

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. JOEL GORELICK ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to honor Mr. Joel Gorelick on his retirement from his position as president and chief administrative officer of Peoples Bank. Joel's many years of dedication and expertise in the banking industry have been a remarkable asset to the community of northwest Indiana. In honor of Joel's retirement, a reception will be held on Friday, January 25, 2013, at Briar Ridge Country Club in Schererville, Indiana.

Joel Gorelick was born and raised in northwest Indiana and graduated from Ball State University. He went on to receive a master's degree in business administration from Indiana University and also attended the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. In 1983, Mr. Gorelick joined Peoples Bank as the vice president for commercial lending. In this role, Joel was able to effectively develop the bank's commercial line of business and established Peoples Bank as a leader in small business lending. For his tremendous success, he was awarded the Small Business Advocate award from the Entrepreneurial Excellence program, hosted by the Northwest Indiana Small Business Development Center, and was named the 2000 Board Member of the Year by the National Association of Development Companies. In 2005, Joel was promoted to president and chief administrative officer of Peoples Bank. He played a major role in the development of the corporate office in Munster, Indiana and in the expansion of the bank throughout Lake and Porter Counties. Joel Gorelick is known for his energetic dedication to serving the people of the community and has been called a mentor and coach for the bank's personnel.

Ever a good man of business, Joel realized that his responsibility was not simply to ensure the success of Peoples Bank, but to leave the world better than he found it. Mr. Gorelick selflessly and passionately gives of his time through his involvement in various community organizations and civic activities, including the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Company, the Indiana Bankers Association, the Lake County Economic Development Corporation, and the Boys and Girls Club of Northwest Indiana, for which he is currently providing direction to the executive committee of the Tolleston Project, a campaign to build a new home for the Boys and Girls Club in Gary, Indiana.

Joel's excellence in his field and commitment to charitable endeavors throughout the community is exceeded only by his devotion to his amazing family. Joel and his wonderful wife, Marcia, have two beloved sons and two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Joel

Gorelick for his lifetime of leadership and service to the community. His constant effort to improve the quality of life for the people of northwest Indiana is truly inspirational. Joel has been able to positively impact the lives of countless individuals and is worthy of the highest praise. I ask that you join me in wishing him well upon his retirement.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE MORRIS MUSEUM

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Morris Museum in Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its Centennial in 2013.

The Morris Museum began as a small exhibit in the Morristown Neighborhood House located on Flagler Street in Morristown. With the collections rapidly growing, by 1927 the exhibit had encompassed seven rooms. At this time the exhibit contained 19th century articles, European and Asian artifacts, along with rocks, minerals, and fossils. Looking to expand to a larger venue, the exhibit moved to the Maple Avenue School and stayed until 1956 where it was officially incorporated in 1946. This venue enabled the Morris Museum to create better programs for children and coordinate these programs with the curriculum being taught in surrounding schools. These programs included use of dioramas, panels, and an outreach program centered on Native American civilization.

Having expanded out of its four prior locations, in 1964 the museum moved to its current location at the historic Twin Oaks Mansion, formally owned by the Frelinghuysen family. This gave the organization the opportunity to expand programs to all ages and add to its visual art exhibits. By 1970, the gallery was enlarged significantly through facility additions and the 312 seat Bickford Theatre was added. The museum received the prestigious honor, in 1973, of being the first New Jersey museum to be recognized by the American Association of Museums. Finally, by 1990 the name had been changed to the current title of the Morris Museum and had expanded to a total of 75,524 square feet.

The Morris Museum mission has continuously been, "to elevate the cultural consciousness, excite the mind and enhance the quality of life by advancing the understanding and enjoyment of the visual and performing arts, natural and physical sciences and humanities." It does this through state-of-the-art programs it provides to the public. Such programs include Tot Tours and ArtWALK, are designed to instill an early love for art in toddlers and their caregivers, as well as the "Museum Loan Program," which lends over 1,400 exhibit kits to schools, libraries, and district organizations. The Morris Museum also provides an excellent

Transportation Program designed to transport children in underprivileged areas, such as Newark, Elizabeth, Jersey City, and Dover, to view the galleries and participate in hands-on activities. Adults can also benefit through the Adult Outreach Programs, which include Adult Tour Programs and Senior Fridays aimed at assisted living facilities and nursing homes. Services include exhibition tours, appealing discussions, and free refreshments.

Today, the museum possesses an average attendance of 438,000 visitors per year and contains a diverse assembly of people from 15 counties and different socio-economic and ethnic groups. Permanent displays include geology, animals, model railroads, historical crafts, pottery, carving, basketry, and textiles of all cultural backgrounds. In addition to these displays is the exhibition of 150 pieces from the expansive and world renowned Murtoogh D. Guinness collection of mechanical musical instruments and automata. The Museum also includes natural science, paleontology, and anthropology exhibits for those interested in expanding their scholastic knowledge.

As of 2012, The Morris Museum has won numerous awards such as an award for Excellence in Tourism by the Department of Travel and Tourism, Outstanding Arts Organization by the Arts Council of the Morris Area, and has been recognized by the NJSCA as a Major Arts Institution for the past seven years in a row. Identified as a major influence on society, the museum has clearly exemplified the arts in a positive manner throughout its lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and your colleagues to join me in congratulating the Morris Museum as it celebrates its Centennial.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF OFFICER RALPH SCHAUF

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Police Officer Ralph Schauf Star Number 2829, on his recent retirement from his position as the Labor Liaison Officer in the Intelligence Section of the Chicago Police Department.

