

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO WENDEL W. TUCKER,  
PH.D.

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, California, are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Wendel Tucker is one of these individuals. On June 30, 2011, Dr. Tucker will retire after 45 years of dedicated service to the students of the Alvord Unified School District.

For the last 18 years, Dr. Tucker has worked for the Alvord Unified School District. He started his career there as an Intermediate School Principal and worked his way up to the Assistant Superintendent of Operational Support Services and finally as the Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Tucker has worked in both the Adventist School system and in public education. He also teaches at the college level and is involved in a variety of community activities. Dr. Tucker is an active member of various boards including the California Baptist University Board of Visitors, La Sierra University Foundation, the City of Riverside's Mayor's Higher Education Business Council, Trustee for the Riverside Public Library and Member of the Parkview Community Hospital Foundation Board and Executive Committee.

Dr. Tucker's professionalism and dedication to the education profession are highly respected not only throughout Alvord, but by the greater educational community in the Inland Empire. Dr. Tucker's name is also well known by institutions of higher education, and by the County Office of Education and the City and County of Riverside. Most importantly, Dr. Tucker has touched the lives of countless students and employees of the Alvord Unified School District during his years of dedicated service.

In light of all Dr. Wendel Tucker has done for the community of Riverside a dinner will be held in his honor on April 28, 2011. Dr. Tucker's tireless passion for education has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. He has been the heart and soul of the Alvord Unified School District and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he retires.

HONORING REVEREND DR. GEORGE  
MOORE

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

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

Whereas, Reverend Dr. George Moore is celebrating fifty-five (55) years in ministry this year and has provided stellar leadership to his church on an international level; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. George Moore, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Saint Philip AME Church, as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. George Moore is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our District and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Reverend Dr. George Moore as he celebrates fifty-five years in ministry and to salute him as he retires from pastoral leadership; A true Man of Excellence;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim September 10, 2010 as Reverend Dr. George Moore Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 10th day of September, 2010.

### EXTENDING COUNTERTERRORISM AUTHORITIES

SPEECH OF

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 8, 2011*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I voted against H.R. 514, another one-year extension of three overreaching provisions in the Patriot Act, which are set to expire on February 28, 2011.

I have opposed the Patriot Act since the original, bipartisan version of the bill was hijacked by the Bush administration and significantly expanded without safeguards for the rights of ordinary Americans. This is why it has been consistently opposed by thoughtful members of Congress from both parties.

In a country that prides itself on civil rights and freedom of speech, we must maintain a system with checks and balances to ensure that our government works for our citizens in

a transparent way. I have no doubt that we can keep America safe without compromising our liberties. By simply extending this policy for another year, we are forfeiting the opportunity and neglecting the responsibility to have a meaningful review that can bring us closer to a more accountable approach that balances individual privacy with our national defense.

One of the many provisions in need of reform and left unaddressed in this bill is section 215. This provision fails to provide meaningful protection for library patrons, and library and business records. The burden should be on the government to show reasonable suspicion or probable cause before undertaking an investigation.

After a decade it is past time to review and refine this legislation. The intelligence community already has the tools necessary to keep us safe without compromising our privacy. Another one-year extension is a lost opportunity to make sure we protect the liberties of American citizens.

IN MEMORY OF MARTIN JUREDINE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I report the passing of one of Cleveland's most important promoters of the local and live music scene, Martin Juredine, co-owner of the Barking Spider Tavern on the campus of Case Western Reserve University. Martin died on February 1, 2011, after a long illness.

Martin founded the Barking Spider with partner Bruce Madorsky in 1986. The Spider is tucked away along the footpath between Juniper and Bellflower Avenues in an old coach house. Always an art lover and appreciator of music and musicians, the idea behind the Spider was to have a place for people to meet for drinks and to play and hear live music. His vision was fulfilled. Upon opening the Spider in 1986, Martin provided a venue for live music without a cover charge on Sundays and Tuesdays. By 1991, the Barking Spider boasted live music 7 nights a week and sometimes during the day on weekends, never charging a cover, but always passing around the jar so the musicians got paid.

A recently created memorial Facebook page already boasts hundreds of friends writing tributes, many of them musicians who got their start at the Barking Spider. All had the opportunity, through Martin's vision and inspiration, of getting up on a friendly stage while reaching for the stars. Others were simply looking for a place to hear music and found like-minded souls. All found warmth in Martin's smile, a warm room in which to get together, and in warm weather, a fantastic patio in the heart of University Circle.

Martin Juredine grew up in Cleveland Heights, played football with the Heights Tigers, and went on to Colgate University. He

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traveled the world with his then-wife Nancy. While on the road, they started their family. They returned to Cleveland to raise their daughters Shisha and Jenna. Martin worked a variety of jobs, including milkman and rail-roader. But in 1986, he realized his dream when he opened the Barking Spider.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in mourning the loss of Martin Juredine. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his daughters Jenna and Shisha Adorjan, his granddaughter Aiyanna Adorjan, his son-in-law Ricky Adorjan, his ex-wife Nancy, his brother David, his sister-in-law Carol and nephews Adam and Jason.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CYRIL O'BRIEN

##### HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Cyril "Cy" John O'Brien, a veteran of the Second World War and Captain in the United States Marine Corps, for his dedication and service to our community and country. Cy passed away on January 31, 2011 in Bethesda, Maryland. As we mourn his loss, we recognize him for his contributions to our community.

Cy was born in Newfoundland, Canada in 1919 and graduated from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in June of 1942. One month later he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of the 3rd Marine Division during World War II and served as a Combat Correspondent in Bougainville, Guam, and Iwo Jima. His coverage of the Liberation of Guam, the bravery of American Marines, soldiers, sailors, and airmen, and the experiences of war survivors during the Liberation provided Americans with a unique perspective of Guam's Liberation for all who study the history of the Second World War in the Pacific.

Following his return from duty during the Second World War, Cy worked as a Washington correspondent for several New Jersey-based newspapers. He covered matters pertaining to Capitol Hill, writing stories on the House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. He went on to work at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory and served as its Director of Media Affairs until his retirement in 1983.

Cy is the author of "Liberation," which chronicles the 3rd Marine Division's recapture of Guam during the summer of 1944, and was published by the Marine Corps Historical Center. Cy was also a founding member of the 3rd Marine Division Association. Additionally, he has returned to Guam on many occasions to join the people of Guam in celebrating and recognizing the importance of our Liberation Day. He has remained true to his Chamorro friends and worked hard to educate Members of Congress and Senators on the importance of Guam War Claims.

Cy will be remembered by his four children—Tony, Bridget, Johnine, and Patsy—as well as many loved ones and friends. I offer my condolences, sympathies, and prayers to his family and all who knew him. On behalf of the people of Guam, I express a sincere Un-

dangkulo na si Yu'os Ma'ase for his service and sacrifice to our island. He will be missed.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN BUS ASSOCIATION ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 85TH ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the American Bus Association, the trade association for the private over-the-road bus and motorcoach industry, on its 85th anniversary in this year of 2011. The ABA represents 800 bus operating companies (along with 3200 other travel, tour and motorcoach manufacturing companies). The members of the ABA provide all manner of transportation services to millions of Americans. Specifically, ABA members provide scheduled service, commuter operations, charter and tour services and airport shuttle services to all parts of the country. A gauge of how well and thoroughly ABA members do their jobs is found in the amazing statistic that the industry provides 760 million passenger trips each year.

A few other facts about this industry are in order. The private bus industry is the clear choice for environmental travel. A recent study by the Union of Concerned Scientists documents that for an individual or family traveling anywhere from 100 to 1000 miles motorcoach travel is the cleanest form of transportation available. Moreover, each motorcoach can take 55 cars off of our nation's highways, a testament to the industry's ability to aid us in overcoming the congestion on the nation's highways. In fact, as a recent Forbes Magazine article detailed, the motorcoach industry's environmental record translates into saving Americans a total of forty-four million gallons of fuel each year.

Less recognized is the industry's record in fostering tourism and travel in the nation. Each motorcoach may in effect leave some \$13,000 behind in communities visited by those passengers in just a 24-hour period. The ABA has documented on its website the number of jobs motorcoach travel and tourism supports, both directly and indirectly, and the amount of money that motorcoach leaves in every Congressional district. The ABA Research Foundation has documented that motorcoach tourism is a vital part of the U.S. economy, employing over one million Americans and creating over \$112 billion in economic activity.

