

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4310) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 4310, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. As a former Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve, and as the son of a World War II veteran, I firmly believe that Congress has a responsibility to ensure that the United States has the best trained and best equipped military in the world. However, I have a number of concerns about this legislation that cause me to be unable to support it.

Last year during consideration of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2012, I expressed my disappointment in the pace of troop withdrawals from Afghanistan initiated by President Obama. I supported an amendment to that bill that would have accelerated the withdrawal by reducing funding for combat operations while allowing for a reserve force of 25,000 troops to protect American personnel, carry out anti-terrorism operations, and assist with the training of Afghanistan's security forces.

While a similar amendment was submitted to the National Defense Authorization Act we are considering today, the Republican majority unfortunately refused to make it in order and instead only allowed a vote on an amendment offered by my colleague Representative LEE. Her amendment would require the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan. While I support the intent of the amendment, I am concerned that it does not provide our President and military leaders with the ability to keep a small reserve force in Afghanistan to help build up the capacity of the Afghan military or carry out limited operations against terrorists plotting against the United States. I prefer the approach advocated by my colleague Rep. MCGOVERN, which is why I am a cosponsor of legislation he has authored entitled the Afghanistan Exit and Accountability Act. This bill would require the President to submit a plan to Congress for an accelerated transition of our military out of Afghanistan, and to report regularly on the implementation of that plan.

During consideration of last year's National Defense Authorization Act, the Senate included provisions that could be construed as allowing for the indefinite detention of those apprehended on United States soil. The Ranking Member of the Armed Services Committee ADAM SMITH and my colleague from Michigan Representative JUSTIN AMASH offered an amendment that would have clarified that any

person captured in the United States must be extended the right to be charged and tried in a U.S. Court consistent with the Constitution. Unfortunately this amendment was defeated, and the bill now creates a dangerous, and I believe unconstitutional, precedent.

Finally, the bill funds the Department of Defense at a level \$8 billion above the one set for defense spending in the Budget Control Act passed last year. If signed into law, this would necessitate dangerous cuts to non-defense spending if we are going to meet the deficit reduction targets agreed to by President Obama and the Republican Leadership in the House. The Republican Budget would offset these increases in defense spending by imposing harmful and draconian cuts on programs that help provide food assistance to needy children, health care to our seniors, and assistance to unemployed parents trying to get back to work.

Everyone in this body supports keeping our Nation and our troops safe. Unfortunately, for the reasons outlined above, I cannot support this legislation. I remain hopeful that the Senate will produce a bipartisan bill that responsibly ends the war in Afghanistan as soon as safely possible, respects the Constitution, and ensures that our deficit reduction goals are met through balanced cuts that do not disproportionately impact the most vulnerable Americans.

TRIBUTE TO BOB CUDWORTH

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Bob Cudworth for his service to this nation in World War II and to congratulate him upon the occasion of serving as the Grand Marshall of the Camillus Memorial Day Parade.

Lt. Cudworth arrived in Iwo Jima on February 25, 1945 with Alpha Company, 9th Marines, 3rd Division. During a period of three days, 87 Marines from his Platoon were killed in action; Lt. Cudworth was dangerously close to being injured when an enemy bullet nearly grazed his boot. Lt. Cudworth and his Platoon were instrumental in taking "Hill Oboe" from the Japanese. He departed Iwo Jima in April 1945.

It is important that we remind our Veterans that they are greatly appreciated for their service to this great Nation and that they will never be forgotten. It is because of our service men and women that the United States of America remains the Greatest Nation in the History of Mankind.

The men and women who served our country in World War II are shining examples of patriotism, strength, courage, and decency. It is with great honor that I pause and reflect upon the sacrifices of men and women like Bob Cudworth.

I wish to extend Mr. Cudworth my gratitude for his dedicated service to the United States of America and congratulate him upon the occasion of serving as the Grand Marshall in this year's Camillus Memorial Day Parade, where we honor and remember all of our heroes of war, past and present.

HONORING ALMA T. GAMMAGE

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, forty-two years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System; and

Whereas, Mrs. Alma T. Gammage began her educational career in teaching in the Chattahoochee County School System in Georgia and this year she retires from teaching at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Elementary Theme School in Lithonia, Georgia, she has served the DeKalb County Public Schools System well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of our youth; and

Whereas, Mrs. Gammage is formally retiring from her educational career today, she will continue to promote education because she is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Alma T. Gammage on her retirement from the DeKalb County Public Schools System and to wish her well in her new endeavors;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 18, 2012 as Mrs. Alma T. Gammage Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on May 23, 2012 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II veterans the opportunity to visit the World War II Memorial on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. This memorial was built to

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honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on May 23 answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorial. I am proud to submit the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Robert Agramonte, Anthony P. Barrett, Raymond J. Bayster, Kenneth I. Beardsley, Howard B. Blumenthal, William Brandfon, Robert Chapman Buckley, Carl C. Burgess, John W. Capron, James P. Carney, Irwin E. Chukerman, Otto Gabriel Chvosta, Frederick A. Coleman, John Fred Corradetti, Edward Cygan, William J. Darras, Francis J. Dawson, Everett L. Dean, David R. Denis, Elaine L. Detweiler, G. Grant Duncan, Edward A. DuVernay, William J. Eisler, Jr., Harris J. Enervold, Victor F. Erdelac, Charles P. Esposito, Raymond Farley, Clyde F. Friedman, George F. Gebes, Louis Joseph Giannini, Howard Gilbert, Richard D. Golden, Joseph H. Gondek, Robert Fred Groen, Frederick L. Hanson, Hubert K. Hawbecker, Edwin J. Helman, George Hewitt, Harold M. Hogueisson, James M. Holec, Edward J. Hollowed, Richard Casper Hoogenboom, Raymond P. Hynek, Julius Jackson, Albert S. Jacobson, Kenneth Jahnke, Richard J. Kalina, Benjamin F. Kelly, Thomas Stanley Ketcik, John H. Klingberg, Max Kolpas, Albert Kreitzer, Lenon Lathan, Kenneth Lawrence, William Leonard, Samuel David Levine, Edward F. Lobus, Emil L. Martino, Rufus E. Meeks, Marion Messman, Ernest P. Meszaros, Walter G. Moeller, James P. Moffett, Ralph Mollo, Jerome Moss, Jr., William Mossman, Robert E. Murray, Edward Obrochta, John Pankovich, Charles V. Parker, Michael Pill, Carlton Hunt Prinderville, Theodore Purvin, Raymond F. Puszczan, Carl M. Qualeatti, John Thomas Quinn, Louis T. Rivard, Benjamin S. Rosales, Edward J. Rudenga, Walter S. Rybicki, Lawrence N. Sands, Jr., Vaile J. Scott, Vernon P. Seiler, Marguerite K. Smith, Eli Sobat, George F. Soukup, Paul B. Stoxen, Richard Earl Taylor, Joseph E. Tierney, Fred H. Tolzien, Dennis Trettel, Harold S. Troupin, Robert G. Wachholz, Edward C. Williams, Jr., Joseph T. Zich.

TRIBUTE TO BOB MITCHELL

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my loyal district administrator, Bob Mitchell, in honor of his retirement after dedicating more than 32 years as my right-hand-man, my confidant, political adviser and tireless ambassador for southern and eastern Kentucky.

Bob Mitchell is arguably one of the greatest political advisers in the history of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He understands the power of partnerships, regionalization and communication, yet never underestimates the importance of gratitude and humility.

His father, the late Murrell Mitchell, who served as a member of the Knox County School Board, as well as three terms as a Knox County Magistrate, inspired Bob's political interests and philanthropic heart. It is thus his courage of conviction that has driven his work to transform southern and eastern Kentucky and improve the quality of life in our rural region.

With Bob Mitchell at the helm of all district projects, thousands of families now have access to clean water and sanitation systems, are protected by flood-control projects and live without the fear of yearly floods, have better roads to travel on, and have good-paying, stable jobs. He also helped launch and provide guidance to non-profit organizations like the Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation for job creation, Forward in the Fifth for education, The Center for Rural Development, TOUR Southern and Eastern Kentucky to promote tourism, PRIDE for environmental education and clean-ups, as well as Operation UNITE in fighting drug abuse.

Countless organizations and political candidates have coveted Bob Mitchell's impeccable leadership skills. He has served on a litany of boards from financial institutions to non-profit organizations and assisted with campaigns from county seats to Presidential hopefuls. His legacy will continue to flourish from the seeds of wisdom, hope, and inspiration he has planted across our great Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring my friend and my partner, Bob Mitchell, on his retirement. My wife, Cynthia and I wish Bob and his wife, Nancy all the best in the years to come.

HONORING CITY OF ORANGE MAYOR WILLIAM BROWN CLAYBAR

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a public servant that I have had the honor to know and work with.

A native and lifelong resident of Orange, Texas, William Brown Claybar is more than just a Mayor, he is a community leader. Brown Claybar runs a small business the community has relied on for more than three decades. While serving our community at city hall, he is also serving our Lord and his flock in many varied roles at the First United Methodist Church.

A graduate of Lutch Stark High School and Stephen F. Austin State University, Brown Claybar pursued further studies at the Commonwealth College of Mortuary Science and Rice Institute—Advanced Management Institute. A Past President of the South East Texas Funeral Directors Association, he has also chaired the Legislative Committee for the Texas Funeral Directors Association, served as Secretary of the Selected Independent Funeral Directors, a board member of the Great-

er Orange Area Chamber of Commerce and served as a former President and trustee of the West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District.

It is impossible to name all his civic and community service, because the list is so long—the 1999 Community Builders Award from Madison Lodge 126 AF & AM and the Texas Grand Lodge of Texas, the 2002 distinguished Christian Service Award from Salem United Methodist Church, the 2003 Velma Jeter Scholarship Foundation Humanitarian Award, the 2008 Torch Award from the Beavement Chamber of Commerce and the April 2011 "Person of the Year" award from The Record Newspaper.

While he's proud of his many forms of service, his community is now taking a moment to let him know how proud we all are of him and how honored we all are that his wife Linda and their children and grandchildren have so willingly shared him with the town they all love so much.

When Brown Claybar says he has "thoroughly enjoyed" being Mayor, he means it. Through two severe hurricanes, Mayor Claybar has managed Orange's "competing interests" with a steady grace and a very large dose of common sense. While understanding the impossibility of "being all things to all people," Mayor Claybar has been the glue that has kept Orange together in tough times. His town will miss him. His staff will miss him. I will miss him.

Orange is a unique community that has faced difficulty with a humble and stalwart determination. That is also a fit description for Mayor Claybar who has helped the Golden Triangle's jewel navigate a tough start to the 21st century following Hurricanes Rita and Ike.

After a decade as mayor of Orange, William Brown Claybar is leaving city hall a stronger place than he found it. That truly is the highest compliment a Mayor can pay a community he loves so much.

CONGRATULATING DELORES HUERTA FOR BEING AWARDED THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Delores Huerta for being awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. As you know, Mr. Speaker, the Presidential Medal of Freedom is the nation's highest civilian honor and I cannot think of anyone in this country more deserving of this distinction than Delores Huerta.

A lifelong labor leader and civil rights activist, Delores Huerta's activism has helped redefine the way laborers in California and across the country are treated. From fighting to ensure safer working conditions to negotiating better salaries, Delores Huerta's influence extends far beyond California's San Joaquin Valley. Her unparalleled drive and dedication embody the spirit of activism that keeps our country moving forward.

In 1962, Delores Huerta co-founded the United Farm Workers Union with labor legend Cesar Chavez. As part of their struggle to ensure that farm workers receive a fair wage and

safe working conditions, the UFW led a worldwide grape boycott that helped secure farm workers a seat at the table in contract negotiations.

In 1963, Delores Huerta was successful at securing Aid for Dependent Families and disability insurance for farm workers in California. Delores Huerta's hard work and determination also paid off in 1975 when the California State Legislature enacted the Agricultural Labor Relations Act, which gave farm workers in California the right to organize and bargain for better pay and safer working conditions.

At the age of 82, Delores Huerta continues to fight for social justice, giving a voice to the working poor throughout the country. Through the Delores Huerta Foundation, a non-profit she established in 2002, Ms. Huerta is helping to train a new generation grassroots organizers who are committed to the same ideals and principles she has fought for throughout her lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, not only is Delores Huerta a role model to a new generation of civil rights activists, but she remains an inspiration to those who grew up in the '60s and '70s, myself included.

I urge my colleagues in joining me to congratulate Delores Huerta for being awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

TRIBUTE TO THE ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF THE VALLEY OF SYRACUSE

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Valley of Syracuse upon the occasion of celebrating 150 years of service to the Syracuse, New York community and surrounding areas.