For the last 35 years, Officer Schauf worked to protect the citizens of the City of Chicago. Ralph began his career January 3, 1977 working in the 12th District Monroe Street. Over time, he worked in Special Operations Group and Gang Crimes North, the Intelligence Division with the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, the 18th District Chicago Avenue, and the 17th District Albany Park. When he worked at the Education and Training Division, Ralph was the original "Red Man" in the physical skills section. He would put on a protective red suit and during scenario and control tactics training was the subject the recruits had to control and place in custody. He taught recruit

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and in-service classes in a variety of subjects. While at the 17th and 18th Districts, he worked in Community Policing. In the 18th District, he worked with the Police Explorers and youth programs, and in the 17th District, he was the community and elected officials liaison for quality of life enforcement. He was on a leave of absence for about 2 years as an inspector at the Illinois State Police. Ralph concluded his illustrious career on November 16, 2012 in the Intelligence Section as the Labor Liaison Officer ensuring proper police service for organized labor activities.

His dedication to his fellow officers, his job and the city he loves is an example of why Chicago is known as "The City That Works."

Ralph would be the first to tell you that his family is his first priority, and they have provided support throughout his career. He has been happily married to his wonderful wife, Antoinette, for 15 years. His family also includes his son, Ralph Schauf, Jr., who is now a Trooper with the Illinois State Police, and his wife, Jennifer, his daughter, Adriane, and his granddaughter, Olivia Ruth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Officer Schauf's years of service to the City of Chicago and the Chicago Police Department. I hope that his dedication and hard work inspire us all to see the difference we can make by serving our local communities. I wish him a happy and successful retirement and all of the best in the future.

INTRODUCING THE DONATE FOR DISASTER RELIEF ACT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Donate for Disaster Relief Act.

Forty-seven major disasters were declared last year. The year before that, we had 99 major disasters. Three major disasters have already been declared in 2013. On top of that, there were a number of smaller incidents that do not rank on the scale. A tornado that destroys a single house might not be a "super storm," but for the family that lost its home, that tornado certainly is a major disaster.

Things are not going to get better. There are going to be more major disasters. We are going to have to pay for the response and repair. We need to start thinking about what we can do ahead of time to be prepared for when they strike. We don't have to wait for the worst to happen before we actually do something. This bill will help us get ready beforehand. Why wait?

The Donate for Disaster Relief Act creates a completely voluntary check-off on income tax returns that lets taxpayers elect to donate to a disaster relief trust. This bill is an opportunity for us to share our selflessness and generosity before an emergency situation.

The harsh reality of disasters is that while we may not be able to predict when, we certainly can be prepared. The altruism of the American people is on display in their willingness to pitch in and help those in their greatest time of need. This bill creates an easy way for concerned Americans to anticipate the need for disaster relief, wherever and whenever it may be necessary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, due to a long-scheduled event, I was unable to be in Washington, DC for the votes that occurred on February 4, 2013. As a result, I missed the votes listed below. I regret missing these and had I been in Washington, DC, I would have voted as follows:

H.R. 297: Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2013—I would have voted yes on H.R. 297. This critical legislation, to extend and reauthorize payments to children's hospitals so that they can continue to educate the next generation of doctors, is essential not just for my district, but the entire country. As we move forward with implementing the Affordable Care Act and expanding access to health services for millions of U.S. citizens, it's essential that we continue to grow our medical workforce by partnering with our local hospitals.

H.R. 225: National Pediatric Research Network Act of 2013—I would have voted yes on H.R. 225. This legislation furthers pediatric medical research by bringing together a spectrum of experts working to advance treatments and cures for our children. By using a consortium model, doctors and researchers will be fighting disease instead of with each other for scarce research dollars.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EMANUEL GOLD

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and service of Emanuel Gold, known to his friends as Manny. After a long fight with cancer, Manny passed away at 77.

Manny Gold began his distinguished career in Albany, New York as Counsel to the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate in 1965. At 35 years old, he was elected to the Assembly, and a year later to the New York State Senate where he would serve for 27 years.

Manny had a great sense of humor and was well regarded on both sides of the aisle. His tireless work throughout his career permanently bettered New York State, New York City and the Borough of Queens.

One of Manny's greatest legislative accomplishments was the "Son of Sam" law, which prohibited criminals from profiting from their crimes. This landmark legislation helped lay the foundation for similar laws around the country.

Manny was an avid photographer and could often be seen taking pictures of the State Capitol and Executive Office Building in Albany. In his earlier days Manny was a boxer, but he quickly made a transition to the less physically demanding sport of golf which he played over the course of his long life. His love for music was as strong as it was for sports and politics, exemplified by the symphony orchestras he conducted.

Mr. Speaker, Manny was a tireless public servant for the citizens of New York and always made it a priority to put his constituents first. Even with the loss of his beloved sons Adam and Jeffery he continued to be a strong leading voice for the people of New York.

With work that spanned over three decades he exemplified the meaning of courage and strength by sponsoring legislation that touched the lives of many who lived and worked in Queens. These bills included a measure to mandate that New York City hospitals provide Emergency Room treatment and to make public buildings more accessible for the disabled.

