Joe is also a popular speaker at local schools as he shares his involvement and experiences during World War II.

Mr. Speaker, for 90 years Joseph Girolamo has graced the world with his kindness, patriotic dedication, hard work, and community spirit. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Joseph Girolamo upon

reaching his 90th birthday on March 9, 2011, and to honor his heartfelt commitment and brave service to his community and his country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BEVIN
KALATHIL VARUGHESE MEMO-
RIAL FOUNDATION

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to seek Congressional recognition of the vital mission and achievements of the Bevin Kalathil Varughese Memorial Foundation (BKV). The BKV Memorial Foundation has been instrumental in raising awareness and resources for individuals battling leukemia. The Foundation's creation was inspired by the remarkable life of one of my constituents, Bevin Kalathil Varughese—a life which was tragically cut short following an unsuccessful bout with this terrible disease.

Born in Manhasset, New York, Bevin Kalathil Varughese was an affectionate individual and a cherished son, brother, nephew, cousin, and uncle. An extraordinarily motivated young man, Bevin graduated from Herricks High School in New York and went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Real Estate from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His cheerfulness, generosity, and love of life were evident to all who knew him; his personality touched all who were close to him.

Bevin's drive and good-nature were unwavering—even when he was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in January 2004 at the age of 24. Although Bevin fluctuated between relapse and remission for four years, he refused to let the disease dampen his spirits or weaken his will. Instead, Bevin focused his energy on researching the disease and the resources available to those it afflicts. By working with his family and friends, he created the South Asian Cancer Foundation (SACF) which advocates for leukemia awareness, particularly within the South Asian-American community. Bevin was also involved in a variety of other organizations dealing with the disease and those affected by it—he hosted fundraisers to benefit both the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) and the SACF, took part in the LLS Light the Night Walk, and organized numerous blood and bone marrow drives.

Although Bevin eventually lost his battle with leukemia on February 7th, 2008 at the all-too-young age of 28, his passion and legacy live on through the Bevin Kalathil Varughese Memorial Foundation. The BKV Memorial Foundation was created in 2008 to both preserve Bevin's memory and to continue his work with the South Asian Cancer Foundation. The Foundation's mission is to raise awareness about acute lymphoblastic leukemia and other blood-related diseases. This non-profit organization provides resources to those suffering from leukemia and to their families. The assistance comes in the form of support for leukemia patients, financial aid for those who cannot afford treatment, and donations for research to find a cure for the disease. The BKV Foundation works tirelessly to raise funding

through countless charity events and organizations. It has also reached out to the greater community by encouraging individuals to register with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP).

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the achievements and dedication of the Bevin Kalathil Varughese Memorial Foundation. Through its attempts to preserve and honor Bevin's memory, this Foundation is making a positive and lasting impact on countless lives. I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognition of the achievements of the Bevin Kalathil Varughese Memorial Foundation.

HONORING JORDAN GARDNER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jordan Gardner. Jordan is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Jordan's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Jordan has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Jordan can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jordan Gardner for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

FHA REFINANCE PROGRAM
TERMINATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 830) to rescind the unobligated funding for the FHA Refinance Program and to terminate the program, with Mr. Bass of New Hampshire in the chair.

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Chair, I rise today to urge my colleagues to vote no on H.R. 830, the FHA Refinance Program Termination Act. This bill would terminate the authority for the FHA to guarantee new single family refinance loans under the FHA refinance program at 97.75 percent of the home's value. I am concerned that the Republican plan would kill a program that offers a cost effective approach to assisting underwater borrowers achieve sustainable long-term homeownership.

This Congress should be committed to helping struggling homeowners stay in their homes. Instead it seems we are taking up measures that would only complicate this effort. According to the FHA nearly one quarter

of American homeowners are underwater on their mortgages. Terminating a program that would allow hard-working Americans who are current in their mortgages the ability to stay in their homes will only add to our nation's foreclosure crisis.

Mr. Chair, homeownership is the American dream for many families in this country. The FHA Refinance Program will give the American people a chance to keep their dream alive by allowing lenders the ability to write off mortgage principal, at no cost to the tax payer.

This Congress must stand with the distressed homeowners in this country who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. Before moving forward we should ask ourselves who do we value, and more importantly who do we stand with? Congress must stand on the side of the homeowners in this country. I urge my colleagues to vote no H.R. 830.