The Scottish Rite of the Valley of Syracuse operates within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America and is comprised of four separate Bodies: Central City Lodge of Perfection, Central City Council Princes of Jerusalem, Central City Chapter of Rose Croix, and Central City Consistory. Each of these four Central City Bodies has been active in Syracuse and nearby areas since 1862.

Scottish Rite Masons are a diverse group of Brothers who come from all walks of life, cultures, religious backgrounds, and careers.

Today, with 750 members in the Valley of Syracuse, The Scottish Rite of Free Masonry supports Schizophrenia research, provides college scholarships to members and their children, and supports many charities and organizations, particularly the Children's Dyslexia Center of Central New York.

It is important that we recognize organizations like the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Valley of Syracuse for their dedicated service to the community as well as their rich history and involvement in the shaping of the State of New York and the United States of America.

It is with privilege that I pause in my legislative deliberations to congratulate and thank the Scottish Rite of the Valley of Syracuse on their 150th Anniversary.

HONORING JAMES L. LITTLEJOHN

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Ninety years ago on May 16, 1922, a tenacious man of God was born in St. Ann's Jamaica West Indies; and

Whereas, Mr. James L. Littlejohn, born to Georgianna and Nehemiah Littlejohn, grew up in Jamaica where he met and married his sweetheart Millicent and to their union two children were born, Barbara and Gilbert; and

Whereas, Mr. Littlejohn has shared his time and talents as a Husband, Father and Motivator, giving the citizens of Jamaica, England and the United States a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all advancing the lives of others, through service at Brooklyn Baptist Church (1975) in New York and since 2002 at Peace Baptist Church in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mr. Littlejohn has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; and

Whereas, Mr. Littlejohn along with his family and friends are celebrating a remarkable milestone, his 90th Birthday, we pause to acknowledge a man who is a cornerstone in our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mr. Littlejohn on his birthday and to wish him well and recognize him for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 16, 2012 as Mr. James L. Littlejohn Day in Georgia's 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

TRIBUTE TO DAN AGUILAR

HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise to pay tribute to a true American hero, Dan Aguilar of Palm City, Florida. Dan has been awarded the Silver Plaque International Alpine Solidarity Award, given to individuals who have risked their lives to save others in dangerous mountain accidents. Dan is a well-known mountain rescuer who deserves both the admiration and the praise of this body.

Dan grew up in Dallas, Texas, where he resided for 18 years. After graduating from Crozier Tech High School, he served in the US Army for four years. Upon returning to the United States, he moved to Vail, Colorado where he began his now renowned career in mountain rescue. Dan's love for the mountains has seen him travel the globe and conquer the most dangerous alpine trails in the world. What's more, his mountain climbing adventures have taken him to Mexico, Ecuador, Alaska, and Argentina. But it is not his accomplishments as a climber or mountain hiker that have earned him this prestigious award, but rather it is his courage as a mountain rescuer.

In the early 1980's, Dan suffered the crushing loss of a dear friend that completely changed his view of climbing. For some time he was unable to even fathom climbing again, but this experience eventually drove him to the line of work that has made him a living legend. He has been a member of the Vail Mountain Rescue Group in the nearly three decades since.

For Dan, saving the life of another seems to come naturally. In fact, this award is not the first time he has received recognition for his devotion to helping others. He was also awarded the Mountain Rescue Association's Outstanding Individual Service Award. In all, it is estimated that Dan has been involved in around 500 different rescue missions since his involvement with Mountain Rescue. His advanced rescue skills have also been utilized in rescues on Mt. Rainier in Washington, the Pamirs in Russia, and the Aconcagua in South America.

Dan's dedication and incredible compassion to help others have earned him a legendary reputation and the admiration of people around the world. According to Tim Cochrane, a fellow member of Mountain Rescue, in an article in The Vail Daily by Tamara Miller, "Aguilar is the first volunteer rescuer in North America to win the award."

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the State of Florida and the U.S. Congress, I congratulate Dan on this distinguished and well-deserved award. He is a great American who deserves our gratitude and praise.

Dan, your community, State, and Nation are proud of you.

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR JOEL OSTEEEN

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it was indeed an honor to have Pastor Joel Osteen serve as a guest Chaplain to open the house on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 with prayer for members of the House and for our nation. I also take this opportunity to wish Pastor Osteen, his wife Victoria, their family and entire organization well as they prepare and implement a major outpouring of religious favor this week in Washington DC area.

The ability to fill the DC Stadium with people for religious praise and worship is indeed leadership and I commend Rev. Joel Osteen for being able to provide a great deal of that.

TRIBUTE TO SHELDON KOTZIN

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished service of a

dedicated federal employee—Sheldon Kotzin, the Associate Director for Library Operations at the National Library of Medicine (NLM), a component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). For the past 43 years, Mr. Kotzin has provided outstanding service to NLM, the largest medical library in the world, a hub of national and international scientific medical communication, and a respected leader in information innovation. When he retires on June 29, 2012, Mr. Kotzin will have left his imprint not only on NLM but on generations of its employees, librarians, users and stakeholders, information professionals in the United States and around the globe, journal publishers, and countless others whom he has advised, assisted, and mentored, and with whom he has collaborated.

After earning his Master of Library Science degree from Indiana University in 1968, Mr. Kotzin came to NLM as a Library Associate. Over the years, he has served as Head of the Catalog Maintenance Unit in the Technical Services Division; Head of the Collection Access Section in the Public Services Division (then Loan and Stack); and Coordinator of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (then the Regional Medical Library Network). Mr. Kotzin became Chief of the Bibliographic Services Division in 1981 and assumed his post as Associate Director for Library Operations in 2006.

Since 1998, Mr. Kotzin has been Executive Editor of the widely-used MEDLINE database, which provides the bibliographic information of esteemed international biomedical journals from around the world, and Administrator of the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee, the body that reviews and recommends journals for indexing in MEDLINE. In addition, Mr. Kotzin served as NLM's representative to the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors, a group of clinical journal editors that establishes the standards for the submission of journal articles and comments on ethical principles related to publication in biomedical journals. Mr. Kotzin has chaired the Janet Doe Lecture Jury and the Joseph Leiter Lectureship Committee for the Medical Library Association, which elected him a Fellow in 2007.

Mr. Kotzin's work has had an enormous influence on journal publishers, NLM users, and countless others. His leadership and tireless efforts have had a significant impact on the development of federal information policies that ensure broad public access to electronic government health information resources.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to represent Sheldon Kotzin in the U.S. Congress and ask my colleagues to join me in extending to him our gratitude and appreciation for his years of service to our country and his contributions to international scientific medical communication.

MAY 2012 AS NATIONAL CANCER RESEARCH MONTH

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of May 2012 as National Cancer Research Month.

National Cancer Research Month recognizes the important role that cancer research

plays in the lives of all Americans. Over 570,000 people in the U.S. die from cancer every year. However, federally and privately funded cancer research has led to the development of innovative diagnostics and treatments that have greatly increased the odds of survival. As a result, the country's cancer death rate has decreased 17 percent in the past 20 years.

Besides improving the health of Americans, cancer research also has dramatic impacts on our economy. Research funding supports employment at universities and research institutes and it also leads to the formation of new businesses that spread biomedical innovation and sustain jobs.

Despite real progress in recent years, now is not the time to rest on our laurels in terms of either funding or attention. There is still significant progress to be made in the battle against cancer. Continued investment in research through the federal government is vital for ensuring that we move forward in this fight for health and survivorship. That is why I joined Representative MARKEY and over 150 of my House colleagues in asking the Appropriations Committee to provide at least \$32 billion in funding to the National Institutes of Health for the 2013 fiscal year. Fighting cancer is a national priority, and Congress must step up and provide the necessary resources.

I urge all my colleagues to join me in recognizing the importance of cancer research and its essential role in supporting the health, economy, and international leadership of our nation.

HONORING THE FORENSICS CHAMPIONS OF THE CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the accomplishments of Arvind Venkataraman and Azar Hussain, both students of Carroll Senior High School, in the field of forensics activities.

Forensics competitions consist of multiple formats of speech and debate in which students demonstrate their respective skills with the spoken word. The Speech and Debate team at Carroll High, ably led by their director, Diana Forbes, has a strong tradition of success in these competitions. This school year, 1,600 students from 200 high schools competed in the Texas Forensic Association State Tournament at which Carroll produced two champions. Senior Arvind Venkataraman won the state championship in Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking and freshman Azar Hussain won the state championship in Congressional Debate. Their excellence in speech and debate reflects a talent and a work ethic worthy of recognition.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Arvind Venkataraman and Azar Hussain on their state championships in forensics.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF FIREFIGHTER, DOUGLAS E. MILTON

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Chief Firefighter, Douglas E. Milton for 35 years of dedicated service to the Jordan Fire Department, which provides fire and EMS services to the Village of Jordan, New York and neighboring areas.

Chief Milton joined the Jordan Fire Department in 1964 where he served as Lieutenant, Captain, and First Assistant Chief, before being elected to the seat of Chief of Department in 1977. In his role as Chief of Jordan Fire Department, Chief Milton has demonstrated commitment to the safety and well-being of his community through exceptional leadership and management.

Among his many accomplishments, Chief Milton was instrumental in securing several grants which greatly improved service to the community, organizing and overseeing multiple restoration and construction projects, collaborating with local government officials to expand the department's areas of emergency services, and improving the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the Jordan Fire Department.

It is important that we give special recognition to our local leaders in emergency services, particularly firefighters like Chief Douglas E. Milton who put the safety of their community above all else. It is with privilege that I pause and thank Chief Milton for 35 years of leadership and service to others with the Jordan Fire Department.

HONORING HARDY AND ROSE DOGAN

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, the union of Hardy and Rose Dogan in Charleston, Mississippi has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, the Dogan Family has produced many well respected citizens and the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Dogan Family are pillars of strength that have touched many throughout our nation; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have members of the Dogan family for they are some of our most beloved citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Dogan family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Dogan family;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 25, 2012 as Dogan Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

A TRIBUTE TO THE MIDLAND
DAILY NEWS

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the Midland Daily News on its landmark 75th year in operation. First published on May 1, 1937, the Daily News set out to provide the people of Midland and the surrounding areas with the news and information they would need to thrive as a community. Seventy-five years later, the paper is still standing strong amidst a changing media landscape, having never once missed publication of a single print issue.

News today looks nothing like it did when the Midland Daily News was first published. The paradigms of journalism have shifted and news is being disseminated at an increasingly rapid rate, but the Midland Daily News adapted to change and thrived as a newspaper. It has served as a vital source of information and an important forum for debates on the most pressing issues impacting the Midland area and our nation.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District, I congratulate the Midland Daily News on this landmark occasion and commend the Daily News' publisher and staff for 75 years of quality journalism.

RECOGNIZING DR. MARTHA A. SMITH FOR HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Martha A. Smith for her years of dedication to the people of Maryland, including her 18 years as President of Anne Arundel Community College.

Dr. Smith has a long history of service in Maryland. Prior to her time at Anne Arundel Community College, Dr. Smith served first as the dean of students, then as President of Dundalk Community College in Baltimore County. Under her guidance, Dundalk Community College instituted a diversity plan which significantly increased the enrollment of minority students.

On August 1, 1994, Dr. Smith took over as the 5th President of Anne Arundel Community College (AACC). With her "Students First" mentality, she immediately implemented a 5-year strategy that would take the community college to new heights. Through community outreach and a realignment of the college administrative structure, she was able to open up new opportunities for students and local businesses alike. With an unwavering vision to make AACC the premier learning institution it

is today, she has helped students and graduates become better prepared citizens and employees.

Throughout her career, Dr. Smith has received numerous awards and commendations. In 1995 the YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County honored her as one of the County's First Women in Education. A year later the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce named Dr. Smith its Business Leader of the Year. From 1998 through 2002, Dr. Smith was named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women three times.

Dr. Smith's work at the college has been integral to the success of AACC and its students. Under her leadership there has been extensive construction and renovation throughout the campus. Her dedication and innovation has been recognized not only locally, but nationally as well. In 2001, the National Alliance of Business named Anne Arundel Community College the Community College of the Year. In addition, AACC's selection as a lead agency for both the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grant program and the Cybersecurity Careers Consortium is a testament to the innovative programming and academic achievement initiated during Dr. Smith's tenure as President.

Through all of the accolades, publications, and awards Dr. Smith has stayed true to her commitment of "Students First." She has dedicated her life to improving higher education and has helped shape the lives of countless individuals throughout her career. The State of Maryland is forever grateful for all that she has done. As Dr. Smith retires from Anne Arundel Community College, I would like to thank her for her visionary leadership and unparalleled innovation.