The legacy that he leaves reflects the love for his New York family, but more importantly the love he had for wife Judith, his surviving children Sue and Steve, his daughter Bonnie and his granddaughters Emily and Jackie.

Mr. Speaker, for his service to New York State, advocacy for Queens, and devotion to his family and friends, I ask all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Emanuel Gold.

CONGRATULATING REV. GREGORY NELSON DAVIS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, for the past 34 years, Rev. Gregory Nelson Davis has been a familiar figure in Johnston, Iowa. This month marks a bittersweet occasion: it is Rev. Davis' last month of work for the St. James Lutheran Church before he steps down as its pastor.

Joining the ministry was not Davis' first goal in life, but he attributes his career to the love he has for his congregation. After studying philosophy as an undergraduate, Davis decided to continue his education by getting a Master's Degree in Philosophy. He then decided to attend seminary, because he wanted to make a difference in people's lives every day.

For the past 28 years, Davis has been the pastor at St. James Lutheran Church, and has doubled its congregation since he started preaching there.

It is fitting that he now wants to focus on his own family after giving so much of his life to others. Once he steps down from the pulpit he is excited at the prospect of spending more time as a husband and as a grandfather to his two grandchildren.

Rev. Davis will give his last sermon on February 17th. I thank him for his years of hard work guiding people in the right direction and wish him the best in his retirement.

21ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRAGEDY IN KHOJALY, AZERBAIJAN

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, as the Co-Chairman of the House Azerbaijan Caucus, I rise today to bring attention to the tragedy that

took place in Khojaly, Azerbaijan, a town and townspeople that were destroyed on February 26, 1992.

This month we will mark the 21st anniversary of that devastating and heartbreaking day. Sadly, today there is little attention or interest paid to the plight of Khojaly outside of Azerbaijan. However, one of our greatest strengths as elected officials is the opportunity to bring to light truths that are little known and command recognition. As a friend of Azerbaijan, I am proud to remind my colleagues that we must never forget the tragedy that took place at Khojaly.

At the time, the Khojaly tragedy was widely documented by the international media, including the Boston Globe, Washington Post, New York Times, Financial Times, and many other European and Russian news agencies.

Khojaly, a town in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan, now under the control of Armenian forces, was the site of the largest killing of ethnic Azerbaijani civilians. With a population of approximately 7,000, Khojaly was one of the largest urban settlements of the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan.

According to Human Rights Watch and other international observers the massacre was committed by the ethnic Armenian armed forces, reportedly with the help of the Russian 366th Motor Rifle Regiment. Human Rights Watch described the Khojaly Massacre as "the largest massacre to date in the conflict" over Nagorno-Karabakh. In a 1993 report, the watchdog group stated "there are no exact figures for the number of Azeri civilians killed because Karabakh Armenian forces gained control of the area after the massacre" and "while it is widely accepted that 200 Azeris were murdered, as many as 500–1,000 may have died."

Azerbaijan has been a strong strategic partner and friend of the United States. The tragedy of Khojaly was a crime against humanity and I urge my colleagues to join me in standing with Azerbaijanis as they commemorate this tragedy.

HONORING THE PECK SCHOOL IN MORRISTOWN

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Peck School in Morristown, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 120th Anniversary in 2013.

Originally created as a school for women, Peck School was opened on Franklin Street under the name Miss Sutphen's School for Young Ladies in 1893. After nearly 23 years, the school had become one of the most prestigious in Morris County with over 100 students and 9 teachers. However, in 1917, the school was purchased by Lorraine T. Peck and the name was changed to the Peck School in 1918. In 1920 the school was relocated to Elm Street where it would stay for another quarter of a century. By 1946 the school had assumed its current colors of white and blue and in 1948 moved into where it currently resides, on South Street in the Lindenwold Mansion and adjacent property.

Over the next decade, The Peck School saw rapid expansion and improvement. In

1950 the Mother's Association was created opening up the door to more programs including parent-teacher conferences, Parents Visiting Day, the Student Council, and the Alumni Association. Due to enrollment exceeding 200 students for the first time, the school constructed a new gymnasium/auditorium in order to accommodate the influx of young men and women. Moreover, in 1959 the school was split into two divisions. The first division would include Kindergarten to 4th graders and the second division would include 5th to 8th graders.

As the times changed, Peck School did the same by constantly adapting to the needs of its students, faculty, and parents. With the dawn of technology in the 1980s, Peck was able to add computers to the school, creating new facilities for technological related studies. These facilities included the addition of the "Bridge" and "Fine Arts" wings in 1984. These new sections of the school offered comprehensive group studies on computers, woodworking, and foreign languages. Additionally, the Mother's Association was renamed the Parents' Association to mirror the increased paternal involvement in student academic activities.

After celebrating its 100th Anniversary with the opening of the Deetjen Kindergarten Building in 1993, the school decided to embark on even further expansion. These ground-breaking improvements consisted of the Caspersen-Tomlinson Upper School in 1995 and the F.M. Kirby Lower School on 1998. With new space and resources, Peck integrated an All-School Technology Plan, establishing the school as a quintessential model for computer-based curriculum at the elementary and middle school levels. Finally, in 2006, Peck opened the massive 35,000 square foot Eckert Huff Building complimented by the new 32,000 square feet Athletic Center in 2007.