RECOGNITION OF MS. NANCY
MAZZA

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Mazza for her immeasurable contributions as a leader and corporate executive in the field of retail banking. Nancy has been valuable to my district and an asset to local communities. On March 11, 2011, Ms. Mazza will be recognized by the Greater Long Branch Chamber of Commerce during their 77th Annual Business Awards Dinner with the Lois G. Libutti Community Service Award. Today, I applaud Ms. Mazza, as her achievements should serve as an inspiration to us all.

Nancy Mazza began her career at Shadow Lawn Savings Bank as a teller. As a result of her hard work and dedication, Ms. Mazza was promoted to Branch Manager in 1984. Her responsibilities included overseeing eight branches throughout Monmouth County. In 1994 Ms. Mazza acquired the responsibilities of Senior Vice President and Senior District Executive for Sovereign Bank. She was accountable for overall sales, operations, performance management, facilities and district performance in Monmouth County. She currently serves as the Executive Vice President of Retail Banking at Colonial American Bank.

Nancy Mazza is a valued member of the community. Ms. Mazza honorably serves as past-chair of the Ronald McDonald House in Long Branch and New Brunswick. She continues to remain an active member of the board. Ms. Mazza is also a committee member for United Way, Monmouth Park Charities, the March of Dimes, Michael's Feat, Jason's Dream for Kids, Tinton Falls C.U.R.E. and Toys for Tots. Nancy is an alumna of Rutgers University and earned a degree in Journalism and Communications. She is a forty-year resident of Monmouth County and currently lives in Little Silver with her husband Dominick and their three children, DJ, Joseph and Kristyn.

Mr. Speaker, once again I would like to thank Nancy Mazza for her outstanding contributions to the constituents of my district and congratulate her for the honors she has received from the Greater Long Branch Chamber of Commerce.

HONORING EMILY MISCHKE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Emily Mischke. Emily is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Emily's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Emily has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Emily can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Emily Mischke for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

IN HONOR OF JACK HINES, JR.

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jack M. Hines, Jr. of Marshallton, Chester County, Pennsylvania on his retirement after 33 years of service as Municipal Manager of West Bradford Township and to honor him on his outstanding career of accomplishment.

In addition to his service as Municipal Manager of West Bradford Township, Jack has served on various committees of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Officials. He has been an instructor for both the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors and the Governor's Center for Local Government Services. Jack has served as Chairman of the Legislative Committee, Chester County Association of Township Officials, and has been a member of the Advisory Board for Connect Care3, which serves members of the Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative.

Further, Jack is a former Fire Chief and President of the West Bradford Fire Company, as well as being a former Fire Service Instructor and Director of the Chester County Fire School. He is a former Board Member and President of the Chester County Crime Victims Center, Chairman of the Environmental Management Center, Executive Committee Member of the Brandywine Conservancy, and Trustee of the Chester County Historical Society.

Mr. Speaker, in light of his incredible years of service to his community and litany of outstanding accomplishments almost too long to record, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Jack M. Hines, Jr. for his invaluable contributions to the quality of life of the citizens of West Bradford Township and Chester County.

JAMES BILLINGS, SR. TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to rise and pay tribute to the life and career of Mr. James Billings, Sr. of Pueblo, Colorado. The community has lost a great firefighter and a man, who led a life that was dedicated to family, public service and leadership.

Mr. James Billings, Sr. comes from a family of police officers and fire fighters, and it is no surprise that he followed in the honorable footsteps of his father and brother. Born and raised in Pueblo, Mr. Billings was compelled to serve the city, and joined the Pueblo Fire Department in 1953. Serving honorably and with distinction for twenty-five years, the last six of those years as the assistant fire chief. Mr. Billings was so respected as a firefighter that many have described working with him as one of the highlights of their careers. Mr. Billings' own son, James, Jr. said that the greatest memory of his long career as the Pueblo Chief of Police was the first time he was on the job with his father. For all the achievements of Mr. Billings' career in public service, he was an even more determined family man. With his loving wife Rose, he raised five wonderful children, and was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

The life of Mr. James Billings, Sr. is one that should be celebrated and recognized. This was a man who endlessly devoted himself to public service and to his family. Mr. Speaker, it has been my sincere privilege to rise and honor Mr. James Billings, Sr.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR TED JENNINGS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the remarkable example and service of a true leader in South Alabama, someone who has taken the roles of successful businessman, trusted medical adviser, and local and national civic leader for more than 30 years.

In 2012, Mayor Ted Jennings of Brewton, Alabama, will end nearly a quarter century of service as his town's chief executive.