IN RECOGNITION OF NORTH HILLS HOSPITAL

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize North Hills Hospital in North Richland Hills, Texas as the first and only hospital in the nation to be recognized as a Cycle 4 with PCI Chest Pain Center.

The Cycle 4 accreditation by the Society of Chest Pain Centers is the newest and most stringent available, requiring demonstrated commitment and capacity to reduce time to treatment during the critical early stages of a heart attack.

Surveyors with the Society of Chest Pain Centers require demonstration of extensive community education and reduction in door-to-balloon times. A list of the rigorous requirements includes integrating the emergency department with the local emergency medical system; assessing, diagnosing, and treating patients quickly; effectively treating patients with low risk for acute coronary syndrome without assignable cause for their symptoms; continually seeking to improve processes and procedures; ensuring the competence and training of Accredited Chest Pain Center personnel; maintaining organizational structure and commitment; having a functional design that promotes optimal patient care; and supporting community outreach programs that

educate the public to promptly seek medical care if they display symptoms of a possible heart attack.

National recognition for North Hills Hospital and the Center for Chest Pain is a tribute to the cooperative efforts between the Center, capably led by Dr. Roy Yamada, and the dedicated emergency responders of north Tarrant County. As evidence of their skill and professionalism, the EMS and fire departments of the local communities of North Richland Hills, Keller, Hurst and Richland Hills EMS, as well as MedStar, are afforded the unique time-saving authority to activate the catheter lab from the field.

North Hills Hospital and local EMS personnel are integral to the quality of life enjoyed by residents they serve in North Tarrant County. Thanks to their professional commitment, residents have a greater probability of early diagnosis of a possible heart attack and an increased likelihood of accurate and effective treatment for a successful outcome.

It is my honor to recognize the valuable contributions of North Hills Hospital, the Center for Chest Pain and the crucial role of our North Texas emergency responders. It is my honor to represent them and the residents of the communities they serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.

TO RECOGNIZE CHRISTOPHER ZEOLI OF POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

HON. NAN A.S. HAYWORTH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to recognize Christopher Zeoli of the Town of Poughkeepsie, in New York's Nineteenth Congressional district. Christopher was selected to receive a scholarship from the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Young Entrepreneur Foundation for his business endeavors, and is one of five finalists for the NFIB's 2012 Young Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Christopher embodies the future of American ingenuity and enterprise. When he was just in middle school he started Zeoli Enterprises, a research and online marketing firm that specializes in search engine optimization, advertising, and server configuration. His life goal is "to change the world through innovation, research, and political action." Christopher will study economics at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School beginning this Fall.

It's refreshing, Mr. Speaker, in a time of uncertainty regarding America's economic prospects, to meet an optimistic young man who is excited about the future. Christopher wants to change the world, and there's still no better place to launch a business than our United States. As his Representative in Congress, I'll continue fighting to make sure that he has every opportunity for success—without having to struggle under the burden of unreasonable regulation—and that he will be able to use the profits from his ingenuity to grow his business, create jobs, and improve the lives of others in his community.

America was founded to respect the individual, to allow any person with an idea and

drive to realize his or her dreams through work and dedication. I'm confident that Christopher will accomplish his goals, and I wish him well.

HONORING MICHAEL JOHNSON FOR
HIS TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF
DEDICATED SERVICE AT TUCSON
AIRPORT AUTHORITY

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Johnson for his twenty-two years of dedicated service at Tucson Airport Authority. In this time, Mr. Johnson designed and constructed airport capital improvements that significantly enhanced the safety of civilian and military aircraft operations in the airport movement areas at Tucson International Airport and Ryan Field.

I also commend Mr. Michael Johnson for his additional eighteen years of aviation consulting work at Tucson International Airport and Ryan Field. His engineering achievements improved aviation safety and promoted economic sustainability.

HONORING RON MOSER

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to congratulate Ronald A. Moser on his upcoming retirement.

Ron has served the Village of Hanover Park for 14 years, including 11 years as Police Chief and most recently as Village Manager. Having started his career in police work in 1977, Ron served at 5 municipal police agencies in numerous capacities. He has always worked diligently to improve the safety of his community and its residents.

As Village Manager, Ron has had a significant impact on Hanover Park through his interactions with elected officials, employees, and residents. He has served as a confidant and friend to many. In his positions of leadership, Ron has been highly-respected.

Additionally, Ron has made important contributions to DuPage County. He served as President of the DuPage County Chiefs of Police Association, and in this capacity upheld its mission to reduce crime, maintain order, and improve the quality of everyday life for DuPage County residents and visitors. In his endeavors, Ron has demonstrated strong professionalism and impressive leadership.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing Ron Moser for his career of service and in wishing him every happiness in the well deserved respite of his retirement.

HONORING MONSIGNOR JOSEPH C.
ANSALDI

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Monsignor Joseph C. Ansaldi of Staten Island, New York upon the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

Monsignor Ansaldi graduated from St. Joseph Dunwoodie with degrees in Philosophy and Theology and later a Master's Degree in History from Fordham University. He was ordained in 1962 and his first assignment was as Chaplain to the Girls School at Mount Loretto on Staten Island. He later taught History, German and Religion and quickly became Dean of Students at Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx. In 1978 Monsignor Ansaldi made his final move to St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School on Staten Island in 1978 and became principal in 1982 where he stayed until his retirement in 2011.

During Monsignor Ansaldi's 33-year long tenure at St. Joseph by-the-Sea he spearheaded over 10 major additions to the school and saw enrollment rise from 1,000 to over 1,300 all while making sure a Catholic education on Staten Island would be affordable to all families. His unstinting dedication to the needs of the thousands of young people that were entrusted to his care and teaching is a testament to the character and ministry of the Monsignor.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and my constituents as I recognize Monsignor Joseph C. Ansaldi for his selfless devotion to Staten Island and the Catholic community of New York City.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
PETER M. CHASE

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Peter M. Chase, who is retiring after 41 years of dedicated and faithful service to the Department of the Navy, culminating in his position as the Director of Acquisition Policy in the office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Acquisition and Procurement (DASN(AP)).

Mr. Chase began his federal service in 1971 as a United States Navy (USN) Ensign aboard the USS *Independence*, CV-62, eventually rising to an Assistant Department Head. Lieutenant Chase's second uniformed posting was as Aide to the Commandant, First Naval District HQ, Boston, MA, assisting in policy formulation and public relations which included coordinating participation in programs with public organizations including the Navy League, the Boston Pops, and area universities.

Following four years of active duty, Mr. Chase entered the Navy's Civilian Contracting Intern Development Program at the Naval Electronic Systems Command (NAVELEX). Over the next six years, Mr. Chase developed foundational contracting skills, progressing to

multi-million dollar procurements including both competitive and sole-source; production and research and development; fixed price and cost-reimbursement; and incentive and award fee actions.

In 1981, Mr. Chase received his contracting officer warrant, serving as the procurement contracting officer for the Integrated Tactical Surveillance System, executing acquisition processes from pre-planning to post-award management. During this two year period, Mr. Chase also served as the contracting officer for the AN/URN-25 TACAN Transponder and the Navy standard Desktop Tactical-support Computer, as well as many other acquisitions.

In 1983, Mr. Chase became the Head of the Undersea Surveillance Purchase Branch at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR). Mr. Chase was responsible for managing all contracting matters relating to the purchase of electronic and surveillance systems for the Undersea Surveillance Program Directorate, including major systems acquisition programs such as the Sound Surveillance System (SOSUS), in support of the USN's undersea Cold War effort.

Mr. Chase moved into policy in 1989. While also responsible for Cost Estimating and Analysis, Mr. Chase provided authoritative analytical support and advice to the SPAWAR Commander and Executive Director regarding contracting and acquisition policy. For over four years starting in 1992, Mr. Chase left policy to become Director of the C4I Systems Purchase Division, overseeing three contracting branches before returning to acquisition policy in 1996.

In 1997 Mr. Chase joined the DASN(AP) overseeing Department of Navy Acquisition Policy; first as an action officer, and then in 2000, as Director. Mr. Chase analyzed and evaluated all laws and regulations related to Federal Government and Defense acquisition/contracting, determining and leading development of DON policies for the Navy and Marine Corps.

Mr. Speaker, through the commitment and sacrifice of Americans like Pete Chase, our nation is able to continue upon, and defend, the path of democracy while striving for the betterment of mankind. I am proud, as a fellow Virginian, to thank Mr. Chase and his family for his honorable service to our Nation. I wish him fair winds and following seas as he concludes his 41 years of distinguished public service.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLLISTER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Hollister Municipal Airport. The history of this aviation gem is almost as old as aviation itself. It saw its first powered flight departure on April 14, 1912 from what was then a small livestock pasture. And while I rise to recognize this historical milestone for this place, I also rise to recognize the efforts of all the people who have made this place so special over the years. It is their work that makes the Hollister Airport so special.

I have had the great honor of representing Hollister in Congress for many years. It is a remarkable little city that is nestled between scenic coastal mountain ranges and surrounded by some of the world's most productive agriculture. There is little to hint that this beautiful rural community lies just fifty miles south of San Jose and the greater San Francisco Bay Area metropolis. However, along with its neighbor, the City San Juan Bautista, founded in the late eighteenth century, Hollister and its region's history are a microcosm of the California story, and the airport is an important part of that narrative.

After WWI, pilots like Frank Bryant began shipping their planes by rail into Hollister for assembly and flight preparation. The little field just north of town was a popular site for various flying activities. By the mid 1920s, a pioneer in the then new business of crop dusting, a man named Everett Turner, purchased the land and converted the old pasture into Turner Field. For the next twenty years, crop dusters, mail-carrying aircraft, and all manner of recreational airplanes flew in and out Hollister's Turner Field airfield.

With war looming in the early 1940s, the U.S. Navy took control of Turner Field and commissioned it the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Hollister. After the attack on Pearl Harbor and America's entry into WWII, the U.S. military faced a critical shortage of trained carrier pilots. The Navy began a massive pilot training program, which included the acquisition of the Del Monte Hotel in nearby Monterey to house pilot trainees at the nearby Monterey Naval Air Station and the expansion of the former Turner Field to primarily help train those and other pilots in ground attack techniques. VC-39 was the first squadron to report followed by VC-42 and VC-68 in 1943. The new base soon grew to accommodate two light carrier air groups of four squadrons with the addition of two hangars and a ground training building. By 1945, at the height of the Navy's presence, the base included 210 acres, two 200 foot wide tarmac runways of 4,300 and 4,000 foot lengths, and billeting for 167 officers and 928 enlisted men.

After the War, the Navy no longer needed its Hollister base and it sold the airfield to the City of Hollister. Since that time, the little airport has built upon the excellent facilities left by the Navy to grow into a thriving general aviation airport. It has become a national center for historic aircraft restoration as well as home to a critical base of aerial operations for Cal Fire, the State of California's wildland fire service. It is also an important business hub. With its close proximity to the San Francisco Bay Area, good flying weather, and high quality transportation links, the Hollister Airport is poised to become a leading regional economic engine. In addition, the Hollister Airport now hosts one of the West's premier air shows.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in offering our gratitude to the Hollister Airport family—past, present, and future—for making this little gem such an important piece of our nation's aviation economy and culture.

H.R. 5326, THE COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 5326, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013. The legislation contains damaging cuts to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and to the Legal Services Corporation. It also contains provisions that would further weaken the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) and the protections that the agency provides to unionized workers.

H.R. 5326 contains a nearly \$227 million cut to NASA's top-line, putting it at \$1.15 billion below its FY2010 funding level. Thousands of private-sector jobs at NASA centers across the country have already been lost as a result of austere budget reductions. The cuts included in this legislation will result in the loss of hundreds more. NASA must be given adequate funding to ensure that the agency can accomplish its assigned missions, to maintain and grow investments in America's global competitiveness in aerospace technologies, and to preserve the United States' world leadership in space exploration.

This legislation contains a \$20 million cut from FY2012 levels to the Legal Services Corporation (LSC). The LSC provides vital legal support to the most vulnerable populations, including veterans, victims of domestic violence, and those who would not otherwise be able to afford legal representation. The cuts included in H.R. 5326 would force the LSC to lay off over 100 staff attorneys at a time when an increasing number of Americans are experiencing poverty.

This bill includes an amendment that would prevent the National Labor Relations Board from protecting American workers seeking exercise their right to form collective bargaining units by prohibiting funds from being used by the NLRB to litigate conflicts that arise out of secret ballot union elections. When workers attempt to form a union, they must often rely on the support and expertise of the NLRB. This amendment would take that assistance away. This provision further weakens the nation's only agency dedicated solely to protecting workers' rights in this country.