Today, over 330 students attend the Peck School and study a diverse set of curriculums comprising of communication arts, drama, English, library studies, math, music, physical education, reading, science, history, technology, family life, visual arts, woodworking, and foreign languages. The school also contains an Individual Development and Community Responsibility Program designed to teach character development and life skills. Additionally, Peck houses one of the most competitive private-school 5th to 8th grade athletic programs in Northern New Jersey.

In its 120 years, Peck School has grown from an organization of 6 children to a nationally recognized institution focused on the development of young minds into successful adolescents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and your colleagues to join me in congratulating The Peck School as it celebrates its 120th Anniversary.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION OBSERVING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF CIVIL RIGHTS ICON ROSA PARKS

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce this resolution observing the

100th birthday of civil rights icon Rosa Parks. Through her quiet courage, Mrs. Parks came to symbolize all that is vital about nonviolent protests, enduring threats, yet persisting as an advocate for the basic values of human rights and dignity. Her act of civil disobedience in refusing to give up her seat on a bus in Alabama is credited by historians with sparking the modern day civil rights movement, earning her the title "mother of the freedom movement."

After she left Alabama in 1957, she and her husband Raymond moved to Michigan. I was honored to have her play a significant role in my first election for Congress. Many of you know that Mrs. Parks went on to serve on my congressional staff for more than 20 years. Her presence in my office embodied a tireless spirit of commitment to public service and served as a constant reminder of the power of a single act of courage.

Though she led a more private life in Detroit, her commitment to public service remained strong. In 1987, along with her close associate Elaine Steele, she co-founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development, pursuing the mission of motivating and directing young people to achieve their highest potential. Grounded in her philosophy of quiet strength, the Institute continues to build upon the Parks legacy by sponsoring youth programs that teach life skills and promote a cross-cultural perspective.

For her role as the First Lady of Civil Rights, Rosa Parks was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades. This list includes the Congressional Gold Medal, the Spingarn Award for civil rights contributions, the highest honor of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, which is the highest civilian honor in the United States. She was even named one of the 20 most influential and iconic figures of the 20th century. When she died in October 2005, the outpouring of grief and respect was worldwide. In recognition of her historic contributions, this Congress voted to allow Mrs. Parks to lie in honor in the Capitol rotunda so that the people of the United States could pay their last respects to a great American.

In this spirit of honoring her legacy, yesterday the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan, sponsored a program to highlight her contributions to the civil rights movement. The program was designed to reflect on the spirit of Mrs. Parks' commitment, calling for a National Day of Courage.

The day-long event, both virtual and on-site at the museum, featured nationally-recognized speakers, music and dramatic interpretations to commemorate her extraordinary life and accomplishments. I believe that this program will serve as an opportunity to reflect on the value of individual contributions to the struggle for equality and, through reflection on her example, inspire all Americans to stand up for freedom and the principles enshrined in the Constitution.

By refusing to give up her seat and standing for equal rights, Rosa Parks inspired a movement and became a legendary example of the value of a single courageous act. At a time when our nation faces challenges, both domestic and global, I believe that the example of Rosa Parks remains relevant every citizen. We should always use her birthday to reflect

on how each of us can contribute to our nation's promise of freedom and equality to ensure that the American dream remains within reach for all who believe.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MARIJUANA TAX EQUITY ACT OF 2013

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to introduce the Marijuana Tax Equity Act of 2013, legislation to create a federal excise tax on marijuana sales and move this industry out of the shadows and into the daylight. Just over 106 million people live in a state or local jurisdiction that has decided that some aspect of marijuana use should be legally permitted. Eighteen states and the District of Columbia currently allow for medical marijuana and two states, Colorado and Washington, recently legalized the recreational use of small amounts of marijuana.

National trends reflect those state efforts. More than 40 percent of Americans over the age of 12 have tried marijuana at least once and public opinion research reveals half of the U.S. population supports legalization. Yet even as states and local governments have taken the lead in finding legal arrangements for marijuana, millions of people have been caught in the justice system for marijuana offenses and more than 660,000 people were arrested for marijuana possession in 2011. At the same time, the federal government spends approximately \$5.5 billion per year on incarceration and enforcement associated with federal marijuana laws.

In addition, many marijuana businesses around the country—despite operating in compliance with state or local law—are not allowed to deduct their legitimate business expenses and often are unable to make deposits or maintain accounts as a result of federal banking laws.

It is time for Congress to end the federal prohibition on marijuana, remove it from the Controlled Substances Act, and create a tax and regulatory framework, similar to the frameworks in place for alcohol and tobacco. This represents a unique opportunity to save ruined lives, wasted enforcement and prison costs, while simultaneously helping to create a new industry, with new jobs and revenues that will improve the federal budget outlook.

The Marijuana Tax Equity Act creates a taxation framework similar to that in place for the tobacco and alcohol industries. It imposes an excise tax of 50 percent on the first sale by a producer, generally the grower, to the next stage of production, generally the processor creating the useable product. Along the supply chain it requires occupational taxes for those operating marijuana businesses. Those who do not comply with the taxation laws face civil or criminal penalties similar to those in place for the tobacco industry. The bill requires the IRS to produce periodic studies of the industry and make recommendations to Congress.