The ABA began its service to the nation as the bus division of the American Automobile Association in 1926. At that time buses were the main transportation choice for the overwhelming majority of Americans, providing service to all parts of the nation, urban and rural. Buses took Americans to work, school, jobs, and hospitals; they allowed us to meet our families, see friends, and make a living.

Today, that role as the chief private transportation mode is being reprised by the industry. The industry has begun new point to point routes, serving city pairs as never before. We have seen bus services allowing Americans to see families, travel for business and pleasure and see their nation as never before. A study cited in a recent U.S.A. Today article documented that motorcoach transportation is the

fastest growing mode of transportation in the nation for the last three years in a row, growing by six percent this last year alone. I want to congratulate the American Bus Association on its anniversary and wish it continued success.

#### HONORING MAYOR HOWARD "TREY" TYGRET

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

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

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one man . . . who has given of himself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, Mayor Howard "Trey" Tygett work is present in Clarkston, Georgia for all to see, being a man of action for the citizens of Clarkston and DeKalb County; and

Whereas, this giant of a man was elected as Mayor of the city of Clarkston in 2009, he accomplished much during his time in office; and

Whereas, this remarkable man gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life; he never asked for fame or fortune to uplift those in need, he just wanted to move his beloved city forward and to inspire the citizens to do the same by witnessing him walk the walk and talk the talk; and

Whereas, Mayor Tygett led by doing behind the scenes and on the front lines for the city of Clarkston, be it traveling to Washington, DC, the Georgia Gold Dome or downtown Decatur to represent and advocate for the city of Clarkston; Mayor Tygett was a husband, a father, a son, a friend; he was our warrior, our patriarch, a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of our community until his end; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow an honorable mention and recognition on Mayor Howard "Trey" Tygett for his leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens in Georgia and throughout the Nation; a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby attest to the 112th Congress that Mayor Howard "Trey" Tygett of Clarkston, DeKalb County, Georgia, is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honorable Mention".

Mayor Howard "Trey" Tygett, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District. Proclaimed This 22nd day of January, 2011.

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF VICTOR J. LABUTTA

##### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Victor J. Labutta and in recognition of his devotion to family, community and country.

Victor was born in Collier, Pennsylvania. He attended both the California University of

Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh, where he earned a master's degree in school administration. He entered the armed forces and fought on the sands of Iwo Jima. He was honored for his service during World War II in 1995 by the Joint Veteran's Commission of Cuyahoga County.

After returning from the war, he took up teaching back home in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. In 1956, he moved to Parma, Ohio, where he would spend the rest of his life teaching and assisting the community. He taught shop class at Pleasant Valley Junior High, Hillside Junior High and at Parma Senior High. He was known to his students as Mr. La-Bow-Tie, for the trademark bow tie he wore to class every day.

Victor also served on Parma's City Council for 16 years. He assisted his community by securing tax abatements for General Motors, a major employer in his district. He also fed the livelihood of the community by supporting housing integration in his city. Furthermore, Tim Dobeck, a colleague of his, commented that Victor "took every new councilman under his wing."

Mr. Labutta was not only a leader in his community, he was also an active member among his neighbors. He was a member of the Parma American-Slovak Club for over 30 years. Victor was a devoted catholic and one of Kildare Catholic Church's founding members.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering Victor Labutta, whose legacy of dedication to family, city and country serve as an example. I extend my sincere condolences to Victor's wife, Mary Ann Steiger; his three sons; his daughter; ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(2) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and clause (b) of Rule I of the Rules of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I submit the Rules of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the 112th Congress. On January 26, 2011, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session and adopted these Committee Rules by voice vote with a quorum present.

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 112TH CONGRESS, ADOPTED JANUARY 26, 2011

### RULE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### (a) APPLICABILITY OF HOUSE RULES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Rules of the House are the rules of the Committee and its subcommittees so far as applicable, except that a motion to recess from day to day, and a motion to dispense with the first reading (in full) of a bill or resolution, if printed copies are available, are non-debatable privileged motions in the Committee and its subcommittees.

(2) SUBCOMMITTEES.—Each subcommittee is part of the Committee, and is subject to the

authority and direction of the Committee and its rules so far as applicable.

(3) INCORPORATION OF HOUSE RULE ON COMMITTEE PROCEDURE.—Rule XI of the Rules of the House, which pertains entirely to Committee procedure, is incorporated and made a part of the rules of the Committee to the extent applicable. Pursuant to clause 2(a)(3) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Chairman of the Committee is authorized to offer a motion under clause 1 of Rule XXII of the Rules of the House whenever the Chairman considers it appropriate.

(b) PUBLICATION OF RULES.—Pursuant to clause 2(a) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Committee's rules shall be publicly available in electronic form and published in the Congressional Record not later than 30 days after the Chairman is elected in each odd-numbered year.

(c) VICE CHAIRMAN.—The Chairman shall appoint a vice chairman of the Committee and of each subcommittee. If the Chairman of the Committee or subcommittee is not present at any meeting of the Committee or subcommittee, as the case may be, the vice chairman shall preside. If the vice chairman is not present, the ranking member of the majority party on the Committee or subcommittee who is present shall preside at that meeting.

### RULE II. REGULAR, ADDITIONAL, AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

(a) REGULAR MEETINGS.—Regular meetings of the Committee shall be held on the first Wednesday of every month to transact its business unless such day is a holiday, or the House is in recess or is adjourned, in which case the Chairman shall determine the regular meeting day of the Committee for that month. A regular meeting of the Committee may be dispensed with if, in the judgment of the Chairman, there is no need for the meeting. This paragraph shall not apply to meetings of any subcommittee.

(b) ADDITIONAL MEETINGS.—The Chairman may call and convene, as he or she considers necessary, additional meetings of the Committee for the consideration of any bill or resolution pending before the Committee or for the conduct of other committee business. The Committee shall meet for such purpose pursuant to the call of the Chairman.

(c) SPECIAL MEETINGS.—If at least three members of the Committee desire that a special meeting of the Committee be called by the Chairman, those members may file in the offices of the Committee their written request to the Chairman for that special meeting. Such request shall specify the measure or matter to be considered. Immediately upon the filing of the request, the clerk of the Committee shall notify the Chairman of the filing of the request. If, within 3 calendar days after the filing of the request, the Chairman does not call the requested special meeting to be held within 7 calendar days after the filing of the request, a majority of the members of the Committee may file in the offices of the Committee their written notice that a special meeting of the Committee will be held, specifying the date and hour thereof, and the measure or matter to be considered at that special meeting. The Committee shall meet on that date and hour. Immediately upon the filing of the notice, the clerk of the Committee shall notify all members of the Committee that such meeting will be held and inform them of its date and hour and the measure or matter to be considered; and only the measure or matter specified in that notice may be considered at that special meeting.

#### (d) NOTICE.—

(1) MINIMUM NOTICE PERIOD.—Pursuant to clause 2(g)(3) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Chairman shall make a public an-

nouncement of the date, place, and subject matter of a Committee or subcommittee meeting, which may not commence earlier than the third day on which members have notice thereof.

(2) CHANGES IN MEETING TIMES.—A meeting may commence sooner than announced if the Chairman, with concurrence of the ranking minority member, determines there is good cause to begin the meeting sooner or the Committee or subcommittee so determines by majority vote, a quorum being present for the transaction of business. The Chairman shall make a public announcement of the meeting time change at the earliest possible opportunity.

(3) NOTIFICATION OF DAILY DIGEST CLERK.—The clerk of the Committee shall notify the Daily Digest Clerk of the Congressional Record as soon as possible after a public announcement of a time change for a Committee or subcommittee meeting is made under this paragraph.

(e) PROHIBITION ON SITTING DURING JOINT SESSION.—The Committee may not sit during a joint session of the House and Senate or during a recess when a joint meeting of the House and Senate is in progress.

### RULE III. MEETINGS AND HEARINGS GENERALLY

(a) MINIMUM PERIOD FOR AVAILABILITY OF COMMITTEE MARKUP TEXT.—Pursuant to clause 2(g)(4) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Chairman of shall make publicly available, in electronic form, the text of any legislation to be marked up at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of a meeting for the markup of legislation, or at the time of a meeting announcement under paragraph (a)(2)(B) of Committee Rule II if made within 24 hours before such meeting.

(b) OPEN MEETINGS.—Each meeting for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation, and each hearing of the Committee or a subcommittee shall be open to the public, except as provided by clause 2(g) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House.