Another amendment to this bill effectively prohibits the Department of Justice from enforcing the most fundamental of civil rights: the right to vote. According to a recent report from the Brennan Center for Justice, in the past year alone, fourteen states have enacted voter identification laws or imposed executive orders about voting or voter registration which have resulted in numerous documented instances of American citizens being denied the right to vote. The Department of Justice's inability to exercise critical oversight of such laws and executive orders will continue to result in the disenfranchisement of racial and ethnic minorities, low-income voters, seniors, and students.

H.R. 5326 puts American jobs, basic rights, and our global leadership in the aerospace sector at risk. I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing this bill.

RECOGNIZING LT. DOMINIQUE WRIGHT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Lt. Dominique Wright for excellence in education and athletics. On May 29, 2012, Lt. Dominique Wright graduated from the United States Naval Academy, becoming the first African American woman from the District of Columbia to graduate from there, and was commissioned at Annapolis, Maryland.

Lt. Wright, the daughter of a single parent, has overcome many obstacles in her young life. Yet she became the quintessential scholar-athlete. "Dom" or "Domatron," as she is called by friends was a mathematics major who plans on attending law school. She was a star on the Midshipmen's lacrosse team, starting all 21 games during her junior year, just one year after learning the sport. Lt. Wright was lettered in track and field in high school and was a Junior Olympian.

Lt. Wright is only the second African American woman from the District of Columbia to attend the Naval Academy, but is the first one to graduate. I nominated Lt. Wright twice: first in 2008 to the Naval Academy Prep School, then in 2009 to the Naval Academy. Dominique's excellence in scholastics and in sports should encourage other young people, particularly young women of color, to understand that no field is off limits.

Lt. Wright is an inspiration to young girls, to women, and to all the residents of the District of Columbia. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Lt. Dominique Wright, the first African American woman graduate of the United States Naval Academy from Washington, D.C. and a trailblazing example of excellence.

ACCUSED PERPETRATORS OF 9/11 SCHEDULED TO FACE TRIAL BEFORE A MILITARY COMMISSION

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, no one in this body needs to be reminded that on Sept. 11, 2001, the United States suffered one of the most horrific acts of mass murder in the history of our country. The deaths of nearly 3,000 Americans thrust this nation into a fight against an unconventional, non-state enemy that embraces terror, violence, and human destruction in a purposeful attack on civilian populations. That fight continues today.

In March 2007, the alleged mastermind of the plot, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, was captured. He and four others have been charged with 169 overt acts in furtherance of the 9/11 attacks on innocent Americans, including 2,973 individual counts of murder in violation of the law of war and providing material support of terrorism. They are now scheduled to face trial at Guantanamo Bay detention facility in Cuba.

Despite the horrific nature of the crime that was perpetrated against our nation and our citizens, a foundation of the American justice system is the right of the accused to receive a fair trial no matter how abhorrent the action. While we have an obligation to use all of the instruments of our national power and authority to counter the threats of terrorists who maim and murder with utter impunity, we cannot allow our outrage and thirst for justice to trump this uniquely American rule of law. We must be guided, and when appropriate, constrained by our core values. This is essential to our effort, and to our legitimacy, in engaging and defeating enemies who traffic in fear and live in darkness. Our enemies continue to pose a serious, adaptive and asymmetric threat and our efforts to deter them must be equally zealous.

We must ensure that all of our efforts are relentlessly empirical and pragmatic, while demanding compliance with the rule of law. All instruments of our national power and authority must be used to oppose these modern asymmetric threats. We must recognize that the instruments that are constrained and guided by our core values, including the rule of law, are the only truly effective and sustainable instruments. While the most effective instruments for countering these threats are those that are constrained and guided by our core values, including the rule of law, we must also, as Justice Jackson said at the Nuremberg Trials, “stay the hand of vengeance” and ensure that “power [pays tribute] to reason.” Our reformed military commission will ensure the steady hand of justice is applied with these alleged war criminals. Justice, after all, “is the greatest interest of man on earth. . . and so long as it is duly honored, there is a foundation for general security, general happiness and the improvement and progress of our (human) race.” Daniel Webster, Sept. 12, 1845.

Reformed military commissions are fully integrated within our federal framework of criminal justice, are overseen by our Article III appellate courts, and are severely confined to their law of war jurisdiction. Reformed military commissions can and will deal effectively, independently, and fairly with the law of war violations referred to them for trial, and they are already featuring a specialized interagency legal practice within the law of armed conflict and counterterrorism. Our military commissions are comparable to a civilian court, in that they have been modeled on the federal criminal justice system and incorporate all of the guarantees that are essential to a fair and just trial. To begin with, the accused is presumed innocent, and the prosecution has the burden of proving his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The accused is also protected against self-incrimination. Statements obtained through the use of torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment are not admissible, and before any statement of the accused may be admitted, a military judge must find it to be reliable, probative, and voluntary.

The simple fact is, the rights of the accused before a military commission are virtually identical to the rights of the accused in a federal court: the right to notice of the charges; the right to counsel and choice of counsel; the right to be present during the proceedings; the right to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and compel attendance of witnesses in his or her defense; the right to exculpatory

evidence that the prosecution may have as to guilt, sentencing, and the credibility of adverse witnesses; the right to an impartial decision-maker; the right to suppression of evidence that is not reliable or probative or that will result in unfair prejudice; the right to not be deposed without his or her consent; and the right to appeal to a federal civilian court of appeals and, ultimately, to the United States Supreme Court.

While there may be differences between the military commission and the federal court venue, the divergence exists for principled reasons. It is grounded in necessity. It remains consistent with the rule of law. And it ensures that the commission has the ability to provide accountability during a time of armed conflict when no other adequate or effective means to do so exists.

Finally, let me say that the proceedings before military tribunals are transparent. In this regard, they also closely parallel federal practice. Prosecutors are committed to allowing family members of the victims, the media, and the public to access to the proceedings. This reflects the belief—not only within the commission structure, but among our citizenry as a whole—that there is great value in allowing Americans, and the world, to witness criminal trials and to see first-hand the fairness and impartiality with which our nation dispenses justice.

These cases of alleged terrorists and murderers will be handled fairly within the rule of law, persistently and consistently to their end. Brigadier General Mark Martins, the chief prosecutor of the military commission, recently indicated that he has foregone an opportunity for promotion to ensure consistent handling of these important matters to their conclusion. We have come to expect no less than this selfless and heroic act from this General. He is a lawyer of exceptional skill and a man of extraordinary principle. He not only understands the form of the law, but also its spirit. And he recognizes, as Dr. Martin Luther King once said, that denial of justice anywhere diminishes justice everywhere. There is no better person for this job than Gen. Martins, a Harvard classmate of our President, and I for one am grateful that he has agreed to remain in this position, and to see this trial through a full and fair hearing of the alleged heinous acts of war and terror on the American public.

Mr. Speaker, it is no secret, nor is it an overstatement, to say that we live in a dangerous world. My state of Mississippi knows this well with the proud service of thousands of our sons and daughters serving the military and the nearly 100 Mississippians who have given their lives in protection of our freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan. We should not allow our fears—or our outrage over acts designed to stoke those fears—however to guide our actions, even in these challenging and sometimes anxious times. Only fairness and justice can lead us to peace, and when the world thinks of fairness and justice, I want it to think of America. I have no doubt that when the accused perpetrators of 9/11 are brought to trial before a military commission, this country, and our system and values, will be considered in precisely that way.

PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM TO BE AWARDED TO DR. JAN KARSKI, AMONG THE RIGHTEOUS AMONG THE NATIONS

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the nearly seventy bipartisan Members of this Chamber who joined with me last December in writing President Obama to urge him to bestow the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously on the late Dr. Jan Karski. Earlier this week, at a White House ceremony, Dr. Karski received that well deserved recognition. The announcement that he would receive the honor was made last month by the President at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in the company of Elie Wiesel.

Dr. Karski was a man of incredible courage. While others fell silent and looked the other way, his conscience and moral compass led him to do what was right. At great personal risk, he infiltrated the Warsaw Ghetto and a Nazi camp so he could report authentically about the suffering of innocent men, women and children. As he recounted the tragic images in his memoir, *Story of a Secret State*: “Everywhere, there was hunger, misery, the atrocious stench of decomposing bodies, the pitiful moans of dying children, the desperate cries and gasps of a people struggling for life against impossible odds.” He shared his eyewitness accounts with the Allied leaders including British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden and President Franklin Roosevelt and pleaded for a strong response. While those pleas were not initially successful, he was persistent in his efforts to make the world understand the reality of the Holocaust and to open the eyes of those who could—and eventually did—intervene. He was not one to be intimidated. He was one who fearlessly spoke truth to power.

Dr. Karski has since been widely recognized by the governments of Israel and Poland for his contributions. Israel granted him honorary citizenship and Yad Vashem honored him as a “Righteous Among the Nations.” He also received Poland’s highest civilian award, the Order of the White Eagle, along with its premier military decoration, *Virtuti Militari*. Both the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League have named awards in Dr. Karski’s honor in recognition of his heroic and consistent efforts to stop the Holocaust.

Many of our colleagues in the House and Senate know about what Jan Karski did to awaken the West to the horrors of the Holocaust as it was unfolding in his native Poland. In fact, several of our colleagues were students of Dr. Karski’s during his forty year career as a professor at Georgetown University here in Washington. I know their chance to study under his guidance left an indelible impact on them that continues to serve the Nation. Former President Bill Clinton, who was also a Georgetown student while Dr. Karski was teaching, summed it up by saying “as a professor, he continued to educate his students about the importance of freedom and the lessons of justice he had so courageously learned firsthand.”

Those are lessons that continue to be important for all to learn. As President Obama said at the Holocaust Memorial Museum last

month: "We must tell our children" so they know "about how this evil was allowed to happen." Educational programs are already being planned for 2014, the centennial year of Dr. Karski's birth, to continue his efforts instill in future generations the lessons of the Holocaust and the critical importance speaking out against hatred. The Presidential Medal of Freedom is a well deserved recognition of Dr. Karski's life's work.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM FRANK
McFARLANE

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William Frank McFarlane, who passed away on Tuesday, May 15, 2012. Mr. McFarlane was a pillar of the California agricultural community.

Bill McFarlane was born in Fresno, California, on January 1, 1926, and grew up on a farm in Clovis. He attended Jefferson Elementary School and Clovis Union High School. While at California State University, Fresno, Bill transferred to the University of Southern California, earning Bachelor of Science degrees in Naval Science and Business Administration.

At a young age, Bill began his successful career in agriculture. He and his parents formed a partnership in 1948, McFarlane and McFarlane, growing Muscat grapes for raisins and wine, cotton, grain, plums, vegetable and flower seeds, almonds, citrus, and rice. While many other achievements would follow in his long career, Bill always remained a farmer at heart.

A tireless supporter of other farmers in the San Joaquin Valley, Bill was a member of the Sun-Maid Raisin Growers Advisory Council; president of Clovis-Sanger Cooperative Gin; joined the board of Calcot, Ltd. in 1955 and was chairman of that organization from 1966 to 1974; served as president of California Cotton Growers Association; a member of the Producers Steering Committee of the National Cotton Council; a director of the Western Cotton Growers Association; the founding president of Central California Almond Growers Association and served on the board of Blue Diamond Growers for 17 years, 4 years as chairman.

Bill was a principal of the family-farming group Cinco Farms; served as president of California Westside Farmers for 8 years; a chairman of Farm-Water Alliance for 6 years, whose effort culminated in the signing into law of the federal Reclamation Reform Act of 1982. Bill was also a member of the board of Westlands Water District, and served on the board of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation of the U.S. Department of Agriculture during the 8 years of the Reagan Administration. In 1967, he became a director of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, as well as the Agricultural Council of California, becoming chairman of the council and was awarded their Co-Op Farmer of the Year Award in 1994.

Bill received the 1994 Agriculturalist of the Year Award at the California State Fair, and in 2000 the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of

Commerce Agriculturist of the Year Award. After serving for 14 years on the board of the California State University, Fresno, Agricultural Foundation, Bill's final expression of his love for agriculture was his commitment to Friends of Agricultural Extension, reflecting his belief in the public value of university agricultural research.

While his commitment to the San Joaquin Valley agricultural community was unmatched, Bill's commitment to education was equally impressive. He was a member of the Jefferson Union Elementary governing board; a charter member of the Clovis Unified School District board; a founding member of the board of directors of the Foundation for Clovis Schools; and a member of the Reagan Educational Center Agriculture Department Advisory Committee. Bill was particularly proud when Clovis Unified School District honored him by naming the McFarlane-Coffman Agricultural Center after him.