As I work with my colleagues and with our stakeholders to move forward with this legislation, I emphasize that there remain significant questions and challenges. In particular, in the context of legislation, significant changes will

ripple through the marijuana industry, with new products created, new business relationships developed, new consumer standards demanded, and wide variations in state and local laws. As this process evolves, we hope to work with the industry to ensure that the tax rate and framework appropriately reflects federal concerns and the needs of this developing industry. I am committed to ensuring that the legislation's terms are adequately tailored to reflect the realities faced by marijuana businesses and consumers in an ever-shifting market.

In addition, the medical marijuana industry has distinct concerns about safe access and those should be adequately addressed in the federal framework. Together with my colleagues, I look forward to continuing our efforts on ensuring safe access for patients within the context of an administrable tax and regulatory regime.

It is important to note that states will remain free to make decisions about marijuana policy. Paired with Representative POLIS' "Ending the Federal Marijuana Prohibition Act," this legislation establishes a starting point for laying out a federal regulatory and taxation framework for marijuana sales that are legal under state law.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of the Family Medical Leave Act. Twenty years ago today, we took an important step to protecting workers that need to take time off to deal with a serious health or family issue. Since then, American workers have used FMLA leave more than 100 million times to address a serious health condition, including pregnancy; to care for a family member with a serious health condition; or to care for a newborn child, newly adopted child or a newly placed foster child. FMLA allows workers to take time from work to care for themselves or their loved ones without jeopardizing their jobs. FMLA does not a salary during the leave—an omission that needs to be corrected—but it does guarantee their job will be there when they return.

In recent years, President Obama has signed into law expansions of FMLA coverage to our brave women and men serving in our armed forces and airline employees. The National Defense Authorization Act of 2010 expanded FMLA leave for military families to include coverage of qualifying exigency leave to employees and families in the Regular Armed Forces, and coverage of military caregiver leave to employees who are a spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin of certain veterans with a serious illness or injury. The Airline Flight Crew Technical Corrections Act makes more airline flight attendants and crew members eligible for FMLA leave.

Yet, despite those expansions, the United States lags behind other countries. A total of 137 countries mandate employers to offer paid leave, while 121 countries guarantee workers at least two weeks of paid leave each year.

The absence of a paid leave requirement forces many Americans to choose between protecting their finances and taking time off to deal with a serious health or family crisis. Many of the employees who qualify for FMLA leave cannot financially afford to take leave without pay. 78 percent of employees who wanted to take FMLA leave, but did not, reported it was because they could not afford to lose those extra paychecks. Hardworking Americans—both men and woman—should be free to take the family and medical leave they need without fear of emptying their bank account.

The Family Medical Leave Act took an important step in ensuring workers that their jobs will be secure in the event that they need to take time off to deal with a serious health or family issue but we can and must do more. We must ensure that every job provides paid leave in times of sickness or family emergency.

HONORING BISHOP JAMES NEAUL HAYNES

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of Bishop James Neaul Haynes. Bishop Haynes is a valued leader and member of the Dallas community, who has dedicated his life to service, with a ministry spanning more than sixty years.

Bishop Haynes was born in Denton, Texas, and graduated as valedictorian from Fred Moore High School. He continued his education at the University of Denver in Colorado and North Texas State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Texas College in 1986.

Bishop Haynes began his ministry at the Open Door Church of God in Christ in Pampa, Texas in 1952. He later served congregations in Dennison, Texas and Wichita Falls, Texas. Since 1979, Bishop Haynes has served at Saintsville Sanctuary Church of God in Christ in Dallas, Texas.

Bishop Haynes was appointed Prelate of Texas Northeast Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in 1978, after serving the Jurisdiction in multiple different capacities. He also served the Church of God in Christ on the national level in several roles, including as a member of the National Trustee Board, the Assistant General Secretary, the Secretary of the General Board, and the First Assistant Presiding Bishop. Bishop Haynes is now a lifetime member of the General Board with emeritus status.

In 1997, Bishop Neaul Haynes was chosen by over 200 pastors to serve as the Bishop of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. As part of his responsibilities, he presided over more than 400 pastors and 45 districts. Holding this title allowed him to travel the world and appoint other Bishops both locally and internationally. It is very fitting to honor Bishop Haynes among his peers at the 2013 Annual Prayer Breakfast. For more than 6 decades, he has tirelessly served the north Texas community, as well as the Nation as a long-serving member on the General Board of the Church of God In Christ.

Mr. Speaker, Bishop Haynes is a pillar of the Dallas community, and his life's work has been devoted to improving the lives of others. Bishop Haynes is joined in his service by his wife, Ms. Vivian King Haynes. The couple has two daughters, Pia and Vrai, and two sons-in-law, Supt. Reginald Williams and Mr. William C. Morris. Bishop Haynes is the proud grandfather of 4 children: Darius Craig Morris, J. Neaul Williams, Chandler Ellington Williams and D'Aria Jesslyn Morris.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF RICK BRAZIEL

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Chief Rick Braziel as he retires from the Sacramento Police Department, an organization he served admirably over three decades. As the Chief of Police since 2008 and a member of the department since 1979, Rick has been pivotal in upholding and carrying out the mission of the Sacramento Police Department and his leadership will be missed. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring one of Sacramento's finest public servants.