(c) MEETINGS TO BEGIN PROMPTLY.—Each meeting or hearing of the Committee shall begin promptly at the time so stipulated in the public announcement of the meeting or hearing.

(d) ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE.—A Committee member may address the Committee or a subcommittee on any bill, motion, or other matter under consideration—

(1) only when recognized by the Chairman for that purpose; and

(2) only for 5 minutes, or for a period of time designated by the Chairman with concurrence of the ranking minority member, until such time as each member of the Committee or subcommittee who so desires has had an opportunity to address the Committee or subcommittee.

A member shall be limited in his or her remarks to the subject matter under consideration. The Chairman shall enforce this paragraph.

(e) PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS IN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS AND HEARINGS.—All members of the Committee who are not members of a particular subcommittee may, by unanimous consent of the members of such subcommittee, participate in any subcommittee meeting or hearing. However, a member who is not a member of the subcommittee may not vote on any matter before the subcommittee, be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum, or raise points of order.

(f) BROADCASTING.—Whenever a meeting for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation, or a hearing is open to the public, that meeting or hearing shall be open to coverage by television, radio, and still photography in accordance with clause 4 of Rule XI of the Rules of the House. Operation and use of any Committee Internet

broadcast system shall be fair and non-partisan and in accordance with clause 4(b) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House and all other applicable rules of the Committee and the House. Further, pursuant to clause 2(e)(5) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Committee shall provide audio and video coverage of each hearing or meeting for the transaction of business in a manner that allows the public to easily listen to and view the proceedings. The Committee shall also maintain the recordings of such coverage in a manner that is easily accessible to the public.

(g) ACCESS TO THE DAIS AND LOUNGES.—Access to the hearing rooms' daises and to the lounges adjacent to the Committee hearing rooms shall be limited to Members of Congress and employees of Congress during a meeting or hearing of the Committee unless specifically permitted by the Chairman or ranking minority member.

(h) USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES.—The use of cellular telephones in the Committee hearing room is prohibited during a meeting or hearing of the Committee.

(i) AVAILABILITY OF TEXT OF AMENDMENTS IN ELECTRONIC FORM.—Pursuant to clause 2(e) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, not later than 24 hours after the adoption of any amendment to a measure or matter considered by the Committee, the Chairman shall cause the text of the amendment to be made publicly available in electronic form.

#### RULE IV. POWER TO SIT AND ACT; POWER TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS; OATHS; SUBPOENA POWER

(a) AUTHORITY TO SIT AND ACT.—For the purpose of carrying out any of its functions and duties under Rules X and XI of the Rules of the House, the Committee and each of its subcommittees, is authorized (subject to paragraph (d)(1))—

(1) to sit and act at such times and places within the United States whether the House is in session, has recessed, or has adjourned and to hold such hearings; and

(2) to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, correspondence, memorandums, papers, and documents, as it deems necessary.

(b) AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee is authorized at any time to conduct such investigations and studies as it may consider necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its responsibilities under Rule X of the Rules of the House and (subject to the adoption of expense resolutions as required by Rule X, clause 6 of the Rules of the House) to incur expenses (including travel expenses) in connection therewith.

(2) MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS BY SUBCOMMITTEES.—A subcommittee may not begin a major investigation without approval of a majority of such subcommittee.

(c) OATHS.—The Chairman, or any member designated by the Chairman, may administer oaths to any witness.

(d) ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A subpoena may be issued by the Committee or subcommittee under paragraph (a)(2) in the conduct of any investigation or activity or series of investigations or activities, only when authorized by a majority of the members voting, a majority being present. Such authorized subpoenas shall be signed by the Chairman of the Committee or by any member designated by the Committee. If a specific request for a subpoena has not been previously rejected by either the Committee or subcommittee, the Chairman of the Committee, after consultation with the ranking minority member of the Committee, may authorize and issue a

subpoena under paragraph (a)(2) in the conduct of any investigation or activity or series of investigations or activities, and such subpoena shall for all purposes be deemed a subpoena issued by the Committee. As soon as practicable after a subpoena is issued under this rule, the Chairman shall notify all members of the Committee of such action.

(2) ENFORCEMENT.—Compliance with any subpoena issued by the Committee or subcommittee under paragraph (a)(2) may be enforced only as authorized or directed by the House.

(e) EXPENSES OF SUBPOENAED WITNESSES.—Each witness who has been subpoenaed, upon the completion of his or her testimony before the Committee or any subcommittee, may report to the offices of the Committee, and there sign appropriate vouchers for travel allowances and attendance fees. If hearings are held in cities other than Washington, DC, the witness may contact the counsel of the Committee, or his or her representative, before leaving the hearing room.

#### RULE V. QUORUMS AND RECORD VOTES; POSTPONEMENT OF VOTES

(a) WORKING QUORUM.—One-third of the members of the Committee or a subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for taking any action other than the closing of a meeting pursuant to clauses 2(g) and 2(k)(5) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the authorizing of a subpoena pursuant to paragraph (d) of Committee Rule IV, the reporting of a measure or recommendation pursuant to paragraph (b)(1) of Committee Rule VII, and the actions described in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this rule.

(b) QUORUM FOR REPORTING.—A majority of the members of the Committee or a subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for the reporting of a measure or recommendation.

(c) APPROVAL OF CERTAIN MATTERS.—A majority of the members of the Committee or a subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for approval of a resolution concerning any of the following actions:

(1) A prospectus for construction, alteration, purchase or acquisition of a public building or the lease of space as required by section 3307 of title 40, United States Code.

(2) Survey investigation of a proposed project for navigation, flood control, and other purposes by the Corps of Engineers (section 4 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 4, 1913, 33 U.S.C. 542).

(3) Construction of a water resources development project by the Corps of Engineers with an estimated Federal cost not exceeding \$15,000,000 (section 201 of the Flood Control Act of 1965).

(4) Deletion of water quality storage in a Federal reservoir project where the benefits attributable to water quality are 15 percent or more but not greater than 25 percent of the total project benefits (section 65 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974).

(5) Authorization of a Natural Resources Conservation Service watershed project involving any single structure of more than 4,000 acre feet of total capacity (section 2 of P.L. 566, 83rd Congress).

(d) QUORUM FOR TAKING TESTIMONY.—Two members of the Committee or subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony and receiving evidence.

(e) RECORD VOTES.—A record vote may be demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

(f) POSTPONEMENT OF VOTES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with clause 2(h)(4) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Chairman of the Committee or a subcommittee, after consultation with the ranking minority member of the Committee or subcommittee, may—

(A) postpone further proceedings when a record vote is ordered on the question of ap-

proving a measure or matter or on adopting an amendment; and

(B) resume proceedings on a postponed question at any time after reasonable notice.

(2) RESUMPTION OF PROCEEDINGS.—When proceedings resume on a postponed question, notwithstanding any intervening order for the previous question, an underlying proposition shall remain subject to further debate or amendment to the same extent as when the question was postponed.

(g) AVAILABILITY OF RECORD VOTES IN ELECTRONIC FORM.—Pursuant to clause 2(e)(1)(B)(i) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Chairman shall make the result of any record vote publicly available for inspection at reasonable times in the offices of the Committee and in electronic form within 48 hours of such record vote.

#### RULE VI. HEARING PROCEDURES

(a) ANNOUNCEMENT OF HEARING.—

(1) MINIMUM NOTICE PERIOD.—Pursuant to clause 2(g)(3) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Chairman shall make a public announcement of the date, place, and subject matter of a Committee or subcommittee hearing, which may not commence earlier than the one week after such notice.

(2) CHANGES IN HEARING TIMES.—A hearing may commence sooner than announced if the Chairman, with concurrence of the ranking minority member, determines there is good cause to begin the hearing sooner or the Committee so determines by majority vote, a quorum being present for the transaction of business. The Chairman shall make a public announcement of the hearing time change at the earliest possible opportunity.

(3) NOTIFICATION OF DAILY DIGEST CLERK.—The clerk of the Committee shall notify the Daily Digest Clerk of the Congressional Record as soon as possible after a public announcement of a time change for a Committee or subcommittee hearing is made under this paragraph.

(b) WRITTEN STATEMENT; ORAL TESTIMONY.—

(1) FILING OF STATEMENT.—So far as practicable, each witness who is to appear before the Committee or a subcommittee shall file with the clerk of the Committee or subcommittee, at least 2 working days before the day of his or her appearance, a written statement of proposed testimony and shall limit his or her oral presentation to a summary of the written statement.