Bill McFarlane's legacy to his friends, family, colleagues, and countless numbers of students will be remembered for generations to come. The San Joaquin Valley has been blessed with many people whose commitment to the valley has made it the greatest agricultural region in the world. Among these people, Bill was one of the greats.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT
COLONEL MARYJO TIMPANO

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to LTC MaryJo Timpano, Director of Staff, 174th Fighter Wing upon the occasion of her retirement from the United States Air Force Air National Guard.

Lieutenant Colonel Timpano assumed the duties of the Director of Staff and Wing Executive Officer for the 174th Fighter Wing at Hancock Field on June 4, 2008. It was under this assignment that Lieutenant Colonel Timpano has directed all wing and public affairs activities.

Additionally, Lieutenant Colonel Timpano has served as the Hancock Field Sexual Assault Response Coordinator and the Community Manager for the 174th Fighter Wing.

Prior to her assignments with the 174th Fighter Wing, Lieutenant Colonel Timpano served the Office of the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff as an Executive Officer to the Assistant to the CJCS for National Guard and Reserve Matters.

Lieutenant Colonel Timpano earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Developmental Psychology through the State University of New York at Brockport and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Psychology. She has an extensive military education and has been the recipient of several medals.

It is important that we as a nation recognize our service men and women for their dedication to the United States of America, particularly those as accomplished as LTC MaryJo Timpano.

Mr. Speaker, it is with privilege that I pause to commemorate LTC MaryJo Timpano on her dedicated service to the Nation and congratulate her on her retirement from the United States Air Force Air National Guard.

HONORING LORETTA J. MALOY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Thirty-three years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System; and

Whereas, Mrs. Loretta J. Maloy began her educational career in teaching in Georgia and this year she retires from teaching at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Elementary Theme School in Lithonia, Georgia; she has served the DeKalb County Public Schools System well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator, and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar, and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of our youth; and

Whereas, Mrs. Maloy is formally retiring from her educational career today, she will continue to promote education because she is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Loretta J. Maloy on her retirement from the DeKalb County Public Schools System and to wish her well in her new endeavors;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 18, 2012 as Mrs. Loretta J. Maloy Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 18th day of May, 2012.

HONORING SUSAN MOORE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise with pleasure today to honor my friend Susan Moore, of Santa Rosa, CA, who recently received a Lifetime Achievement Volunteer Award from Roseland School District in her hometown. This well-deserved accomplishment reflects Susan's passionate efforts as a driving force behind the creation of Roseland University Prep.

Eight years ago, Susan worked with Roseland Superintendent of Schools Gail Ahlas to establish a high school in a largely Latino area where few students went on to attend college. The school's purpose is to give each student both the opportunity to take the necessary classes and the support needed to succeed. Recently U.S. News & World Report ranked Roseland University Prep as one of the top-performing high schools in the nation.

Susan Moore's commitment to children in underserved communities is long-standing. She is a person who sees a need and uses her skills and determination to fill it. In 1999, she developed the Girl by Girl Mentoring

Project to serve young girls who are “ethnically underrepresented in the college system” by bringing in the best community resources to help them. She personally mentored many of the girls herself.

Susan also found the time over the years to take leadership roles in the local chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the Women’s Justice Center (Roseland), Worth our Weight (for kids timing out of foster care), and Friends of Graton Rancheria (support of a Native American tribe).

Her upbringing in Port Arthur, TX, and a background as a teacher likely contributed to both Susan’s resolve and her understanding that education is the path to a better life. She also counted on the support of the No Name Women’s group, formed in the 1980s with other strong local women who wanted not only to network and support each other, but also to promote progressive candidates and causes. Susan was always willing to make the phone calls to urge the group forward, and today she still makes the calls to an expanded group addressing a broad range of issues, from the Governor’s race to astrophysics. I am proud to have had the group’s support over the years as we addressed the same causes.

Susan Moore cannot be described without mentioning how much fun she is to work with. When her name is mentioned in a group, you will hear chuckles and someone will always say, “Did you hear about the time Susan . . . ?” Although she doesn’t take “no” for an answer when she has an issue in her sights, Susan makes people feel that they are willingly joining her in a great adventure. She even learned tap dancing with a group of women who worked on a routine to tap for women’s rights in a Santa Rosa Rose Parade.

Mr. Speaker, Susan Moore is an inspiring role model who makes our community a better place. Please join me in congratulating her on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Volunteer Award from Roseland School District.

HONORING GARLOUGH ENVIRONMENTAL MAGNET SCHOOL ON RECEIVING A 2012 GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS AWARD FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the teachers, administrators and students of Garlough Environmental Magnet School in West St. Paul, Minnesota which has been named a recipient of the first annual U.S. Department of Education’s Green Ribbon Schools Award. On behalf of the families in Minnesota’s Fourth District, I am proud to extend my sincere congratulations to Garlough Environmental Magnet School.

The Fourth Congressional District of Minnesota is fortunate to be home to many schools that deliver high quality environmental education. For the past five years, Garlough Environmental Magnet School has been a leader, setting the standard for environmental excellence, winning high praise and numerous accolades throughout the State and Nation while nearly doubling its enrollment in the process. Part of their success is due to out-

standing community partnerships that enable students to get out-of-classroom learning experiences. One of the cornerstone partnerships is with the Dodge Nature Center. Starting in 2007, Garlough teamed up with the conveniently located community nature center to provide students outdoor learning opportunities. The nature sanctuary serves as a 320-acre living science lab where students can participate in field studies, use scientific equipment in biological measuring, and study the sanctuary’s beehives and farms. Garlough’s combination of a targeted curriculum with outside learning opportunities has produced natural experiences that have enhanced students’ intellectual, social, emotional and physical development.

Garlough Elementary is a natural choice for the first-ever round of the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Awards. In September 2011, in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Education initiated a new federal-recognition program that honored schools implementing environmentally-friendly policies. The selection process targets schools that exercise a comprehensive approach to creating green environments though reducing environmental impact, promoting health, and ensuring high quality environmental and outdoor education. The Green Ribbon Award highlights the necessity of educating our students in preparation for the 21st century global economy, an economy that will rely more on green industry and technology.

As our Nation continues on into the 21st century, our global competitiveness will be tied into jobs that center on technology, science, math, and renewable energy development. To ensure that the United States continues to be an international leader, schools must create engaging curriculum that focuses on preparing students for success. Garlough Environmental Magnet School sets a great example for this strategy.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to submit this statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in honor of Garlough Environmental Magnet School’s recognition as a U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School.

HONORING BISHOP H. H. BROOKINS

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Bishop H. H. Brookins, who passed away on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at the age of 86.

Bishop Brookins was a giant in the Los Angeles community and in the African Methodist Episcopal, A.M.E. Church both nationally and internationally. He was a leader among leaders who had a knack for creating historic “firsts.” Bishop Brookins is credited for identifying former LAPD Lieutenant Tom Bradley as the preferred candidate to run for Los Angeles City Council in 1963, and for spearheading Bradley’s victory as Los Angeles’s first African-American Council member, and again 10 years later as the city’s first African-American Mayor.

Another Brookins “first” was the co-founding of the United Civil Rights Council, organizing

75 groups to help the Black community recover from the 1965 Watts Riots. Bishop Brookins served as the first President of UCRC, and later was a founding Board Member of Rev. Jesse Jackson’s People United to Serve Humanity, also known as Operation PUSH.

Born Hamel Hartford Brookins in Yazoo City, Mississippi on June 8, 1925, the seventh of 10 children of sharecroppers, he first attended Campbell College in Jackson, Mississippi. There he became pastor of his first church with fewer than 20 members. By 1954, H. H. Brookins was a minister in Wichita, Kansas, where he was elected the first black president of the 200-member Interracial Ministerial Council and led religious and civic leaders in uniting communities following the Supreme Court’s order to desegregate the Topeka, Kansas public schools. Bishop Brookins also was famous for his leadership in the struggle to end Apartheid in South Africa.

The H.H. Brookins legend in Los Angeles centers around his extraordinary accomplishments as Pastor of First A.M.E. Church, whose storied multi-million dollar sanctuary lies in the historic West Adams district, having started with an \$8 building fund. First A.M.E.’s congregation now has nearly 20,000 members, a community development corporation, senior housing, and much more. Although he has passed from this life, Bishop H.H. Brookins lives on in the ministries of First A.M.E., and in all of us who loved and admired him.

I offer my sincere condolences to Bishop Brookins’ wife, the Rev. Rosalynn Kyle Brookins, his two sons, Sir-Wellington Hartford Brookins and Steven Hartford Brookins, and his daughter, the Rev. Francine A. Brookins.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA GREEN

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask Congress to pay tribute to an outstanding philanthropist and entrepreneur, Martha Green. On June 9, 2012, Martha will be honored with the Tzedakah Award from the Congregation Emanu El for her commitment to charity and passion for bettering her community.

Martha was born and raised in Greenville, South Carolina, where she learned to love cooking. Martha moved to California, where she has owned several cooking schools and kitchen stores in Redlands, Las Vegas, and San Bernardino.

In 1974, Martha began her first cooking class the back of her husband’s mattress store, where she taught a class on microwave cooking. In 1978, she expanded her cooking classes and opened a cooking equipment store in Redlands, California. Since beginning her first cooking classes, Martha has opened the bakery, Dough’Lectibles and the restaurant, The Eating Room in downtown Redlands.

Martha’s expertise and creativity in cooking has helped her gain widespread recognition throughout the Inland Empire. Martha has combined her passion for cooking with her drive for helping the local community by hosting approximately 30 fundraising cooking

classes annually. Additionally, Martha is known for her celebrity auctioneering in the community, where she has been able to raise over \$2 million to support local charities.

Martha has not only dedicated her life to cooking, but also has generously assisted many local organizations such as SOS Read, the Children's Fund, the Redlands Bowl Association, the Loma Linda University Children's Hospital and Sacred Heart Church. Her genuine spirit and high energy has contributed immensely to these organizations.

On top of her cooking classes, restaurants, and philanthropic events, Martha is a realtor, and also hosts a radio cooking show, which airs on weekdays at 8:33 a.m. and 4:32 p.m. on KVCR 91.9 FM. Additionally, Martha is the author of Martha Green's Cooking Things, a cookbook that offers over 300 recipes.

Martha's generosity and culinary passion has impacted Inland Empire immeasurably. Her bright personality and dedication to charitable events has made a lasting impact in our community. I extend my congratulations to Martha Green as she is honored with the Tzedakah award by the Congregation Emanu El on June 9th 2012.

TRIBUTE TO VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to our Veterans of the Vietnam War and to reflect upon their courage, strength, and love for the United States of America.

March 29, 2012, has been proclaimed Vietnam Veteran's Day in the State of New York, but it is important that we recognize our Veterans of the Vietnam War throughout this great Nation.

During the Vietnam War, of the more than 3.4 million Americans that were deployed, over 58,000 were killed, 153,000 were wounded, and over 2,000 remain missing in action.

In April of 1975, the Vietnam War came to a close with the fall of Saigon, but the war will go on forever in the hearts and minds of our Veterans and their families. It is important that we remind our Veterans that they are greatly appreciated for their service to this great Nation and that they will never be forgotten. It is because of our service men and women that the United States of America remains the Greatest Nation in the History of Mankind.

The men and women who served our country in the Vietnam War are shining examples of patriotism, strength, courage, and decency. It is with great honor that I pause and reflect upon their sacrifice and thank our Vietnam Veterans for their dedicated service to the United States of America.

HONORING KAREN L. MACON

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, thirty-eight years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System; and

Whereas, Mrs. Karen L. Macon began her educational career in teaching in South Bend, Indiana at Muesel Elementary School in 1974 and this year she retires from teaching at Edward L. Bouie, Sr., Elementary Theme School in Lithonia, Georgia, she has served the DeKalb County Public Schools System well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of our youth; and

Whereas, Mrs. Macon is formally retiring from her educational career today, she will continue to promote education because she is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Karen L. Macon on her retirement from the DeKalb County Public Schools System and to wish her well in her new endeavors;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 18, 2012 as Mrs. Karen L. Macon Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF RUTHERFORD "BUD" GASTON

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Rutherford "Bud" Gaston, who passed away on May 16, 2012 at the age of 91. Bud will be remembered for his groundbreaking work in education, his loyalty to his friends, family, and students, as well as his role as one of Central California's most visionary leaders.

Bud was born in Georgia and spent his childhood in Pennsylvania, where he attended elementary school and high school. His commitment to service was evident early in his life. Bud served our Nation proudly in the United States Army during World War II and ended his service as a second lieutenant.

Bud and his wife made their way to Fresno in the late 1940s. In 1953, he graduated from California State University, Fresno and began his educational career. His remarkable 33-year educational career was marked with milestones. As Fresno Unified School District's first African-American principal, Bud became an inspiration and source of pride for an entire community.