Prior to serving as Chief of Police, Rick, who is a graduate of California State University-Sacramento and the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, was appointed as the Deputy Chief of the Offices of Operations, Investigations, Technical Services, and Homeland Security and Emergency Services. Rick is a co-author of the book titled *Cop Talk: Essential Communicating Skills for Community Policing* and is nationally recognized for his instruction in communication skills on this topic.

Over the past three decades with the department, Rick has rose through the ranks, holding a variety of positions including K9 Handler, Patrol Sergeant and Watch Commander, and Captain of Special Units and Narcotics. He has also received several professional commendations including the Silver Medal of Valor, Distinguished Service Award, and a Unit Citation. Rick is often noted by his colleagues for his innovative leadership guiding the police force to more effective ways of addressing and preventing crime.

Outside of the police department, Rick enjoys competing in marathons and triathlons, and participating in both the Ironman Triathlon World Championships in Hawaii and the three thousand mile, Race Across America, bicycling race in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the numerous contributions made by Chief Rick Braziel during his service to the people of Sacramento and our nation. As Rick, his wife Karen, their children, his friends, and colleagues celebrate his retirement, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking and recognizing him for his many years of service.

MR. DEAN CORGEY APPOINTED TO
PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY
COMMISSION

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the appointment of Mr. Dean Corgey to the Port of Houston Authority Commission, on January 16, 2013. Mr. Corgey is well-suited to the position of Port Commissioner, based on his decades of community service, outstanding leadership, and stellar credentials.

Mr. Corgey is a humble man who has worked in various capacities on all four coasts, before he became vice president of the pre-eminent Seafarers International Union's Gulf Coast Region and now a Port Commissioner. I know he will use his numerous talents to ensure the Port of Houston remains a world-class port.

Mr. Speaker, I am blessed to have the opportunity to pay tribute to a dear friend of over ten years. A man of character who can be an extraordinary agent for change. Mr. Corgey is an indefatigable and hardworking individual, who will continue to serve the city of Houston well.

INTRODUCTION OF FEDERAL EM-
PLOYEES PAID PARENTAL
LEAVE ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, on February 5, 2013 we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Family and Medical Leave Act. Millions of American families have benefitted from this landmark law that allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job protected leave to care for a new child, a sick family member, or an injured service member in their family.

As we mark this anniversary we also must acknowledge that two decades later our nation's family leave policies have not kept pace with changes to America's families and workforce. FMLA provides unpaid leave, which means families must choose between foregoing a paycheck and caring for a new child or sick loved one.

The Federal government is our nation's largest employer and as such should be leading the way on family-friendly workplace policy. Today, I am introducing the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act, legislation that provides federal employees with 4 weeks of paid leave following the birth, adoption, or fostering of a child. By extending paid parental leave for new parents this bill helps diminish the risk of real economic hardship for the 2 million federal employees following the birth or adoption of a child.

In 2009, the House successfully passed the bill with the bipartisan support of 258 Members. I urge my colleagues in the 113th Congress to focus on job creation efforts while also ensuring that federal leave policy reflects the realities of our nation's workforce in the

21st Century. Thank you to my colleagues Delegate ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, and Representatives GERALD CONNOLLY, GEORGE MILLER, JOHN CONYERS Jr, and RAUL GRIJALVA for their support of the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act.

RECOGNIZING IAN MONCASTER

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Ian Moncaster, the former President and CEO of the World Affairs Council of Seattle, Washington, for his leadership and achievements over the past eleven years.

Mr. Moncaster has tirelessly devoted himself to enhancing the Seattle World Affairs Council's existing programs and deepening international conversations, helping Americans engage with and understand the world beyond our borders. Under Mr. Moncaster's leadership, over 1,000 public events were generated, including appearances by international notables ranging from United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, to Nobel Prize winning economist Joseph Stiglitz.

With Mr. Moncaster at the helm, the Global Classroom programs, with their focus on K-12 education, reached more than 23,000 teachers and students in the region. Additionally, the International Visitor Program, supported by the State Department, expanded from 500 to more than 1,000 international visitors per year, contributing an estimated \$2 million dollars in economic impact to the community. More importantly, these programs have helped to break down stereotypes, prejudices and promoted greater understanding while building memorable, lasting relationships across the world.

Last but not least, under Mr. Moncaster's guidance, two new initiatives, the World Affairs Fellows Program and the Young Professionals International Network, have matured to identify and cultivate ideas, talent, and leadership potential.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor Mr. Ian Moncaster. His eleven year tenure as the CEO of the World Affairs Council of Seattle has inspired and invigorated thousands of citizens in Washington State and around the world to realize a more secure and peaceful world through dialogue and mutual understanding. I wish Mr. Moncaster the very best on his future endeavors.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 3, 2009, the day I took office, the national debt was \$10,627,961,295,930.67.

Today, it is \$16,475,048,398,165.79. We've added \$5,847,087,102,235.12 to our debt in 4 years. This is a \$5.8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a Balanced Budget Amendment.

We must stop this unconscionable accumulation of debt.

HONORING THE MORRIS CHORAL SOCIETY IN MORRISTOWN

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Morris Choral Society of Morristown, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary in the summer of 2013.