(2) TRUTH IN TESTIMONY INFORMATION.—Pursuant to clause 2(g)(5) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, in the case of a witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of the amount and source (by agency and program) of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) received during the current fiscal year or either of the two previous fiscal years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness.

(3) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION IN ELECTRONIC FORM.—Statements filed under this paragraph, with appropriate redaction to protect the privacy of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form not later than one day after the witness appears.

(c) MINORITY WITNESSES.—When any hearing is conducted by the Committee or any subcommittee upon any measure or matter, the minority party members on the Committee or subcommittee shall be entitled, upon request to the Chairman by a majority of those minority members before the completion of such hearing, to call witnesses selected by the minority to testify with respect to that measure or matter during at least one day of hearing thereon.

(d) SUMMARY OF SUBJECT MATTER.—Upon announcement of a hearing, to the extent practicable, the Committee shall make available immediately to all members of the Committee a concise summary of the subject matter (including legislative reports and other material) under consideration. In addition, upon announcement of a hearing and subsequently as they are received, the Chairman shall make available to the members of the Committee any official reports from departments and agencies on such matter.

(e) QUESTIONING OF WITNESSES.—The questioning of witnesses in Committee and subcommittee hearings shall be initiated by the Chairman, followed by the ranking minority member and all other members alternating between the majority and minority parties. In recognizing members to question witnesses in this fashion, the Chairman shall take into consideration the ratio of the majority to minority members present and shall establish the order of recognition for questioning in such a manner as not to disadvantage the members of the majority nor the members of the minority. The Chairman may accomplish this by recognizing two majority members for each minority member recognized.

(f) PROCEDURES FOR QUESTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A Committee member may question a witness at a hearing—

(A) only when recognized by the Chairman for that purpose; and

(B) subject to subparagraphs (2) and (3), only for 5 minutes until such time as each member of the Committee or subcommittee who so desires has had an opportunity to question the witness.

A member shall be limited in his or her remarks to the subject matter under consideration. The Chairman shall enforce this subparagraph.

(2) EXTENDED QUESTIONING OF WITNESSES BY MEMBERS.—The Chairman of the Committee or a subcommittee, with the concurrence of the ranking minority member, or the Committee or subcommittee by motion, may permit a specified number of its members to question a witness for longer than 5 minutes. The time for extended questioning of a witness under this subdivision shall be equal for the majority party and minority party and may not exceed one hour in the aggregate.

(3) EXTENDED QUESTIONING OF WITNESSES BY STAFF.—The Chairman of the Committee or a subcommittee, with the concurrence of the ranking minority member, or the Committee or subcommittee by motion, may permit committee staff for its majority and minority party members to question a witness for equal specified periods. The time for extended questioning of a witness under this subdivision shall be equal for the majority party and minority party and may not exceed one hour in the aggregate.

(4) RIGHT TO QUESTION WITNESSES FOLLOWING EXTENDED QUESTIONING.—Nothing in subparagraph (2) or (3) affects the right of a Member (other than a Member designated under subparagraph (2)) to question a witness for 5 minutes in accordance with subparagraph (1)(B) after the questioning permitted under subparagraph (2) or (3).

(g) ADDITIONAL HEARING PROCEDURES.—Clause 2(k) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House (relating to additional rules for hearings) applies to hearings of the Committee and its subcommittees.

#### RULE VII. PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND REPORTS

(a) FILING OF REPORTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chairman of the Committee shall report promptly to the House any measure or matter approved by the Committee and take necessary steps to bring the measure or matter to a vote.

(2) REQUESTS FOR REPORTING.—The report of the Committee on a measure or matter which has been approved by the Committee shall be filed within 7 calendar days (exclusive of days on which the House is not in session) after the day on which there has been filed with the clerk of the Committee a written request, signed by a majority of the members of the Committee, for the reporting of that measure or matter. Upon the filing of any such request, the clerk of the Committee shall transmit immediately to the Chairman of the Committee notice of the filing of that request.

(b) QUORUM; RECORD VOTES.—

(1) QUORUM.—No measure, matter, or recommendation shall be reported from the Committee unless a majority of the Committee was actually present.

(2) RECORD VOTES.—With respect to each record vote on a motion to report any measure or matter of a public character, and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, the total number of votes cast for and against, and the names of those members voting for and against, shall be included in the Committee report on the measure or matter.

(c) REQUIRED MATTERS.—The report of the Committee on a measure or matter which has been approved by the Committee shall include the items required to be included by clauses 2(c) and 3 of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House.

(d) ADDITIONAL VIEWS.—If, at the time of approval of any measure or matter by the Committee, any member of the Committee gives notice of intention to file supplemental, minority, or additional views, that member shall be entitled to not less than two additional calendar days after the day of such notice (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays) in which to file such views in accordance with clause 2(1) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House.

(e) ACTIVITIES REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the 30th day after June 1 and December 1, the Committee shall submit to the House a semi-annual report on the activities of the Committee.

(2) CONTENTS.—The report shall include—

(A) separate sections summarizing the legislative and oversight activities of the Committee under Rules X and XI of the Rules of the House during the applicable period;

(B) in the case of the first such report, a summary of the oversight plans submitted by the Committee under clause 2(d) of Rule X of the Rules of the House;

(C) a summary of the actions taken and recommendations made with respect to the oversight plans specified in subdivision (B);

(D) a summary of any additional oversight activities undertaken by the Committee and any recommendations made or actions taken thereon; and

(E) a delineation of any hearings held pursuant to clauses 2(n), (o), or (p) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House.

(3) SECOND AND FOURTH REPORTS.—After an adjournment sine die of a regular session of a Congress, or after December 15, whichever occurs first, the Chairman may file the second or fourth semiannual report described in subparagraph (1) with the Clerk of the House at any time and without approval of the Committee, provided that—

(A) a copy of the report has been available to each member of the Committee for at least seven calendar days; and

(B) the report includes any supplemental, minority, or additional views submitted by a member of the Committee.

(f) OTHER COMMITTEE MATERIALS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—All Committee and subcommittee prints, reports, documents, or other materials, not otherwise provided for

under this rule, that purport to express publicly the views of the Committee or any of its subcommittees or members of the Committee or its subcommittees shall be approved by the Committee or the subcommittee prior to printing and distribution and any member shall be given an opportunity to have views included as part of such material prior to printing, release, and distribution in accordance with paragraph (d) of this rule.

(2) DOCUMENTS CONTAINING VIEWS OTHER THAN MEMBER VIEWS.—A Committee or subcommittee document containing views other than those of members of the Committee or subcommittee shall not be published without approval of the Committee or subcommittee.

(3) DISCLAIMER.—All Committee or subcommittee reports printed pursuant to legislative study or investigation and not approved by a majority vote of the Committee or subcommittee, as appropriate, shall contain the following disclaimer on the cover of such report: "This report has not been officially adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (or pertinent subcommittee thereof) and may not therefore necessarily reflect the views of its members."

(4) COMPILATIONS OF LAWS.—To the maximum extent practicable, the Committee shall publish a compilation of laws under the jurisdiction of each subcommittee.

(g) AVAILABILITY OF PUBLICATIONS.—Pursuant to clause 2(e)(4) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Committee shall make its publications available in electronic form to the maximum extent feasible.

#### RULE VIII. ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES; SIZE AND PARTY RATIOS

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be 6 standing subcommittees. These subcommittees, with the following sizes (including delegates) and majority/minority ratios, are:

(1) Subcommittee on Aviation (30 Members: 17 Majority and 13 Minority).

(2) Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation (16 Members: 9 Majority and 7 Minority).

(3) Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management (18 Members: 10 Majority and 8 Minority).

(4) Subcommittee on Highways and Transit (43 Members: 24 Majority and 19 Minority).

(5) Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials (32 Members: 18 Majority and 14 Minority).

(6) Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment (34 Members: 19 Majority and 15 Minority).

(b) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.—The Chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee shall serve as ex officio voting members on each subcommittee.

(c) RATIOS.—On each subcommittee there shall be a ratio of majority party members to minority party members which shall be no less favorable to the majority party than the ratio for the full Committee. In calculating the ratio of majority party members to minority party members, there shall be included the ex officio members of the subcommittees.

#### RULE IX. POWERS AND DUTIES OF SUBCOMMITTEES

(a) AUTHORITY TO SIT.—Each subcommittee is authorized to meet, hold hearings, receive evidence, and report to the full Committee on all matters referred to it or under its jurisdiction. Subcommittee chairmen shall set dates for hearings and meetings of their respective subcommittees after consultation with the Chairman and other subcommittee chairmen with a view toward avoiding simultaneous scheduling of full Committee and subcommittee meetings or hearings whenever possible.