Bud consistently maintained a positive attitude and worked tirelessly to ensure the success of his students. As a teacher, his gentle spirit and big heart put his students at ease and encouraged them to pursue success. In 1963, Bud was named principal of Teilman and Emerson schools. He retired in 1986 after serving as principal at Bethune Elementary School for 14 years. Throughout his impres-

sive career, he served as a mentor to countless students.

Bud's service to our community did not end in the classroom; he also served on a number of boards and commissions. He served as President of United Black Men of Fresno for ten years and was active on the boards of the Chaffee Zoo, Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno, St. Agnes Medical Center, and the Kiwanis Club of Fresno. His hard work and innovative nature made him a respected member of our community and he served as an example to many.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Rutherford "Bud" Gaston, one of Fresno's most distinguished leaders, a trailblazer for education, and a true champion for the people of Central California. His leadership made him a role model and an asset to our community. His caring nature and vibrant spirit will be sorely missed, but his legacy will live on in the lives of those he touched.

HONORING STEVE SIMON THORNTON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM WILSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a friend and constituent, Steve Simon Thornton, who has devoted the last 31 years to serving the children of eastern North Carolina. In a few days, Steve will be retiring as Assistant Superintendent of the Wilson County Public Schools.

Steve Thornton is a native of Halifax County, North Carolina. He was born on November 1, 1959 to Stonewall and Garteon Davis Thornton who were role models and inspired Steve to give of his time and talent to disadvantaged children. His parents believed in the power and opportunity offered by an educated mind and from a very early age ingrained in Steve and his three older siblings the importance of education.

Steve was a product of the Halifax County Public School System, having attended T. S. Inborden Elementary School and graduating in 1978 from Enfield High School. Throughout his formative years, Steve learned that education was key to breaking the cycle of poverty that can so often plague traditionally southern communities. He was determined to give back to the community that gave him so much. And so he attended East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina and in 1982 received a Bachelor's Degree in Intermediate Education.

After receiving his undergraduate degree, Steve chose to become an elementary teacher at Benvenue Elementary School in Nash County, North Carolina. He was so highly respected by his colleagues that he was named grade chairman and was also honored as the 1986 Teacher of the Year. The following year, Steve saw a new opportunity to help shape young minds and began serving as Assistant Principal at Carver Elementary School in Edgecombe County, North Carolina.

In 1989, after earning a Master's Degree in School Administration, Steve returned to his

native Halifax County and served as Principal of Pittman Elementary School. While there, he instituted a number of successful programs that helped to create an environment in which every child could learn successfully. In 1992, he was appointed Principal of Brawley Middle School where he was so successful that he was named Halifax County School's Wachovia Principal of the Year. In 1994, Steve returned to the newly merged Edgecombe County—Tarboro City School System where he served as Principal of Stocks Elementary School.

Two years later, Steve Thornton was recruited to serve as Executive Director of Human Resource Services with the Wilson County Public Schools. The following year he ascended to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Human Resource Services, the position that he now holds. Steve is well respected and revered by the community and his colleagues in the entire school system. They will miss his spirit of dedication and excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Steve Simon Thornton for 31 years of service to the precious children of eastern North Carolina and for his commitment to education. I ask that my colleagues wish Steve Thornton God's continued blessings as he continues on life's journey.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,713,655,602,953.23. We've added \$5,086,778,554,040.15 to our debt in a little over 3 years. This is debt our Nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN PLASTIC TOYS INCORPORATED

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge American Plastic Toys Incorporated, upon its 50th anniversary. American Plastic Toys is headquartered in Walled Lake, Michigan and operates a total of three facilities in Michigan and Mississippi. As a genuine model of American manufacturing, the company has proudly manufactured safe toys in America since 1962.

American Plastic Toys assembles 100% of the toys in their more than 125 item product line in the United States. It is worth noting less than 4% of their toy value content is imported and the majority of this minuscule percentage are sound components and fasteners, none of which are painted. Proudly, American Plastic Toys molds most of the components in their products in their own plants or purchases them from U.S. companies.

Dedicated to providing youngsters with safe toys and furniture for role play, riding and pre-school learning along with summer and winter fun, American Plastic Toys mandates every product be tested by at least one independent U.S. safety-testing lab. They are focused on ensuring their toys comply with every applicable safety standard.

The products manufactured by American Plastic Toys are sold by most major North American mass merchants. Their toys are also available in Central and South America and Australia. No doubt, American Plastic Toys has encouraged the imagination of many a child.

Mr. Speaker, for 50 years American Plastic Toys Incorporated has consistently been committed to a truly American product with a legacy of excellence, ingenuity, and the irrepressible spirit of the American entrepreneur. Today, as the company celebrates this enormous milestone, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating American Plastic Toys and recognizing their years of loyal service to our community and country.

HONORING TIMBER POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S 5TH GRADE STUDENTS FOR WINNING THE DISNEY PLANET CHALLENGE

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jennifer Giordano's 5th Grade Class at Timber Point Elementary School of East Islip, NY. Recently, the class was recognized as the Disney Planet Challenge's 2011–2012 New York State winners. They also placed 5th overall in the entire country. I am honored to have this school, Jennifer Giordano and all these students in the 2nd Congressional District of New York.

The Disney Planet Challenge is a competition designed to encourage American youth to play a key role in impacting the environment classroom by classroom. By learning the merits of conservation and innovative energy solutions, students become aware of the importance of protecting our environment. The challenge's interdisciplinary approach involves math, science, and English in order to motivate students to compete for a common goal. This is being applied on Long Island and across the nation.

Ms. Giordano's 5th Grade Class at Timber Point Elementary School embodies the spirit of thinking globally while acting locally. This all started with the film WALL-E, which inspired the students to launch a project focused on keeping non-biodegradable trash and dangerous chemicals out of local landfills. They met this goal by holding themselves and their community accountable. This included urging local restaurants to use biodegradable materials, setting up compost sites, initiating a battery collection program, and starting recycling programs. These 5th graders have successfully made their community more aware of how their habits impact our environment. Their hard work shows that when we all work together to do our part, we can make a big difference.

I commend these students for their dedication to their community and our planet. I would

also like to honor their teacher, Jennifer Giordano, and their parents for instilling in these children the importance of protecting our environment for future generations. As the New York State winners of the Disney Planet Challenge, I would like to formally submit all of these students' names in recognition of their achievements:

Zaina Abdelbaky, Brittney Amaru, Nicolette Banville, Charlie Curran, Kyle DeLisi, Nickolas Dimitriou, Ryan Engblom, Lauren Florenz, Steven Geisler, Nicole Graziano, Tom Hazell, Shannon Hubany, Dylan Lopez, Natalia Lozinski, Owen Meddis, Julia Ryan, Kerri Smith, Katelyn Spina, Natalie Stergakos, Ryann Tracy, Cassidy Triolo Matthew Pinz.

IN HONOR OF POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Polish Constitution Day: a day in which we celebrate the signing of Europe's first written constitution.

The Polish Constitution was signed into law on May 3, 1791. It was preceded only by the United States Constitution, making Poland the second nation in the world to establish a written constitution.

Once a monarchy, Poland recognized and declared the sovereignty of its citizens through the renunciation of noble power and the signing of the Polish Constitution.

Much like the United States Constitution, the Polish Constitution grants legal rights for all, freedom of religion, separation of powers, and political equality.

To this day, the principles of democracy have been central to the Polish people, including the many Polish-Americans who have made significant contributions to the United States of America and communities across this great nation.

It is with privilege that I pause and join with members of Congress, people across the United States, Poland, and nations around the world in commemorating and celebrating the Polish Constitution and the many efforts that the Polish people have made towards the development and growth of democracy throughout the world.

HONORING DR. THOMAS SMITH

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, Dr. Thomas Smith has distinguished himself as an Educator in American government and civic leadership at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, Dr. Smith for the last ten (10) years has led his ninth grade civic students in the study of civic leadership both through academics and community service; and

Whereas, he spearheaded the effort to bring federal and state legislators to the school on

a consistent bases to mentor and expose the students to our government first hand; and

Whereas, this year, the civic leadership students who have been successful in their studies include Abraham Ameer, Dorian Bullock, Tommy Jones, III, Morgan Mathews and Carlton Williams; and

Whereas, his boundless energy and enthusiasm has opened nationally recognized opportunities, helping his students understand that their futures are as limitless as the skies; and

Whereas, we are grateful for the life and work of this outstanding teacher who defines the very essence of the profession; and

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 22, 2012 as Dr. Thomas Smith and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School Civic Leadership Students Day in Georgia's 4th Congressional District.

ADVAIT "ADI" PATEL

HON. NICK J. RAHALL, II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor one of America's newest National Elementary Chess Champions, nine-year-old Advait "Adi" Patel, who hails from Logan County, West Virginia. This Logan Middle School fifth grader placed first in the recent competition that drew 2,200 young people to test their skills, stamina and heart. We salute all those who helped organize the competition and who nurture our country's future generations. In Adi's case, beyond the thrill of victory and the satisfaction of success, we can find useful lessons for both today's and tomorrow's leaders.

Competing with the latest video games and their striking graphics has not been the easiest time for the venerable game of chess, but one thing that can usually trump the newest technology is old fashioned love; especially the love of a grandfather in India, who took the time and patience to teach Adi how to play the game during a visit.

Adi's parents have been very supportive as well, taking him to faraway tournaments and providing him lessons and online access to other players. Importantly, they are behind his pursuit as long as he still loves the game, another feather in their parental caps.

Likewise, Adi is as thoughtful off the board as he is during a tough game. He recently commented in a local news story that, "It's fun to play, and there's no brawl in it—no fighting physically," Advait said. "It helps me with school, too. Math is a lot easier now. I've had straight A's ever since I started playing, because it teaches you how to focus. There is a lot of thinking in chess."

With our national focus on today's student science and math accomplishments translating into tomorrow's innovations and entrepreneurs, Adi's example sets exactly the right tone for his fellow students, teachers and school administrators alike.

Adi's chess coach, David Saville, believes a chess player's best skill is to be able to "visualize the future." I think we can all visualize a brighter future with the talent, values, hard work and dedication displayed by Adi, his coach and family.

RECOGNIZING ERIC BABCOCK

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the courageous actions of Grove City resident, Eric Babcock. On December 18, 2012, Eric rescued a neighbor's young granddaughter from the second floor of a burning garage.

I ask that all Members of Congress join me and the people of Ohio's 15th Congressional District in thanking Eric Babcock for his brave actions. Despite the grave risk to his own life, he selflessly rose to the occasion and saved the life of his young neighbor. For his heroism, Eric received well-deserved recognition from the Jackson Township Board of Trustees.

I extend my sincere thanks to Eric Babcock for his heroism. While to some he may be an ordinary person, his extraordinary act is exactly what makes me proud to represent the everyday heroes of the Central Ohio area.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF
CHARLES POWELL

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to pay tribute to a beloved community member and role model, Charles "Chuck" Powell. Chuck passed away on May 10, 2012 at the age of seventy-eight.

Chuck was born on July 3, 1933 in Franklin, Ohio, to Charles and Mamie Powell. He spent several years in Ohio, working as a steelworker until he joined the Air Force and relocated to the March Air Force Base in Riverside, California. During his time in the Air Force Chuck met his future wife, Geri Linton, whom he was married to for 56 years.

Chuck served as a milk distributor in Bloomington for 40 years, and was affectionately known as the "milk man" to all he served. During his free time, Chuck enjoyed coaching his sons youth baseball teams.

Chuck was also an avid golfer, and member of El Rancho Verde Country Club, where he previously served as President, and Vice President. His sons have fond memories of bonding over golf, the sport he loved.

I remember Chuck's competitive nature, his fondness for smoking his pipe, and how he loved a good debate with friends. We often played rounds of golf together; he was a close and dear friend of mine. I knew Chuck as having a deep passion for golf; he was always trying to improve his putting stroke in order to compete with the best golfers. Although Chuck was an outstanding golfer, I will always remember him Chuck for his charm, sense of humor, and ability to connect with everyone he met.

Chuck is best known by his family for his big heart and memorable advice for the people he touched. His children and grandchildren have fond memories of times with their father and grandfather. His son noted that he will never forget his father's sense of humor and the phone calls they would share after a good

round of golf. Chuck's grandchildren could always count on him to give sound advice and to put a smile on their face, even during the worst days.

Let us take the time to pay tribute to a wonderful man. Let us celebrate the life he led, and the positive example he set for others. Although he is no longer with us, his legacy and spirit will continue to live on through the lives of everyone he has touched.