For many, this accomplishment alone would be the epitome of a life's work. And, indeed, Mayor Jennings has confidently guided his community for four terms.

But Ted's body of accomplishments does not begin nor end with holding public office.

A graduate of Auburn University's School of Pharmacy, a successful business owner and Director of Pharmacy at D.W. McMillan Memorial Hospital, Mayor Jennings has also made an indelible mark through his compassion and devotion to the well-being of his community. And his contributions don't stop there.

While Ted Jennings may be known to the people of Brewton as their long-time mayor and trusted pharmacist, to his colleagues in Alabama and across America, he is an

indispensible resource of wisdom and experience.

A former member of the board of the National League of Cities, Mayor Jennings has held about every post one can within that important national organization, tirelessly defending the principles of good government at forums around the country. In Alabama, Mayor Jennings has also led his peers as president and long-time officer in the Alabama League of Municipalities where he has been a strong, steady voice for issues vital to local and state economic development.

A man gifted with a vision for our nation's—and region's—economic future, Mayor Jennings has for decades promoted the development of telecommunications on the local and state level, leveraging the resources of businesses and universities.

A supporter of both electronic and paved highways, Mayor Jennings also helped establish the Florida-Alabama Strategic Task Force to improve transportation between the two states to enhance both public safety and economic growth.

I have had the pleasure of working with Mayor Jennings for more than two decades and I can say, without hesitation, that his devotion to public service is without equal. I was fortunate to be a co-chair on the Alabama Rural Action Committee with Mayor Jennings, and I believe there is a no more passionate and informed voice for rural economic development than his.

As Mayor Jennings steps off the stage from a remarkable civic career, I know he will continue to have a positive impact on his community and state. To his family and close friends who have shared Ted with us for all these years, we offer our heartfelt thanks. And to the Mayor, himself, I am privileged to speak for all of South Alabama in offering our heartfelt thanks to a true servant leader, a real partner for progress and a man who leaves behind a legacy of goodness as well as success.

Thanks, Mayor Jennings, for a job well done.

HONORING WOMEN'S MONTH

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, as we work through the rigors of this congressional session, it is important that we take the time to recognize this March as National Women's History Month. The theme for 2011 is, "Our History is Our Strength," and this is understood by looking back on the challenges that women faced throughout the course of history and realizing that it has only made us stronger and more tenacious going into the future.

This month, we acknowledge those women in history who braved the fight for equal rights and paved the way for myself and many of my colleagues here today. We honor the strong women in the military who are everyday helping to ensure our safety and freedom in this world. And we honor all women for the important role that they play in their communities.

But, despite all the challenges and hurdles that we have overcome, the efforts for equality continue. As the proud representative of the

47th district of California, I will continue to strive for increase and advancement of opportunities for women all around the world. And I challenge young women everywhere to do the same and continue with even greater strength and force into the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 163, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 570, the Dental Emergency Responder Act of 2011, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF THE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER JULIA GILLARD OF AUSTRALIA TO CONGRESS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that this poem by Albert Carey Caswell, commemorating the historic address by Prime Minister Julia Gillard of Australia, be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in honor of the great friendship between our two countries.

ACROSS THE GREAT OCEANS

Across the great oceans
Over the deep blue seas
And all of the most distant shores
And throughout the miles we see
But lies . . .
But lies, such a great love, a bond between
America and Australia so indeed!
For when we look into the mirror, a mirror
image we so see
For we are so much alike, are but you, are
but so you and me
As such a great bond, so very special across
those seas
So very strong, so very deep
That even time and distance, cannot so de-
stroy.
As is such a great bond between Australia
and America,
That our hearts of love have so received
For we are such fine friends, so are all of we!
And throughout the generations, and
throughout all of those wars
All throughout all of those dark storms
As we have so stood together, as one, as one
have all of we!
As throughout all of those dreadful wars
As we have sent our fine son and daughters,
off together, off to die, off to death and
war
And 'Oh, what a burden bore!
To lose all of our most precious loves, that
which we have all so adored!
All of those tears, those heart broken tears,
that together we have so poured!
As all together we've so stood, so stood
throughout the generations as one so
for very sure!
For Down Under, no greater loves adorned!
Then, that bond between Australia and
America
From all across those most distant shores
As we even speak the same language, all the
more
And on this day, a prayer we say as so sent
across those most distant shores

That this great bond, that this warm love
and so friendship, as will live on for ev-
ermore!

And together as one, as out into the future
we walk hand in hand, as we have done
before!

'Oh across those great oceans, "It's a good
day" . . . all because of our love that
we have so poured!

THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT DAM

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Theodore Roosevelt Dam, an engineering marvel that is celebrating its centennial of service to the people of Arizona, including a majority of constituents in my own District.

When Federal engineers built Roosevelt Dam on the Salt River in the beginning of the 20th Century, they did not have the conveniences of a nearby town, an existing power supply or a locally skilled labor force. Several engineering feats needed to be accomplished even before construction could begin at the site 80 miles east of Phoenix.

A road was cut into the sides of mountains so supplies could be hauled from the Phoenix area to the dam site. Members of local Apache tribes helped build the road, and they continued with the construction effort for the dam. Federal engineers also constructed a 20-mile canal to develop hydroelectric power at the dam to power a cement mill, aerial trams and cableways, and other equipment.

Stone masons cut massive blocks from the sides of the canyon. Cranes were used to lower the stones, some weighing as much as 10 tons, to the riverbed. They were laid in a stair-step fashion, which gave the dam a distinctive appearance.

Federal engineers ensured the strength of the dam by requiring the mortar joints on the upstream face not to exceed 1 inch in width. Following the laying of the cornerstone in 1906, crews worked nearly nonstop, with strings of electric lights suspended above the site allowing men to work through the night. Five years later, Roosevelt Dam had risen 280 feet high, with a base 184 feet thick that narrowed to 16 feet at the top. On the day of its dedication on March 18, 1911, it was the largest rubble-masonry thick-arch dam in the world.

Due to its engineering and construction excellence, Roosevelt Dam stood nearly unchanged for more than 80 years. In the 1990s, a new generation of engineers needed to address dam safety, regulatory water storage and flood control in central Arizona. During this construction effort, the entire face of the dam was overlain with concrete, ranging in thickness from 10 to 50 feet. The concrete extended upward to create a new crest and spillways were constructed deeper and narrower, allowing for greater water releases during floods. Renovations used nearly 450,000 cubic yards of cement, enough to pave a two-lane road between Phoenix and Tucson. The additional 77 feet of height effectively doubled the capacity of the reservoir, enhancing its role in managing water supplies for the growing greater Phoenix metropolitan area.

Mr. Speaker, as Roosevelt Dam embarks on its second century of service, it deserves special recognition for its engineering marvel and being an economic engine for central Arizona.

HONORING SPECIALIST DAVID R.
FAHEY

HON. NAN A.S. HAYWORTH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Ms. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Specialist David R. Fahey, who lost his life on Monday, February 28, 2011, while courageously serving our nation in Afghanistan. He was killed by an IED explosion. Yesterday he was laid to rest.

Specialist Fahey enlisted at the age of 20, in August, 2007. He was deployed to Afghanistan in June, 2010. He is mourned by family, friends, and fellow soldiers from Yorktown Heights, New York, to Washington State, Korea, and Afghanistan. He has been honored for his service with the Combat Action Badge, the Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star.

Specialist Fahey's dedication to protecting his fellow citizens extended to his plans to join the New York City Police Department after the completion of his tour of duty. His sacrifice for our nation will be remembered through the family he loved and freedom he protected. I ask the House to keep in their thoughts and prayers Specialist Fahey and all the other brave men and women in our armed services who have lost their lives, as well as those who continue to serve abroad.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN
THOMAS F. MCGOVERN, AS HE
PREPARES TO RETIRE AFTER 25
YEARS OF COMMISSIONED SERV-
ICE TO THE UNITED STATES
NAVY AND TO OUR NATION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Captain Thomas F. McGovern, as he prepares to retire after 25 years of Commissioned Service to the United States Navy and for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. I have worked with Captain McGovern personally in his role as the Deputy Director of the Navy Appropriations Liaison Office, and I would like to share with you some highlights of this fine officer's career.

Captain Thomas F. McGovern received his commission from the United States Naval Academy in May 1986, and was designated a Naval Aviator in March 1988. He has served in operational assignments with Patrol Squadron Forty at Naval Air Station Moffett Field, California, flying the P-3C Orion; Patrol Squadron Thirty-One as an Instructor Pilot; aboard both the USS *Constellation* and USS *Saratoga* as a Catapult and Arresting Gear Officer. Captain McGovern also served with distinction as Flag Lieutenant to the Commander, Pacific Fleet Patrol Wings and Anti-Submarine Warfare Force, at Naval Air Station Barbers

Point, Hawaii, and with Patrol Squadron One as the Senior Pilot and Operations Officer.