(b) **CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE.**—Each bill, resolution, or other matter favorably reported by a subcommittee shall automatically be placed upon the agenda of the Committee. Any such matter reported by a subcommittee shall not be considered by the Committee unless it has been delivered to the offices of all members of the Committee at least 48 hours before the meeting, unless the Chairman determines that the matter is of such urgency that it should be given early consideration. Where practicable, such matters shall be accompanied by a comparison with present law and a section-by-section analysis.

#### RULE X. REFERRAL OF LEGISLATION TO SUBCOMMITTEES

(a) **GENERAL REQUIREMENT.**—Except where the Chairman of the Committee determines, in consultation with the majority members of the Committee, that consideration is to be by the full Committee, each bill, resolution, investigation, or other matter which relates to a subject listed under the jurisdiction of any subcommittee established in Committee Rule VIII referred to or initiated by the full Committee shall be referred by the Chairman to all subcommittees of appropriate jurisdiction within two weeks. All bills shall be referred to the subcommittee of proper jurisdiction without regard to whether the author is or is not a member of the subcommittee.

(b) **RECALL FROM SUBCOMMITTEE.**—A bill, resolution, or other matter referred to a subcommittee in accordance with this rule may be recalled therefrom at any time by a vote of a majority of the members of the Committee voting, a quorum being present, for the Committee's direct consideration or for reference to another subcommittee.

(c) **MULTIPLE REFERRALS.**—In carrying out this rule with respect to any matter, the Chairman may refer the matter simultaneously to two or more subcommittees for concurrent consideration or for consideration in sequence (subject to appropriate time limitations in the case of any subcommittee after the first), or divide the matter into two or more parts (reflecting different subjects and jurisdictions) and refer each such part to a different subcommittee, or make such other provisions as he or she considers appropriate.

#### RULE XI. RECOMMENDATION OF CONFEREES

The Chairman of the Committee shall recommend to the Speaker as conferees the names of those members (1) of the majority party selected by the Chairman, and (2) of the minority party selected by the ranking minority member of the Committee. Recommendations of conferees to the Speaker shall provide a ratio of majority party members to minority party members which shall be no less favorable to the majority party than the ratio for the Committee.

#### RULE XII. OVERSIGHT

(a) **PURPOSE.**—The Committee shall carry out oversight responsibilities as provided in this rule in order to assist the House in—

(1) its analysis, appraisal, and evaluation of—

(A) the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of the laws enacted by the Congress; or

(B) conditions and circumstances which may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation; and

(2) its formulation, consideration, and enactment of such modifications or changes in those laws, and of such additional legislation, as may be necessary or appropriate.

(b) **OVERSIGHT PLAN.**—Not later than February 15 of the first session of each Congress, the Committee shall adopt its oversight plan for that Congress in accordance with clause 2(d)(1) of Rule X of the Rules of the House.

(c) **REVIEW OF LAWS AND PROGRAMS.**—The Committee and the appropriate subcommittees shall cooperatively review and study, on a continuing basis, the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of those laws, or parts of laws, the subject matter of which is within the jurisdiction of the Committee, and the organization and operation of the Federal agencies and entities having responsibilities in or for the administration and execution thereof, in order to determine whether such laws and the programs thereunder are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the Congress and whether such programs should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated. In addition, the Committee and the appropriate subcommittees shall cooperatively review and study any conditions or circumstances which may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation within the jurisdiction of the Committee (whether or not any bill or resolution has been introduced with respect thereto), and shall on a continuing basis undertake future research and forecasting on matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee.

(d) **REVIEW OF TAX POLICIES.**—The Committee and the appropriate subcommittees shall cooperatively review and study on a continuing basis the impact or probable impact of tax policies affecting subjects within the jurisdiction of the Committee.

#### RULE XIII. REVIEW OF CONTINUING PROGRAMS; BUDGET ACT PROVISIONS

(a) **ENSURING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS.**—The Committee shall, in its consideration of all bills and joint resolutions of a public character within its jurisdiction, ensure that appropriations for continuing programs and activities of the Federal Government and the District of Columbia government will be made annually to the maximum extent feasible and consistent with the nature, requirements, and objectives of the programs and activities involved.

(b) **REVIEW OF MULTI-YEAR APPROPRIATIONS.**—The Committee shall review, from time to time, each continuing program within its jurisdiction for which appropriations are not made annually in order to ascertain whether such program could be modified so that appropriations therefore would be made annually.

(c) **VIEWS AND ESTIMATES.**—In accordance with clause 4(f)(1) of Rule X of the Rules of the House, the Committee shall submit to the Committee on the Budget—

(1) its views and estimates with respect to all matters to be set forth in the concurrent resolution on the budget for the ensuing fiscal year which are within its jurisdiction or functions; and

(2) an estimate of the total amount of new budget authority, and budget outlays resulting therefrom, to be provided or authorized in all bills and resolutions within its jurisdiction which it intends to be effective during that fiscal year.

(d) **BUDGET ALLOCATIONS.**—As soon as practicable after a concurrent resolution on the budget for any fiscal year is agreed to, the Committee (after consulting with the appropriate committee or committees of the Senate) shall subdivide any allocations made to it in the joint explanatory statement accompanying the conference report on such resolution, and promptly report such subdivisions to the House, in the manner provided by section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

(e) **RECONCILIATION.**—Whenever the Committee is directed in a concurrent resolution on the budget to determine and recommend changes in laws, bills, or resolutions under the reconciliation process, it shall promptly make such determination and recommenda-

tions, and report a reconciliation bill or resolution (or both) to the House or submit such recommendations to the Committee on the Budget, in accordance with the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

#### RULE XIV. RECORDS

(a) **KEEPING OF RECORDS.**—The Committee shall keep a complete record of all Committee action which shall include—

(1) in the case of any meeting or hearing transcripts, a substantially verbatim account of remarks actually made during the proceedings, subject only to technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections authorized by the person making the remarks involved; and

(2) a record of the votes on any question on which a record vote is demanded.

(b) **PUBLIC INSPECTION.**—The result of each such record vote shall be made available by the Committee for inspection by the public at reasonable times in the offices of the Committee. Information so available for public inspection shall include a description of the amendment, motion, order, or other proposition and the name of each member voting for and each member voting against such amendment, motion, order, or proposition, and the names of those members present but not voting.

(c) **PROPERTY OF THE HOUSE.**—All Committee hearings, records, data, charts, and files shall be kept separate and distinct from the congressional office records of the member serving as Chairman of the Committee; and such records shall be the property of the House and all members of the House shall have access thereto.

(d) **AVAILABILITY OF ARCHIVED RECORDS.**—The records of the Committee at the National Archives and Records Administration shall be made available for public use in accordance with Rule VII of the Rules of the House. The Chairman shall notify the ranking minority member of the Committee of any decision, pursuant to clause 3(b)(3) or clause 4(b) of such rule, to withhold a record otherwise available, and the matter shall be presented to the Committee for a determination on written request of any member of the Committee.

(e) **AUTHORITY TO PRINT.**—The Committee is authorized to have printed and bound testimony and other data presented at hearings held by the Committee. All costs of stenographic services and transcripts in connection with any meeting or hearing of the Committee shall be paid as provided in clause 1(c) of Rule XI of the House.

#### RULE XV. COMMITTEE BUDGETS

(a) **BIENNIAL BUDGET.**—The Chairman, in consultation with the chairman of each subcommittee, the majority members of the Committee, and the minority members of the Committee, shall, for each Congress, prepare a consolidated Committee budget. Such budget shall include necessary amounts for staff personnel, necessary travel, investigation, and other expenses of the Committee.

(b) **ADDITIONAL EXPENSES.**—Authorization for the payment of additional or unforeseen Committee expenses may be procured by one or more additional expense resolutions processed in the same manner as set out herein.

(c) **TRAVEL REQUESTS.**—The Chairman or any chairman of a subcommittee may initiate necessary travel requests as provided in Committee Rule XVII within the limits of the consolidated budget as approved by the House and the Chairman may execute necessary vouchers thereof.

(d) **MONTHLY REPORTS.**—Once monthly, the Chairman shall submit to the Committee on House Administration, in writing, a full and detailed accounting of all expenditures made during the period since the last such accounting from the amount budgeted to the



Committee. Such report shall show the amount and purpose of such expenditure and the budget to which such expenditure is attributed. A copy of such monthly report shall be available in the Committee office for review by members of the Committee.