Chuck is survived by his beloved wife, Geri Powell; his three sons, Bob, Neal, and Scott; two siblings, John and Margaret; and six grandchildren, Alyssa, Brooke, Tyler, Tori, Christine, and Chloe. My thoughts and prayers, along with those of my wife, Barbara, and my children, Rialto City Councilman Joe Baca Jr., Jeremy, Natalie, and Jennifer are with Chuck's family at this time. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to pay tribute to Charles Powell.

HONORING BIG WILLIE ROBINSON

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Willie Andrew Robinson III, affectionately known in Los Angeles and around the world as "Big Willie" Robinson. Big Willie Robinson was the founder and president of the International and National Brotherhood of Street Racers. He passed away on May 19, 2012 and will be sorely missed by his fellow Viet Nam veterans and the countless people who found a new sense of purpose in life as a result of Big Willie's work in the greater Los Angeles community.

Born on September 12, 1942 in New Orleans, Louisiana, Willie Robinson attended Louisiana State University in 1960 with the hope of playing football for the university. But because African-Americans were not yet allowed to play at LSU, Willie left after only one year to attend UCLA. Shortly after moving Willie found work in a Los Angeles area body shop. He bought his 1957 Oldsmobile, began street racing, and turned Louisiana's loss into Los Angeles's biggest gain.

Drafted into the Army in 1964, Willie Robinson was one of the first African-Americans to serve in the Green Berets in Vietnam, which he did with honor until 1966. From the time he returned to Los Angeles late that year until his death, Big Willie's trademark beret, fatigues and Brotherhood colors were known worldwide.

At 6'6" and over 300 pounds, Big Willie's immense physical stature paled in comparison to his iconic stature as a peacemaker and truce-broker among LA street gangs and people of all ethnic groups. Legendary Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley respected Big Willie's work so much that in 1974 he helped Big Willie to open the Terminal Island Brotherhood Raceway, which hosted street races while promoting non-violence and racial unity for over two decades.

Big Willie Robinson is one of the greatest ambassadors of hope and racial unity in this country during my lifetime. He was truly a God-send, and it is entirely fitting that he chose to live out his life's mission in the City of Angels. May Heaven receive Big Willie

Robinson with open arms and declare, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

I extend my deepest condolences to his mother, Ms. Lula Mae Simmons, his sister Jean Davis, and his brother, Don Ray Robinson.

RECOGNIZING THE WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (WPSBA)

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association, WPSBA for 50 years of service and dedication toward improving public education in its member districts throughout the Lower Hudson Valley of New York.

Since its founding in 1962, WPSBA has helped school board members to become education leaders in their districts and the larger region. By providing training, outreach, and resources, WPSBA has worked to enhance the effectiveness of the school board members who work so tirelessly on behalf of public school students and their schools. WPSBA has also become a forum to share information and build relationships among people and organizations dedicated to public education. By carrying out its multi-faceted mission, WPSBA has strengthened the quality of education throughout Westchester and Putnam counties.

WPSBA is a forceful advocate at the local and state levels for policies that support public education. It has also demonstrated its commitment through outreach to the public and the media, shaping the conversation to ensure that issues vital to public education are considered.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting the past, current and future leaders and members of the Westchester-Putnam School Boards Association for their selfless commitment to public service. We wish all those involved with WPSBA a happy 50th anniversary celebration and continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING COURTNEY KREIGHAUSER OF THE CARROLL SENIOR HIGH TRACK AND FIELD

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Courtney Kreighauser. She is a student at Carroll Senior High School who won a state championship at the University Interscholastic League's State Championship for Track and Field.

Every year, top high school athletes in Texas compete for the opportunity to advance to the UIL's State Championship. Only the extraordinary athletes that advance from the district and regional meets are qualified to continue to the state competition held in Austin, Texas. Courtney Kreighauser from Carroll Senior High won the 5A Girls 1600 race.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all of my distin-

guished colleagues to join me in congratulating Courtney Kreighauser for her state championship title in track and field.

HONORING SUNLIGHT FOUNDATION

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise, as doth the golden orb pulled across the sky each day by the chariot of Apollo, to decry an ignominy perpetuated on this Body by the captious Sunlight Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, the Sunlight Foundation says we talk dumb. How can the House of Lincoln, Jefferson and Wilbur Mills suffer such exorciation? I deem the Sunlight Foundation's findings fatuous. There has been no deliquescence of Congressional discourse.

Speak we not of life, liberty and hockey? In the words of Francois de la Rochefoucauld, who I believe was a defenseman for the original Canucks, "True eloquence consists in saying all that should be said, and that only." So true. That is why as the elected arbiter of erudition from the 5th Congressional District, I decry the Foundation's obvious schadenfreude in our dictional dystopia. Let me repeat that word again: schadenfreude, which captures the zeitgeist of this badinage.

That is not to say there have been errors in eloquence. But soft! What F-bombs from Rahm's office breaks? His monosyllabic vocabulary evoked images of the corporeal, the priapistic and the unprintable. Alas, our words may not always dance "trippingly on the tongue," as Hamlet encourages of his players in Act III of that eponymous work.

But nor do they need to. As Bertrand Russell said, "To acquire immunity to eloquence is of the utmost importance to the citizens of a democracy." And so we do our best in pursuit of that august goal. As to the Sunlight Foundation's farcical fomentations, I leave you with the thoughts of one post-modern philosopher, known for his dialectical ruminations on the salubrious effects of fermented hops and barley.

"Facts are meaningless," notes Homer Simpson. "You could use facts to prove anything that's even remotely true!"

So if the Sunlight Foundation must lampoon our verbal buffoonery, reducing us to linguistic lummoxes, remember Cecil Terwilliger's immortal retort to his brother Sideshow Bob's comment about spending four years in clown college: "I'll thank you not to refer to Princeton that way."

H.R. 5652: SEQUESTER REPLACEMENT RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2012

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 5652, the Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act. The proposed cuts in this bill directly attack low and moderate-income Americans while protecting an excessive defense budget.

More than 40 percent of the cuts in this legislation come from programs that support low-income families. The bill abandons millions of Americans who rely on food assistance programs by making drastic cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Free School Lunch and Breakfast program, and Meals on Wheels. The bill slashes funding for the Social Services Block Grant Program, which provides more than 20 million children and seniors services ranging from protection from abuse to transitional housing. Simply put, H.R. 5652 disproportionately cuts assistance targeted to low- and moderate-income families and will only deepen the poverty that they experience and leave more of them hungry.

H.R. 5652 cuts the Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) and restricts any unused funds for deficit reduction. Though initially flawed, my efforts and those of my colleagues to improve HAMP have helped to make it an essential response to the foreclosure crisis. Rather than completely eliminate it, as H.R. 5652 would do, the program should continue to be revamped to better serve the needs of the American people.

This legislation includes provisions to require that all current and future federal workers pay an additional 5 percentage points of their salary toward their federal pensions. This cut in benefits would result in an annuity that is worth approximately 40% less than is the case under existing laws. Federal workers have already endured pay freezes and large programmatic budget cuts. Congress should not be playing politics with the pensions of the thousands of hard-working federal employees that are dedicating their lives to public service.

In addition, H.R. 5652 weakens Americans' protections in the event of another financial crisis like the one that started our current recession. The bill prevents the FDIC from intervening to slow the chain reaction of investment bank failures that happens when one of the firms begins to fail, bringing the others with it because they are so closely tied together. The bill also eliminates the ability of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to fine law-breaking financial entities under its jurisdiction.

The premise behind this legislation is that we should go back on the agreement that was reached and codified in the Budget Control Act by preserving a massively bloated Defense Department with funding from Americans of greatest need. I strongly oppose this bill.

CONGRATULATING BRADY OF GREENSBORO ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, family-owned businesses provide the structure at the core of every great community. As a result, it is necessary to recognize and celebrate the growth and success of these companies. The citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina would like to recognize Brady of Greensboro on its 50th anniversary as a North Carolina business.

Brady was started by its current chairman, Don Brady, in 1962, with only four other associates and a station wagon. The original company goal was the sale of HVAC commercial equipment. Today, Brady works to design integrated comfort systems for a broad array of North Carolina industries that exceed expectations of quality, reliability and efficiency. The Brady mission has evolved to helping building owners and asset managers maximize their energy resources by providing a complete suite of cost effective, integrated energy solutions to achieve significant overall cost savings, a goal which not only affects these industries, but our economy and the state, as well.

What began as a small sales operation in Greensboro, Brady now employs more than 300 North Carolinians in offices and stores across the state. Brady values its employees as the backbone of its business, providing extensive training for personal growth and development, creating a skilled work force in our state.

This year, Brady was also honored with the mid-sized "North Carolina Family Business of the Year" award from Wake Forest University. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we would like to recognize and celebrate this leading local business on its 50th year of operation. We wish Brady more success and growth in the years to come.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WALWORTH-SEELY LIBRARY

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Walworth-Seely Public Library, as it celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Located in Wayne County, New York, the original site of the Walworth-Seely Public Library was purchased from Bessie Seely, the daughter of a tinsmith who sold her father's shop to the Walworth Chamber of Commerce for one dollar under the condition that the space was used for educational purposes. The Walworth Town Board unanimously decided that there was a need for a library.

The Walworth-Seely Public Library officially opened its doors in 1962. It quickly grew to require an expansion to the existing building in 1970 and in 1992 the library moved to a new facility to accommodate continued growth.

Fifty years from its inception, the Walworth-Seely Public Library still serves a vital role in the community by allowing free access to books and bringing the community together.

It is important that we give special recognition to our libraries, as they welcome all members of the community to share and enjoy the many benefits of reading, as well as educate and inspire our future leaders of tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Walworth-Seely Public Library as they celebrate 50 years of service to the community by supporting free access to knowledge and information.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote Nos. 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, and 258. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote Nos. 256 and 257. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote Nos. 253, 254, 255 and 258.

TRIBUTE TO TOKYO RAIDER WILLIAM FARROW

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in a Memorial Day recognition of the incredible heroism and sacrifice of Tokyo Raider William Farrow, The Lexington County Chronicle on May 24, 2012, published the following article by Ron Shelton on behalf of the South Carolina Historic Aviation Foundation.

[From the Lexington Chronicle, May 24, 2012]
MEMORIAL DAY RECALLS COURAGE AND LEGACY OF GAMECOCK AND TOKYO RAIDER WILLIAM FARROW

(By Ron Shelton)

Heeding philosopher Edmund Burke's oft-repeated quotation "For evil to flourish, all that is needed is for good men to nothing", Rich Lashley does plenty.

The retired psychiatrist, who for 25 years served at the University of South Carolina's health center, believes the Ultimate Sacrifice made by Tokyo Raider William Farrow, pilot of Plane 16, can inspire others today as it has him for many years. He "talks up" Farrow to any who will listen.

South Carolinian William Farrow, one of three Tokyo Raiders executed by the Japanese military, had been a USC Civil Engineering student only a few short years before his untimely death. Lashley views the psychological discipline and moral courage Farrow summoned in the face of his demise as models contemporaries can apply.

"His legacy is as fresh today as it was seven decades ago. Farrow left behind a personal creed that could be taken up by any one of us," said Lashley, who volunteers at The Cooperative Ministry's C.A.R. program. "Over the years, as I have learned more and more about Farrow, I feel this Memorial Day, during the 70th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid, is an appropriate time to be taught by his lessons on life."

Lashley, a lover of history, was well aware of Columbia's ties to the famed Tokyo Raiders who 70 years ago rained bombs on Japanese industrial sites in retaliation for that nation's Pearl Harbor attack December 7, 1941.

"At first I knew only vaguely that one of the Raiders studied at USC. The more I learned, the more fascinated I became—that a kid so young would have had Christian principles, and exemplified them so courageously. Memorial Day is an opportunity to reflect on how we might handle such a life threat. Surely, we all have wondered if we could survive what POWs endure, all the while praying to be spared," said Lashley, a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Clipping articles, reading voraciously and making notes, drafting documents over

many years, Lashley now is well aware Farrow wrote letter of comfort home to his family in Darlington, reminding them of his abiding faith, even when he knew he was to be executed.

While a student at USC, Farrow developed a personal creed as manifestation of his spiritual searching and growth. In Fall 1939 he was selected by the Civil Aeronautics Authority for air training. He interrupted his studies the next year to enlist at Fort Jackson, completed flight training at Kelly Field, TX, and was commissioned Second Lieutenant in July 1941. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, only months later, plunged America into a war the nation had been determined to sit out.

Farrow's fate was not set yet. The sixteenth plane he piloted was not supposed to be included in the Raiders' surprise attack on Japanese industrial sites. According to Ron Shelton, vice president of South Carolina Historic Aviation Foundation (SCHA), that plane was to be held in reserve.