The creation of the Morris Choral Society can be likened to that of the birth of a Phoenix bird. Tragically, in 1972, the United Methodist Church, located on the Morristown Green, burned down and as a result the proceeding Methodist congregations were held at Temple B'nai Or for the next two years as the Church was rebuilt. R. Wayne Walters, a bass soloist who performed at both the Temple and Church, decided to conduct a special Friday evening service dedicated to the generosity of the Temple and its Rabbi, Z. David Levy. In order to perform this service, chorus members from the surrounding area churches were assembled. Due to the success of the performance, Rabbi Levy asked Walters to keep this wonderful group of people together and continue performing. Eventually, under Walters's leadership, this collection of singers was incorporated under the name of Morris Choral Society in the summer of 1973, effectively rising out of the ashes and spawning a new organization.

Since the society has been formed, it has maintained a dual mission statement attempting, "To make available to all residents of the Morris area varied choral musical programs and to give residents an opportunity to perform in the choral organization." Those who have been affected by the Morris Choral Society would say that its contributions to society have gone much farther than initially intended by positively impacting the choral outlook throughout Northern New Jersey. Additionally, MCS has garnered much public attention through appearances on television programs, such as NBC's "First Estate" program, and its two major concerts that are performed in Morris County each year. Through continuing interest, the society has grown in size and is open to new members via auditions.

Furthermore, the Morris Choral Society conducts numerous, smaller performances during Morristown's holidays and special occasions. These shows generally occur during the Independence Day celebrations, the Holly Walk, the Fall Festival on the Green, and the First Night concert. Incredibly, MCS is now internationally recognized after memorable performances in England in 1990, Ireland in 1994, Scotland & Wales in 1996, France in 1998, and Italy during the summer of 2000. Through international travel and a growing interest in different music, the Society has obtained an astounding repertoire of songs dating from the Renaissance period to the present.

Besides annual events, the Morris Choral Society has performed alongside many famous musicians during its lifetime. Unforgettable nights include performing with Judy Collins during her Christmas Show, and with

Dave Brubeck in La Fiesta de la Posada in the Community Theatre. MCS has also sung Beethoven's Ninth Symphony under the celebrated Leon Hyman, collaborated with Jazz Pianist Rio Clemente, and performed a sold-out concert at the Morristown Community Theater in front of over 1,300 viewers.

Consistently trying to excel, the Society has emphasized versatility in music styles ranging from contemporary American, to classical Broadway theatre, to even some international folk songs articulated in their native languages. Expanding to different venues and compiling diversified music is what keeps MCS ahead of most other musical organizations in the area.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and your colleagues to join me in congratulating the Morris Choral Society as it celebrates its 40th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR RON KIRK

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ambassador Ron Kirk for his outstanding service as United States Trade Representative. As a member of President Obama's Cabinet, he has led the United States toward a stronger economic future.

A former Texas Secretary of State, Ambassador Kirk became the first African-American mayor of my hometown Dallas, Texas, in 1995. During Ambassador Kirk's tenure as Mayor, he pursued trade policies and economic development initiatives that helped generate over 45,000 jobs and billions of dollars of investment in Dallas. He also prioritized public safety and oversaw the lowest crime rate in Dallas in 20 years.

In his role as U.S. Trade Representative, Ambassador Kirk brought together a broad coalition of Americans to support free trade agreements with Korea, Colombia, and Panama, opening up new markets for American businesses and creating jobs here at home. Ambassador Kirk advanced high stakes regional Trans-Pacific Partnership talks and worked to maintain significant U.S. engagement in the World Trade Organization. His stellar list of accomplishments also includes supporting U.S. businesses and workers with his strong enforcement of U.S. trade rights and assisting small businesses eager to access international markets.

Mr. Speaker, Ambassador Kirk is both a dear friend and an ardent public servant. I applaud Ambassador Kirk's commitment to serving U.S. businesses and workers, and his dedication to moving United States trade policies forward. He has been a devoted advocate for American workers and our economy, and I am thankful for his service to our country.

HONORING THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SHEET METAL, AIR, RAIL, AND TRANSPORTATION WORKERS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the members of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers (SMART), as they celebrate the 125th anniversary of the union's founding. The members and officers of SMART are to be commended for their dedication and recognized for the union's history of remarkable achievements.

SMART, formerly known as the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association and the United Transportation Union, is a truly inventive, progressive, and strong union made up of skilled craftsmen throughout the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. Representing construction, sheet metal, transportation, railroad, shipyard, and production employees in the industry, SMART works tirelessly to ensure safe working conditions, living wages and benefits, and growth opportunities for its employees.

Since its founding in 1888, SMART has been one of labor's most ambitious and diligent organizations. Throughout history, its union leaders and members have been through many struggles and triumphs seeking to bring about hope for workers seeking fair wages, hours, and benefits while contributing to the structural development and building of the United States. Since the late 1920s, members and officers have contributed to the welfare of the country at home and abroad. From their assistance with the production of Charles Lindberg's airplane, the Spirit of Saint Louis, designed for his historic flight across the Atlantic Ocean, to the building and sustaining of America's Navy in our nation's shipyards, as well as the union's support in the World Trade Center tragedy, SMART's members are worthy of the highest praise.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty among its tradesmen. The members and officers of SMART are outstanding examples of these qualities. They have demonstrated their loyalty to both the union and communities internationally through their hard work and selfless dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the past and present hardworking members and officers of SMART and to congratulate the organization on the 125th anniversary of its founding. They have committed themselves to making a significant contribution to the growth and development in Northwest Indiana, throughout the United States, and abroad.