#### RULE XVI. COMMITTEE STAFF

(a) **APPOINTMENT BY CHAIRMAN.**—The Chairman shall appoint and determine the remuneration of, and may remove, the employees of the Committee not assigned to the minority. The staff of the Committee not assigned to the minority shall be under the general supervision and direction of the Chairman, who shall establish and assign the duties and responsibilities of such staff members and delegate such authority as he or she determines appropriate.

(b) **APPOINTMENT BY RANKING MINORITY MEMBER.**—The ranking minority member of the Committee shall appoint and determine the remuneration of, and may remove, the staff assigned to the minority within the budget approved for such purposes. The staff assigned to the minority shall be under the general supervision and direction of the ranking minority member of the Committee who may delegate such authority as he or she determines appropriate.

(c) **INTENTION REGARDING STAFF.**—It is intended that the skills and experience of all members of the Committee staff shall be available to all members of the Committee.

#### RULE XVII. TRAVEL OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

(a) **APPROVAL.**—Consistent with the primary expense resolution and such additional expense resolutions as may have been approved, the provisions of this rule shall govern travel of Committee members and staff. Travel to be reimbursed from funds set aside for the Committee for any member or any staff member shall be paid only upon the prior authorization of the Chairman. Travel shall be authorized by the Chairman for any member and any staff member in connection with the attendance of hearings conducted by the Committee or any subcommittee and meetings, conferences, and investigations which involve activities or subject matter under the general jurisdiction of the Committee. Before such authorization is given there shall be submitted to the Chairman in writing the following:

- (1) The purpose of the travel.
- (2) The dates during which the travel is to be made and the date or dates of the event for which the travel is being made.
- (3) The location of the event for which the travel is to be made.
- (4) The names of members and staff seeking authorization.

(b) **SUBCOMMITTEE TRAVEL.**—In the case of travel of members and staff of a subcommittee to hearings, meetings, conferences, and investigations involving activities or subject matter under the legislative assignment of such subcommittee, prior authorization must be obtained from the subcommittee chairman and the Chairman. Such prior authorization shall be given by the Chairman only upon the representation by the chairman of such subcommittee in writing setting forth those items enumerated in subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of paragraph (a) and that there has been a compliance where applicable with Committee Rule VI.

(c) **TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In the case of travel outside the United States of members and staff of the Committee or of a subcommittee for the purpose of conducting hearings, investigations, studies, or attending meetings and conferences involving activities or subject matter under the legislative assignment of the Committee or pertinent subcommittee, prior authorization must be obtained from

the Chairman, or, in the case of a subcommittee from the subcommittee chairman and the Chairman. Before such authorization is given there shall be submitted to the Chairman, in writing, a request for such authorization. Each request, which shall be filed in a manner that allows for a reasonable period of time for review before such travel is scheduled to begin, shall include the following:

- (A) The purpose of the travel.
- (B) The dates during which the travel will occur.
- (C) The names of the countries to be visited and the length of time to be spent in each.

(D) An agenda of anticipated activities for each country for which travel is authorized together with a description of the purpose to be served and the areas of Committee jurisdiction involved.

(E) The names of members and staff for whom authorization is sought.

(2) **INITIATION OF REQUESTS.**—Requests for travel outside the United States may be initiated by the Chairman or the chairman of a subcommittee (except that individuals may submit a request to the Chairman for the purpose of attending a conference or meeting) and shall be limited to members and permanent employees of the Committee.

(d) **REPORTS BY MEMBERS AND STAFF.**—Within 15 legislative days from the conclusion of any hearing, investigation, study, meeting, or conference for which travel has been authorized pursuant to this rule, each member and staff member involved in such travel shall submit a written report to the Chairman covering the activities and other pertinent observations or information gained as a result of such travel.

(e) **APPLICABILITY OF LAWS, RULES, POLICIES.**—Members and staff of the Committee performing authorized travel on official business shall be governed by applicable laws, resolutions, or regulations of the House and of the Committee on House Administration pertaining to such travel, and by the travel policy of the Committee.

#### HONORING JOHNNY ROSS

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

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

Whereas, thirty four years ago a tenacious man of God accepted his calling to serve in the Internal Revenue Service in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mr. Johnny Ross began his career with the IRS as a Control Clerk in the Collection Branch and today retires as a Case Advocate in the Taxpayer Advocate Service Team; and

Whereas, Mr. Ross has shared his time and talents, giving the citizens of our District a friend to help those in need, a fearless leader and a servant to all who wants to insure that the system works for everyone; and

Whereas, Mr. Johnny Ross 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 Mr. Johnny Ross on his retirement from the Internal Revenue Service and to wish him well in his new endeavors;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim September 24, 2010, as Mr. Johnny Ross Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, This 24th day of September, 2010.

#### IN MEMORY OF AMANDA ROS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Amanda Ros, the mother of our colleague ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN. Amanda was a proud mother, who taught her daughter ILEANA to live life to the fullest.

Amanda was known for her loving personality and her positive outlook on life. ILEANA has said that her mother was the glue that held her family together and that she always placed ILEANA and her brother in the center of her universe.

Amanda was a devoted and faithful wife. She was married to her husband, Enrique Ros, for 65 years, overcoming the naysayers that said a marriage between a Catholic man and Jewish woman could not last. In fact, Enrique held his wife in the highest esteem and has stated that she was always able to bring out the best in him.

Amanda's life was also marked by her devotion to freedom and democracy. Throughout her life she strove with her husband to bring freedom, democracy and liberty to Cuba.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering Amanda Ros, whose legacy as a loving mother and wife, and firm believer in freedom and liberty will continue to benefit others well into the future. I extend my sincerest condolences to our colleague ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, her brother, her father Enrique Ros and Amanda's four grandchildren.

#### HONORING THE CAREER OF RHETT BICKLEY

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, for over 40 years Rhett Bickley has dedicated his time and effort to ensuring the preservation of South Carolina's ecosystem. From 1966 to 2000, Rhett worked for the South Carolina Forestry Commission where he served in numerous capacities ranging from Urban and District Forester to Director of Training and Safety.

From 2000 to 2010, Rhett served as the Lexington County Landscape Administrator. In addition to his roles with the South Carolina Forestry Commission and as the Lexington County Landscape Administrator, Rhett served as Chairman of the Lexington County Soil and Water Conservation District and as Vice-chairman of the Greater Columbia Landscape Association. He has encouraged community leaders such as attorney Jake Moore of IRMO to promote Labor Day tree plantings. Rhett also served as Commissioner of the Lexington County Soil and Water Conservation District

from 2000–2010 and as Treasurer of the South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts from 2003–2008.

Throughout his esteemed career Rhett has been the recipient of many distinguished awards. He was a Clemson University Outstanding Forestry Alumnus in 1982 and the South Carolina Wildlife Federation Forest Conservationist of the Year in 1985. Moreover, Rhett received the prestigious honor of being named a Certified Forester by the Society of American Foresters in 1999.

Recently, Rhett retired from a 44 year career dedicated to ensuring the well-being of South Carolina's ecosystem. I appreciate Rhett's steadfast dedication to the Palmetto State and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

#### HONORING CHARLES DARWIN AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF SCIENCE

##### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce a resolution in support of designating February 12th as "Darwin Day." Charles Darwin was born on February 12, 1809, and his life has had a profound impact on the course of human history. Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection has not only provided a compelling explanation for the diversity of life, it is also the foundation of modern biology and genetics. Darwin exemplified the scientific curiosity that has led to new scientific breakthroughs that have helped humanity solve numerous problems and improve our quality of life.

Charles Darwin is worthy of recognition and honor. His birthday should be a time for us to celebrate the advancement of human knowledge and the achievements of reason and science. It should also be a time for Congress and other elected officials to ensure that children are being taught scientific facts and not religious dogma in our public schools. It is also an opportunity to push back against those that seek to undermine the science of climate change for political ends.

I urge all of my colleagues celebrate Darwin Day on February 12th and recognize the important role of science in our society.