"At the last minute, Doolittle made the decision to use every plane available. With inadequate fuel supply to land in friendly Chinese territory, because the Mitchell bombers had to launch from the deck of the USS Hornet prematurely—and from a greater distance from the target than planned—after being discovered by a Japanese picket boat, Farrow's aircraft went down," said Shelton, science curator emeritus, South Carolina State Museum. "Farrow and two other airmen were ultimately executed by the Japanese."

After his execution his mother found the creed, written while at USC, in a trunk the teen had brought home from college. Of the tenets, this one has been pulled out and repeated most often:

Fear not for the future—build on each day as though the future for me is a certainty. If I die tomorrow, that is too bad, but I will have done today's work.

Farrow's poignant words were leaked out into the public and swept the nation, through publication in various media. As a Blue Star Mother, Mrs. Farrow was asked to address the nation and read the creed on the Blue Network, and her message was called Mother Courageous.

American president Franklin D. Roosevelt learned of it, and praised it as an example to the nation; calling it An American Creed for Victory Nationwide, newspapers as well as church bulletins published it.

On January 27, 1943 USC President J. Rion McKissick used Farrow's creed instead of his own words in his farewell message to the winter graduating class. When McKissick requested that all members of the graduating class who were entering service to rise, nearly every man rose to his feet.

Farrow's Creed—as applicable, purposeful today as it was 70 years ago.

1. Stay in glowing health—take a good, fast one-hour workout each day.

2. Search our current, past, and future topics on aviation.

3. Work hard on each day's lessons—shoot for an "A".

4. Stay close to God—do His will, obey His commandments. He is my friend and protector. Believe in Him—trust in His ways—not in my own confused understanding of the universe.

5. Do not waste energy or time in fruitless pursuits—learn to act from honest fundamental motives—simplicity in life leads to the fullest living. Order my life—in order, there is achievement, in aimlessness, there is retrogression.

6. Fear nothing—be it insanity, sickness, failure—always be upright—look the world in the eye.

7. Keep my mind always clean—allow no evil thoughts to destroy me. My mind is my

very own, to think and use just as I do my arms. It was given me by the Creator to use as I see fit, but to think wrong is to do wrong.

8. Concentrate! Choose the task to be done, and do it to the best of my ability

9. Fear not for the future—build on each day as though the future for me is a certainty. If I die tomorrow, that is too bad, but I will have done today's work.

10. Never be discouraged over anything. Turn failure into success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote Nos. 250, 251 and 252.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF PIONEER RADIO MAN HAL JACKSON

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I stand with a heavy heart as I honor Harold B. "Hal" Jackson who recently passed away. It is a testament to his vitality and passion that he devoted over seventy years of his life entertaining America's radio audiences and was still working only a few weeks before he left us at the age of 96. I remember fondly the life of a man who broke down numerous racial barriers: Mr. Jackson was the first black announcer in network radio, the first black M.C. of a network jazz show, the first host of an interracial network jazz show and the first host of an interracial network television presentation.

The death of Hal Jackson brought immense sorrow to me, his family and friends, and to the countless people who loved and respected his groundbreaking work in radio. The announcer, M.C., host and executive never looked back after he got a foot in the door of radio in the 1930s. He would go on to acquire the first radio station to be owned and operated by blacks.

Mr. Jackson was probably born on November 3rd, 1915 in Charleston, South Carolina. Like many Southern blacks at the time, his birth was not officially recorded. After growing up in Washington, D.C., he attended Howard University, where he began his broadcasting career by announcing the play-by-play home games for Howard and other schools in addition to Negro League games. Only a few years later, Mr. Jackson's voice could be heard on three distinct stations each day. His broad skill set allowed him to thrive hosting news interview programs, sports shows and, later, music programs.

After moving to New York City, Mr. Jackson once again could be heard daily on three different radio stations, the only New York City radio personality with that exposure. Each night, four million people tuned to hear his interviews with jazz and show business greats and to enjoy his eclectic musical taste. By the

early 1960s, he had begun his decades-long run as a radio executive, a position in which he excelled, even if he felt the itch to host again in 1982, returning to a seat in front of the microphone.

Mr. Jackson's contributions to Harlem, in particular, should stand out in our minds. His numerous concerts and live broadcasts from the Apollo Theater brought joy both into our homes and into our hearts. The work he did behind the scenes at Inner City Broadcasting helped to grow America's first major black-owned radio empire.

Mr. Jackson will long be remembered for his creative and charismatic radio broadcasts, as well as his important place in the Civil Rights Movement. In his own words, "When I started, the business was so segregated. Fortunately, that didn't last long." Stretching back to the 1940s, he was a civil rights fundraiser. In the 1950s, with his popularity perhaps at an apex, both black and white listeners enthusiastically tuned in to his three daily shows. Later, Mr. Jackson was one of the first people to lobby for a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. In 1990, he became the first African American inductee to the National Association of Broadcasters.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor this great man, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his life by remembering his tremendous contributions to American culture and society. The death of Hal is a great loss to our country and to New York City. We will all miss his skill and passion both behind the microphone and as a radio executive. We give our condolences to his wife, Debi, his two daughters and son, and all of his family and friends.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Girl Scouts of the USA in recognition of the 100th anniversary of its founding. The Girl Scouts has a long and proud history, and I am pleased to recognize the group's achievements and many successes.

Since 1912, the Girl Scouts has helped millions of girls develop into strong, confident women of character. With a current membership of 3.2 million people, the Girl Scouts seeks to develop informed and engaged leaders who will make a positive contribution to the world. Many of these leaders can be found here at the U.S. Capitol, where 45 of the 75 congresswomen in the House of Representatives are former Girl Scouts along with 10 of the 17 women senators. These representatives are a testament to the significant impact that the Girl Scouts has made on the lives of American women and the Nation as a whole.

The Girl Scouts proclaimed 2012 as the "Year of the Girl," and the organization continues to help girls across this nation reach their full potential. I applaud the dedicated efforts of the Girl Scouts, and I have no doubt that the group's work is just as important today as it was a century ago. I am confident that the Girl Scouts will continue making our

country a better place long into the future. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Girl Scouts on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote Numbers 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268 and 269. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote Numbers 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 268 and 269. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote numbers 259, 260, 266 and 267.

REGARDING TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION

HON. ROBERT T. SCHILLING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. SCHILLING. Mr. Speaker, as the House and Senate continue to work in a bipartisan fashion to produce a transportation reauthorization, I wanted to submit for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD a copy of a letter I sent to Senate Chairman BARBARA BOXER of the Environment and Public Works Committee and House Chairman JOHN MICA of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

But first I wanted to clarify my vote on the Rahall Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Transportation Bill that occurred on May 18, 2012. According to the House Clerk, the instructions contained in the motion "seek to require the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4348 to be instructed to agree to sections 1528, 20017 (to the extent that such section amends section 5323 of title 49, United States Code, to provide subsection (k) relating to Buy America), 33007, 33008, and 35210 of the Senate amendment."

This motion urges House conferees to agree to the Senate provisions in their transportation bill that pertain to Buy American requirements for highway projects, Buy American Waiver Requirements, and the Make It In America Initiative. I agree with the sentiments of this motion and intended to vote "aye" but voted "nay" in error. I support American jobs and American workers and believe that we should be using American made goods when growing our infrastructure. If the Buy America provisions are offered as a Motion to Instruct on the Transportation Conference in the future, I intend to vote "aye".

I urge the Conferees to push for a multi-year transportation bill. Congress has a tremendous opportunity to provide five or six years of certainty when it comes to transportation policy and projects. The construction industry in particular suffers from 14.5 percent unemployment and we can put these men and women back to work by agreeing to a long term bill that includes transportation priorities like the Keystone XL Pipeline project.

I refer to these subjects in my letter to Chairmen BOXER and MICA below, but this Congress has proven it can provide certainty and bipartisanship when it passed a four-year Federal Aviation Administration law. It took five years and 23 short-term extensions, but this Congress was able to get the job done. It should be the goal of this Congress to achieve similar success this year with a multi-year transportation bill.

MAY 8, 2012.

Hon. JOHN L. MICA,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, Washington, DC.

Hon. BARBARA BOXER,
Chairman, Environment & Public Works, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MICA, CHAIRMAN BOXER, AND CONFEREES, our country as a whole is in need of a long, multi-year surface transportation authorization bill. This long-term certainty will allow our state departments of transportation to truly address our infrastructure needs and not push them off down the road until it is too late and too expensive. Our country is closing in on \$16 trillion in debt—totaling more than \$50,000 per American. We must invest wisely, while also coming to grips with our fiscal situation. I would like to share with you some priorities from the people I have the privilege of representing.

When the near-trillion dollar stimulus was signed into law in 2009, many citizens wondered why Congress was not focused on a true job-creating measure like a long-term highway plan. The fact that such a small percentage of the stimulus plan was devoted to transportation and infrastructure represents an unfortunate missed opportunity, especially at a time when our infrastructure is rated as “D” by the American Society of Civil Engineers and construction unemployment in the industry is 14.5 percent. The time to focus on a long-term transportation bill is now.

The certainty that a long-term bill will provide would allow programs like the Projects of National and Regional Significance to help build much-needed infrastructure in our country. Projects that fall in this category are high in cost and large in scope and for that reason federal support is necessary for them to go forward. These projects affect localities directly through economic development and more jobs. I encourage you to continue to support the Projects of National and Regional Significance program within the surface transportation authorization bill you are currently conferring. Projects that do not reach the threshold of National and Regional Significance, such as

highway expansions and overpasses, can bring in a great amount of economic development as well. We must continue to support programs and grants that would allow these projects to go forward so they are not politicized.

Another important issue for Illinois is our rail system. We are at a crossroads for this mode of transportation, and it is vital that we take care of that infrastructure so that existing lines which contribute to both commuter mobility and freight shipments are not shortchanged. Rail allows people and products to travel to and from all over the country, and from there to ports across the world. While we must be careful to separate needs from wants, growth in our economy and long-term sustainability must always weigh heavily when making decisions on infrastructure priorities.

I also encourage you to include provisions that would address the job-creating Keystone Pipeline. This pipeline and other projects like it can help ease global energy strains due to our reliance on oil from foreign countries. Pipelines are the energy lifelines of our country and will not only address access to oil, but will also encourage job growth and therefore growth in our economy. This is a project that has the support of Republicans, Democrats, labor and business.

Another important issue that we must not overlook is our locks and dams. These vital pieces of our infrastructure need to have dedicated work and funding. After all, this infrastructure is vital to both commerce and jobs. More than 30,000 workers are employed on vessels and an additional 800,000 jobs are dependent on our waterways. That is why I support the continued inclusion of the RAMP Act, H.R. 104, in the final Surface Transportation bill. This would guarantee that the total amount available for spending from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund be equal to the Trust Fund receipts as estimated by the President's budget for that year. This is important to addressing our nation's dredging requirements and keeps our ports and waterways at a competitive advantage with the rest of the world's waterways.

I also support the inclusion of the bipartisan, House-passed H.R. 2273, the Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act, into a final transportation package. There are many types of projects across this great country that require the use of concrete, and proposed regulations on coal ash can be detrimental to getting our economy back on track and our infrastructure back up to the appropriate safety standards. This is symptomatic of large issues of overregulation that place unnecessary hindrances on meeting our infrastructure needs.

Finally, I encourage you to carefully consider the need for farmers to transport all

farm supplies from any distribution point to a local farm retailer or end consumer. The restriction to a single farm supply excludes multiple other critical farm supplies and severely hinders the flexibility of farmers during planting and harvesting season. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has granted several waivers over the last two years because it has recognized the need to exempt these supplies. Please consider making this exemption of agriculture hours of service permanent.

Conventional wisdom is that Congress cannot get anything done, but in the spirit of Mark Twain, I believe that reports on the death of bipartisanship have been greatly exaggerated. After all, it was this Congress that advanced three market-opening trade agreements, passed the VOW to Hire Heroes jobs bill for veterans, passed the STOCK Act, passed a Defense Authorization that will benefit manufacturing and our industrial base, and passed the Jumpstart our Business Startups legislation. These are all now the law of the land and were accomplished through bipartisanship. Perhaps one of the best examples is the four-year Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization. It took five years and 23 short-term extensions, but this Congress finally got the job done. It should be the goal of this Congress to achieve similar success this year with a multi-year transportation bill.

I appreciate your time and consideration of my concerns and the priorities of the 17th District of Illinois.

Sincerely,

BOBBY SCHILLING,
House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote Nos. 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292 and 293. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on rollcall vote Nos. 270, 273, 275, 276, 278, 279, 282, 284, 285, 287, 289, 290, and 293. Had I been present, I would have voted “no” on rollcall vote Nos. 271, 272, 274, 277, 280, 281, 283, 286, 288, 291, and 292.