Ashore, Captain McGovern broadened his experience working in the Operations, Readiness and Mobilization Directorate of the Army Operations Center, Pentagon. During this joint assignment, he was assigned as an Operations Officer for United Nations Peacekeeping Operations. His responsibilities included the logistical and administrative support for US personnel assigned to the United Nations Peacekeeping missions in Iraq, Kuwait, Israel, Egypt, Western Sahara, Guatemala and the United Nations Headquarters in New York. He also served with the Office of the Chief of Naval Personnel as the Enlisted Aviation Community Manager and as the Special Assistant for Manpower for the Naval Aviation Enterprise.

Captain McGovern served as the Commanding Officer of Patrol Squadron Forty Seven in April 2003. During his tour, the squadron deployed to the FIFTH Fleet Area of Responsibility in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Their outstanding efforts were recognized by being awarded the "Golden Wrench" award for maintenance excellence along with the Commander Pacific Fleet Retention Excellence Award.

Captain McGovern reported to his current assignment as the Deputy Director for Appropriations Matters in the Office of Assistant Secretary of the Navy Financial Management & Comptroller in March 2007. During his time at Financial Management Budget & Execution, Captain McGovern demonstrated exceptional leadership and foresight, engaging Members of Congress and the Appropriations Committee Staff, providing essential information and resources for the Department of the Navy to maintain its role as the world's dominant sea power. Captain McGovern worked through significant readiness and manpower challenges, providing essential support in shepherding three Navy budgets and multiple war supplemental requests totaling more than \$550 billion in Department of the Navy funding. I can assure you that my staff, the subcommittee staff, and my fellow Members have found him to be a pleasure to work with, and he is respected by all for his true professionalism.

Mr. Speaker, On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to Captain Thomas F. McGovern for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to this country throughout his distinguished career in the United States Navy and we wish him, his wife Katie, and his daughters, Rosemary and Lauren "Fair Winds and Following Seas" in his well-deserved retirement.

ASPEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a true honor for me to rise and pay tribute to the fraternal spirit and charitable efforts that have been exemplified by the Aspen Volunteer Fire Department. The tragedy that befell our country on September 11, 2001, was met with a resound-

ing and galvanizing response from all citizens of the United States. The members of the Aspen Volunteer Fire Department were especially moved to help their brothers from the Fire Department of New York in any way they could.

In the days following the September 11th attacks, the Aspen Volunteer Fire Department went to all the local businesses with a fireman's helmet in hand, asking for donations to provide assistance for the Fire Department of New York. Through the efforts of the Aspen Volunteer Fire Fighters over \$110,000 was raised in a span of less than ten days. To raise that amount of money in such a short amount of time is remarkable, but the Aspen Volunteer Fire Department thought there was more that could be done in support of the Fire Department of New York. The firefighters again took to the streets and urged the ski resorts, hotels and local businesses to provide their services to the Fire Department of New York at little to no cost. All the businesses obliged, and in February of 2002, seventy-seven members of New York City's Fire Department and their families were able to enjoy a trip to Aspen, Colorado. The relationship between the two fire departments has now blossomed into an annual tradition. Firefighters from New York City have been coming to Aspen every winter since the tragic 9/11 attacks as guests of the Aspen Volunteer Fire Department. This bond forged in brotherhood came full circle this past Fourth of July when members of the Fire Department of New York made the long road trip to Aspen. They brought with them a unique and powerful gift; a refurbished piece of the World Trade Center Towers. The steel from ground zero is now the center piece of the newly built Aspen Volunteer Fire House. It also signifies the shared connection between the Aspen Volunteer Fire Department and the Fire Department of New York, and most importantly serves as a memorial to all who were lost in the September 11th attacks.

Mr. Speaker, the efforts of the Aspen Volunteer Fire Department have been truly remarkable. These firefighters have tirelessly given support to the Fire Department of New York for nearly a decade, and have no intentions of stopping their good works. It has been a stirring privilege for me to rise and pay tribute to the Aspen Volunteer Fire Department.

RECOGNITION OF MAYOR ED JOHNSON

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Edward Johnson for his outstanding service as Director of the Brookdale Community College Long Branch Higher Education Center and Mayor of Asbury Park, New Jersey. I would like to congratulate him for receiving the Louis G. Libutti Community Service Award presented on behalf of the Long Branch Chamber of Commerce.