#### HONORING THE KINGS DAUGHTERS

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

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

Whereas, since its founding, the Kings Daughters continues to be a worthy instrument for good; and

Whereas, the Kings Daughters through Word Church International, has enhanced the lives of young girls in DeKalb County; and

Whereas, the Kings Daughters goals are to provide a safe, structured and conducive environment for the youth to express themselves,

learn and grow; to teach girls to love themselves as God does; and

Whereas, this unique organization has seen its members give of themselves tirelessly and unconditionally to provide support for all the young ladies involved; and

Whereas, the Kings Daughters continues to serve by tutoring and mentoring our youth; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Kings Daughters for their outstanding leadership and service to our District;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim October 16, 2010, as the Kings Daughters Day, in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, This 16th day of October, 2010.

#### HONORING DAGMAR WILSON

##### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, the promise of peace in our society begins with our own personal commitment to living a life of non-violence—by rejecting our nation's reliance on weapons and war, and by making a commitment to more peaceful methods of conflict resolution.

During the U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms race, a homemaker named Dagmar Wilson picked up the telephone and organized a group of over 50,000 women across the country for a one-day demonstration calling on President Kennedy to end the arms race. Demonstrations were held in 60 cities across the country.

Through the simple use of person-to-person communication, Wilson and her allies created a movement for nonproliferation at a time when the nation most needed it. She later went on to co-found Women Strike for Peace, a group with around 500,000 members.

Mrs. Wilson died earlier this week, but her legacy of grass roots organizing for peace remains. As the cosponsor of legislation to establish a cabinet-level Department of Peace, I believe that government has a role in addressing violence and lessening its impact on our lives. Let us all act as Mrs. Wilson did and reach out to our family and friends and organize for peace.

#### RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR THE 112TH CONGRESS

##### HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(2) of rule XI, I submit the rules of the Committee on Rules for printing.

#### RULE 1—GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) The Rules of the House are the rules of the Committee and its subcommittees so far as applicable, except that a motion to recess from day to day, and a motion to dispense with the first reading (in full) of a bill or resolution, if printed copies are available, are non-debatable privileged motions in the

Committee. A proposed investigative or oversight report shall be considered as read if it has been available to the members of the Committee for at least 24 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such day).

(b) Each subcommittee is a part of the Committee, and is subject to the authority and direction of the Committee and to its rules so far as applicable.

(c) The provisions of clause 2 of rule XI of the Rules of the House are incorporated by reference as the rules of the Committee to the extent applicable.

(d) The Committee's rules shall be published in the Congressional Record not later than 30 days after the Committee is elected in each odd-numbered year.

#### RULE 2—REGULAR, ADDITIONAL, AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

##### *Regular meetings*

(a)(1) The Committee shall regularly meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday of each week when the House is in session.

(2) A regular meeting of the Committee may be dispensed with if, in the judgment of the Chairman of the Committee (hereafter in these rules referred to as the "Chair"), there is no need for the meeting.

(3) Additional regular meetings and hearings of the Committee may be called by the Chair.

##### *Notice for regular meetings*

(b) The Chair shall notify in electronic or written form each member of the Committee of the agenda of each regular meeting of the Committee at least 48 hours before the time of the meeting and shall provide to each member of the Committee, at least 24 hours before the time of each regular meeting:

(1) for each bill or resolution scheduled on the agenda for consideration of a rule, a copy of—

(A) the bill or resolution;

(B) any committee reports thereon; and

(C) any letter requesting a rule for the bill or resolution; and

(2) for each other bill, resolution, report, or other matter on the agenda a copy of—

(A) the bill, resolution, report, or materials relating to the other matter in question; and

(B) any report on the bill, resolution, report, or any other matter made by any subcommittee of the Committee.

##### *Emergency meetings*

(c)(1) The Chair may call an emergency meeting of the Committee at any time on any measure or matter which the Chair determines to be of an emergency nature; provided, however, that the Chair has made an effort to consult the ranking minority member, or, in such member's absence, the next ranking minority party member of the Committee.

(2) As soon as possible after calling an emergency meeting of the Committee, the Chair shall notify each member of the Committee of the time and location of the meeting.

(3) To the extent feasible, the notice provided under paragraph (2) shall include the agenda for the emergency meeting and copies of available materials which would otherwise have been provided under subsection (b) if the emergency meeting was a regular meeting.

##### *Special meetings*

(d) Special meetings shall be called and convened as provided in clause 2(c)(2) of rule XI of the Rules of the House.

#### RULE 3—MEETING AND HEARING PROCEDURES

##### *In general*

(a)(1) Meetings and hearings of the Committee shall be called to order and presided



over by the Chair or, in the Chair's absence, by the member designated by the Chair as the Vice Chair of the Committee, or by the ranking majority member of the Committee present as Acting Chair.

(2) Meetings and hearings of the Committee shall be open to the public unless closed in accordance with clause 2(g) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(3) Any meeting or hearing of the Committee that is open to the public shall be open to coverage by television, radio, and still photography in accordance with the provisions of clause 4 of rule XI of the Rules of the House (which are incorporated by reference as part of these rules).

(4) When a recommendation is made as to the kind of rule which should be granted for consideration of a bill or resolution, a copy of the language recommended shall be furnished to each member of the Committee at the beginning of the Committee meeting at which the rule is to be considered or as soon thereafter as the proposed language becomes available.

#### Quorum

(b)(1) For the purpose of hearing testimony on requests for rules, five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

(2) For the purpose of taking testimony and receiving evidence on measures or matters of original jurisdiction before the Committee, three members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

(3) A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of reporting any measure or matter, of authorizing a subpoena, of closing a meeting or hearing pursuant to clause 2(g) of rule XI of the Rules of the House (except as provided in clause 2(g)(2)(A) and (B)), or of taking any other action.

#### Voting

(c)(1) No vote may be conducted on any measure or motion pending before the Committee unless a majority of the members of the Committee is actually present for such purpose.

(2) A record vote of the Committee shall be provided on any question before the Committee upon the request of any member.

(3) No vote by any member of the Committee on any measure or matter may be cast by proxy.

(4) A record of the vote of each Member of the Committee on each record vote on any measure or matter before the Committee shall be made publicly available in electronic form within 48 hours, and with respect to any record vote on any motion to amend or report, shall be included in the report of the Committee showing the total number of votes cast for and against and the names of those members voting for and against.

#### Hearing procedures

(d)(1) With regard to hearings on matters of original jurisdiction, to the greatest extent practicable:

(A) each witness who is to appear before the Committee shall file with the Committee at least 24 hours in advance of the appearance a statement of proposed testimony in written and electronic form and shall limit the oral presentation to the Committee to a brief summary thereof; and

(B) each witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity shall include with the statement of proposed testimony provided in written and electronic form a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of the amount and source (by agency and program) of any Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) received during the current fiscal year or either of the two preceding fiscal years.

(2) The five-minute rule shall be observed in the interrogation of each witness before the Committee until each member of the Committee has had an opportunity to question the witness.

(3) The provisions of clause 2(k) of rule XI of the Rules of the House shall apply to any hearing conducted by the Committee.

#### Subpoenas and oaths

(e)(1) Pursuant to clause 2(m) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, a subpoena may be authorized and issued by the Committee or a subcommittee in the conduct of any investigation or series of investigations or activities, only when authorized by a majority of the members voting, a majority being present.

(2) The Chair may authorize and issue subpoenas under such clause during any period in which the House has adjourned for a period of longer than three days.

(3) Authorized subpoenas shall be signed by the Chair or by any member designated by the Committee, and may be served by any person designated by the Chair or such member.

(4) The Chair, or any member of the Committee designated by the Chair, may administer oaths to witnesses before the Committee.

#### RULE 4—GENERAL OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) The Committee shall review and study, on a continuing basis, the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of those laws, or parts of laws, the subject matter of which is within its jurisdiction.

(b) Not later than February 15 of the first session of a Congress, the Committee shall meet in open session, with a quorum present, to adopt its oversight plans for that Congress for submission to the Committee on House Administration and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, in accordance with the provisions of clause 2(d) of House rule X.

#### RULE 5—SUBCOMMITTEES

##### Establishment and responsibilities of subcommittees

(a)(1) There shall be two subcommittees of the Committee as follows:

(A) Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process, which shall have general responsibility for measures or matters related to relations between the Congress and the Executive Branch.

(B) Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House, which shall have general responsibility for measures or matters related to process and procedures of the House, relations between the two Houses of Congress, relations between the Congress and the Judiciary, and internal operations of the House.

(2) In addition, each such subcommittee shall have specific responsibility for such other measures or matters as the Chair refers to it.

(3) Each subcommittee of the Committee shall review and study, on a continuing basis, the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of those laws, or parts of laws, the subject matter of which is within its general responsibility.