BRYAN WILBURN TAKES THE RANK OF AN EAGLE SCOUT TO ANOTHER LEVEL

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Bryan Wilburn is a young man from Baytown, Texas

who has attained the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. But the way he achieved his ranking isn't something we hear about often, especially for someone his age. He made his way to the top through a unique and much-needed service project. As just an eighth grade student at Barber's Hill Middle School, Bryan initiated a project that has honored those who protect our community. Not limited to just people, but also our four-legged friends. Bryan and a team of volunteers renovated the Baytown Police Department K9 Cemetery.

The need to serve law enforcement stemmed from Bryan's appreciation for the strong bond between officers and police canines, as well as their vital role in protecting the community. Bryan and a group of recruited volunteers of neighbors, friends, family, and other Boy Scouts worked hard to beautify these dogs' final resting place. After researching everything from types of plants to styles of landscaping, Bryan lead his team of volunteers as they cleaned the existing burial plots, removed dead shrubbery, replaced fence post tops, and planted new bushes and trees. It was after about 140 hours of hard work that the Baytown Police Department had a cemetery, where they could be proud to lay their beloved dogs to rest.

Bryan's leadership role in this final project is one of the many qualifications needed to obtain his new rank of Eagle Scout—he has had to earn 21 merit badges in subjects including first aid and personal fitness, as well as obtaining letters of recommendation, and going before an Eagle Scout board of review.

This is a prime example of a young man with an outstanding character and a go-getter work ethic. Bryan is well-deserving of his Eagle Scout rank. In honoring the sacrifices and hard work of the police force and their canine companions, Bryan has upheld the Boy Scout tradition of community service and stands as an example of the integrity and honor of a true Eagle Scout.

And that's just the way it is.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LIFE
AND LEGACY OF CHIEF PETTY
OFFICER CHRIS KYLE

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, today I join my colleagues in the United States Congress in

honoring the life and legacy of Chief Petty Officer Chris Kyle.

Every warrior has a story . . . Chris Kyle had a legend. Throughout our history, America's military has been served by many but shaped by only a few. From Washington to Petraeus, from Porter to Nimitz, a few great individuals have changed the way we fight wars and the way we view warriors. Now we can add the name of Chris Kyle to that elite list.

For ten years, this Texas native served his country as a member of Seal Team 3. Along the way, he set the standard for all snipers. Though his innate humility prevented him from talking about the number, Navy records confirm that Chief Kyle successfully took out 160 enemy combatants—the highest number in American military history.

He did it over the course of many years—he served four tours in Iraq during his career. And he did it in difficult circumstances and over long distances—he once perched himself on top of a baby's crib for hours in a house . . . and another time he gunned down an enemy combatant from 1.2 miles away.

No matter the challenge, Chris Kyle always met it. No matter the odds, he always overcame them.

Chief Kyle's incredible courage as a warrior was matched only by his extraordinary grace as a man.

This was a man of faith who believed God had a plan for him.

This was a man of family of who knew being a husband and a father were his important tasks.

And this was an American who thought that his country was worth fighting for and even dying for.

Chief Kyle didn't like to talk about the number of enemies he killed; instead, he would say, I'd like to be known "for the people I saved." And so he is.

He saved so many, more than we will ever know. And he never stopped trying to save people, all the way to the last seconds of his life.

Chief Petty Officer Chris Kyle has left us; but his legacy remains. The people of Texas are rightfully proud of this native son; and the people of America rightfully mourn this national hero.

The U.S. Navy Seals have a motto: "the only easy day was yesterday." No one personified this more than Chief Kyle. Each day was a new challenge; and each time, it was met with courage and conviction, with devotion and dedication.

Chief Kyle's mission is completed; his tour has ended. Now, the work of carrying on his legacy remains for all of us.

May we always try to live up to the standard of courage set by this great and gallant man . . . and may we never forget his service and sacrifice.

May God bless Chief Petty Officer Chris Kyle and his family.

CONGRATULATORY SPEECH TO INDIANA UNIVERSITY MEN'S SOCCER

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Indiana University's Men's Soccer Team.

I want to congratulate the team, Indiana University, and the greatest college soccer fans in the country—whom we in Indiana affectionately call the Hoosier Army—on their 8th NCAA National Championship. As a resident of Bloomington, the home of IU, I am particularly proud of IU Soccer's achievements this year. They have worked very hard, and merits respect and celebration.

Accomplishments such as this are achieved through diligence and commitment. This being their 8th National Championship, IU's Soccer Program has proven its commitment to creating a strong and enduring tradition of excellence. This win shows that the team benefits now, as in past decades, from exemplary leadership both on and off the field. I commend Coach Todd Yeagley, and the rest of the coaching staff, for instilling confidence in their Hoosier Squad, and for driving them to victory this season.

IU's championship squad also serves as an inspiration to many members of the community of Bloomington, and to Hoosiers across Southern Indiana. Collectively, the student-athletes have shown us what can be achieved through teamwork and perseverance. I commend them on their National Championship, and I salute them for their example. Finally, I join members of the Hoosier Army, and other rank-and-file Hoosiers, in looking forward to many more thrilling seasons in the coming years. Go Hoosiers!