Ed Johnson was first appointed to fill a vacancy on the Asbury Park City Council in January 2005. He was later elected to a four-year term in May 2005 and re-elected to serve a second term. Mr. Johnson held this position

until 2009 when he was sworn in as Mayor of the City of Asbury Park. Mayor Johnson admirably serves on several key committees and subcommittees including the Springwood Avenue Advisory Committee, Transportation Center Subcommittee, Neighborhood Preservation Program, Urban Enterprise Zone, Tax Subcommittee, Asbury Works and the Parking Advisory Subcommittee. Prior to joining the City Council, Mayor Johnson served four consecutive terms as Chairman of the Asbury Park Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ). He is credited with the transformation of the Asbury Park UEZ into a productive organization ready to meet its program obligations and local commitment to strengthen and grow the Asbury Park business community.

Mayor Johnson currently serves as the Director of the Brookdale Community College Long Branch Higher Education Center. He has been committed to promoting quality, affordable education and workforce development opportunities in Monmouth County. Mayor Johnson has also established a successful career as an educator. In addition to establishing a successful career as an educator, he has worked in the fields of Experiential Education, International Exchange, Scholarship and Academic Programs and Higher Education. Mayor Johnson continues to support and promote open access in education and building cross-cultural communication and diversity awareness through leadership development. He is highly commended for his continued service on behalf of the residents of Monmouth County.

Mr. Speaker, once again I would like to extend my congratulations to Mayor Ed Johnson for his exceptional contributions to the residents of my district and congratulate him for the honor he received from the Greater Long Branch Chamber of Commerce.

CECIL TURNER TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Assistant District Attorney Cecil Turner of Pueblo, Colorado. As one of Colorado's outstanding attorneys, Mr. Turner had an exemplary record in the courtroom. The state of Colorado has lost a tremendous legal resource and his experience will be difficult to replace. Many members of the Colorado legal community point to Mr. Turner as both a teacher and resource who will be sorely missed.

Mr. Turner, a graduate of the University of Colorado School of Law, was an integral part of southern Colorado's legal system. Following his graduation, he joined Pueblo's legal department, where he quickly advanced. In less than a decade he rose from a department aide to chief trial deputy and eventually assistant district attorney. In 1976, he turned to private practice for several years, though he never ceased to offer advice and guidance to the district attorney's staff. He later rejoined the prosecutor's office, in 2005, and worked there for the remainder of his career.

A strong legal system is essential to the freedom of all Americans, and Mr. Turner worked tirelessly in that pursuit. Attorneys of

his caliber are rare, but his exemplary career is one to be admired. I rise today to commend Cecil Turner and thank him for his service to the people of Colorado.

RECOGNIZING ANNETTE SMITH AS
THE 2012 SANTA ROSA COUNTY,
FLORIDA TEACHER OF THE
YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 11, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Annette Smith as the 2012 Santa Rosa County, Florida Teacher of the Year. For 25 years, Mrs. Smith has been an inspiration to her students, motivating them to achieve academic excellence.

Mrs. Smith began her teaching career at Baghdad Elementary School, before transfer-

ring to S.S. Dixon Elementary School. She taught 4th and 5th grades at S.S. Dixon Elementary school until 1994, when she moved to S.S. Dixon Intermediate School.

Mrs. Smith is highly respected by her colleagues for her work and dedication to her students. She is well known for her work with at-risk students. From 1992–2005, Mrs. Smith taught in the Drop-Out Prevention/Alpha Program. In order to succeed as a teacher for these at-risk students, Mrs. Smith had to transcend the traditional teaching role. She acted as a teacher, mentor, and role model for these students. Her assiduous work ethic inspires her students, and creates an atmosphere where failure is nearly impossible.

Mrs. Smith also volunteers her time with myriad educational programs. She is a trainer for Building Better Readers, Santa Rosa County's Team Teachers, the Diagnostic Assessments of Reading, and a master trainer for Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading. She is also the school coordinator for Pace High School/S.S. Dixon Intermedi-

ate's Leadership Program and the Patriot Pals Mentoring Program.

Teachers are amongst our most valuable public servants, and they play an integral role in shaping the future of our nation. The Santa Rosa County Teacher of the Year award is a reflection of Mrs. Smith's tireless work ethic and steadfast dedication to the students of Santa Rosa County. She has proven to be among the many exceptional teachers in our nation, and I am proud to have her as a constituent in Florida's First Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Annette Smith for her accomplishments and her continuing commitment to excellence at S.S. Dixon Intermediate School and in the Santa Rosa County School District. Her passion for her students is laudable, and her dedication to her profession is exemplary. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mrs. Smith, and we wish her all the best.