##### Referral of measures and matters to subcommittees

(b)(1) In view of the unique procedural responsibilities of the Committee, no special order providing for the consideration of any bill or resolution shall be referred to a subcommittee of the Committee.

(2) The Chair shall refer to a subcommittee such measures or matters of original jurisdiction as the Chair deems appropriate given its jurisdiction and responsibilities.

(3) All other measures or matters of original jurisdiction shall be subject to consideration by the full Committee.

(4) In referring any measure or matter of original jurisdiction to a subcommittee, the Chair may specify a date by which the subcommittee shall report thereon to the Committee.

(5) The Committee by motion may discharge a subcommittee from consideration of any measure or matter referred to a subcommittee of the Committee.

#### Composition of subcommittees

(c) The size and ratio of each subcommittee shall be determined by the Committee and members shall be elected to each subcommittee, and to the positions of chairman and ranking minority member thereof, in accordance with the rules of the respective party caucuses. The Chair of the full Committee shall designate a member of the majority party on each subcommittee as its vice chairman.

#### Subcommittee meetings and hearings

(d)(1) Each subcommittee of the Committee is authorized to meet, hold hearings, receive testimony, mark up legislation, and report to the full Committee on any measure or matter referred to it.

(2) No subcommittee of the Committee may meet or hold a hearing at the same time as a meeting or hearing of the full Committee is being held.

(3) The chairman of each subcommittee shall schedule meetings and hearings of the subcommittee only after consultation with the Chair.

#### Quorum

(e)(1) For the purpose of taking testimony, two members of the subcommittee shall constitute a quorum.

(2) For all other purposes, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of a subcommittee.

#### Effect of a vacancy

(f) Any vacancy in the membership of a subcommittee shall not affect the power of the remaining members to execute the functions of the subcommittee.

#### Records

(g) Each subcommittee of the Committee shall provide the full Committee with copies of such records of votes taken in the subcommittee and such other records with respect to the subcommittee necessary for the Committee to comply with all rules and regulations of the House.

#### RULE 6—STAFF

##### In general

(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), the professional and other staff of the Committee shall be appointed, by the Chair, and shall work under the general supervision and direction of the Chair.

(2) All professional, and other staff provided to the minority party members of the Committee shall be appointed, by the ranking minority member of the Committee, and shall work under the general supervision and direction of such member.

(3) The appointment of all professional staff shall be subject to the approval of the Committee as provided by, and subject to the provisions of, clause 9 of rule X of the Rules of the House.

##### Associate staff

(b) Associate staff for members of the Committee may be appointed only at the discretion of the Chair (in consultation with the ranking minority member regarding any minority party associate staff), after taking into account any staff ceilings and budgetary constraints in effect at the time, and any terms, limits, or conditions established by the Committee on House Administration under clause 9 of rule X of the Rules of the House.

*Subcommittee staff*

(c) From funds made available for the appointment of staff, the Chair of the Committee shall, pursuant to clause 6(d) of rule X of the Rules of the House, ensure that sufficient staff is made available to each subcommittee to carry out its responsibilities under the rules of the Committee, and, after consultation with the ranking minority member of the Committee, that the minority party of the Committee is treated fairly in the appointment of such staff.

*Compensation of staff*

(d) The Chair shall fix the compensation of all professional and other staff of the Committee, after consultation with the ranking minority member regarding any minority party staff.

*Certification of staff*

(e)(1) To the extent any staff member of the Committee or any of its subcommittees does not work under the direct supervision and direction of the Chair, the Member of the Committee who supervises and directs the staff member's work shall file with the Chief of Staff of the Committee (not later than the tenth day of each month) a certification regarding the staff member's work for that member for the preceding calendar month.

(2) The certification required by paragraph (1) shall be in such form as the Chair may prescribe, shall identify each staff member by name, and shall state that the work engaged in by the staff member and the duties assigned to the staff member for the member of the Committee with respect to the month in question met the requirements of clause 9 of rule X of the Rules of the House.

(3) Any certification of staff of the Committee, or any of its subcommittees, made by the Chair in compliance with any provision of law or regulation shall be made—

(A) on the basis of the certifications filed under paragraph (1) to the extent the staff is not under the Chair's supervision and direction, and

(B) on his own responsibility to the extent the staff is under the Chair's direct supervision and direction.

## RULE 7—BUDGET, TRAVEL, PAY OF WITNESSES

*Budget*

(a) The Chair, in consultation with other members of the Committee, shall prepare for each Congress a budget providing amounts for staff, necessary travel, investigation, and other expenses of the Committee and its subcommittees.

*Travel*

(b)(1) The Chair may authorize travel for any member and any staff member of the Committee in connection with activities or subject matters under the general jurisdiction of the Committee. Before such authorization is granted, there shall be submitted to the Chair in writing the following:

(A) The purpose of the travel.

(B) The dates during which the travel is to occur.

(C) The names of the States or countries to be visited and the length of time to be spent in each.

(D) The names of members and staff of the Committee for whom the authorization is sought.

(2) Members and staff of the Committee shall make a written report to the Chair on any travel they have conducted under this subsection, including a description of their itinerary, expenses, and activities, and of pertinent information gained as a result of such travel.

(3) Members and staff of the Committee performing authorized travel on official business shall be governed by applicable laws,

resolutions, and regulations of the House and of the Committee on House Administration.

*Pay of witnesses*

(c) Witnesses may be paid from funds made available to the Committee in its expense resolution subject to the provisions of clause 5 of rule XI of the Rules of the House.

## RULE 8—COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION

*Reporting*

(a) Whenever the Committee authorizes the favorable reporting of a bill or resolution from the Committee—

(1) the Chair or acting Chair shall report it to the House or designate a member of the Committee to do so, and

(2) in the case of a bill or resolution in which the Committee has original jurisdiction, the Chair shall allow, to the extent that the anticipated floor schedule permits, any member of the Committee a reasonable amount of time to submit views for inclusion in the Committee report on the bill or resolution. Any such report shall contain all matters required by the Rules of the House of Representatives (or by any provision of law enacted as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the House) and such other information as the Chair deems appropriate.

(3) In the case of a resolution providing for consideration of a measure, the Committee report accompanying such resolution shall include an accurate explanation of any waivers of points of order, including a detailed explanation of all points of order.

*Records*

(b)(1) There shall be a transcript made of each regular meeting and hearing of the Committee, and the transcript may be printed if the Chair decides it is appropriate or if a majority of the Members of the Committee requests such printing. Any such transcripts shall be a substantially verbatim account of remarks actually made during the proceedings, subject only to technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections authorized by the person making the remarks. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require that all such transcripts be subject to correction and publication.

(2) The Committee shall keep a record of all actions of the Committee and of its subcommittees. The record shall contain all information required by clause 2(e)(1) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and shall be available for public inspection at reasonable times in the offices of the Committee.

(3) All Committee hearings, records, data, charts, and files shall be kept separate and distinct from the congressional office records of the Chair, shall be the property of the House, and all Members of the House shall have access thereto as provided in clause 2(e)(2) of rule XI of the Rules of the House.

(4) The records of the Committee at the National Archives and Records Administration shall be made available for public use in accordance with rule VII of the Rules of the House. The Chair shall notify the ranking minority member of any decision, pursuant to clause 3(b)(3) or clause 4(b) of the rule, to withhold a record otherwise available, and the matter shall be presented to the Committee for a determination on written request of any member of the Committee.

*Audio and video coverage*

(c) The Chair shall provide, to the maximum extent practicable—

(1) Complete and unedited audio and video broadcasts of all committee hearings and meetings; and

(2) For distribution of such broadcasts and unedited recordings thereof to the public and for the storage of audio and video recordings

of the proceedings. Proceedings shall be broadcast live on the Majority Committee website and recordings shall be made available on such website within one calendar day of the proceeding.

*Committee publications on the internet*

(d) To the maximum extent feasible, the Committee shall make its publications available in electronic form.

*Calendars*

(e)(1) The Committee shall maintain a Committee Calendar, which shall include all bills, resolutions, and other matters referred to or reported by the Committee and all bills, resolutions, and other matters reported by any other committee on which a rule has been granted or formally requested, and such other matters as the Chair shall direct. The Calendar shall be published periodically, but in no case less often than once in each session of Congress.

(2) The staff of the Committee shall furnish each member of the Committee with a list of all bills or resolutions (A) reported from the Committee but not yet considered by the House, and (B) on which a rule has been formally requested but not yet granted. The list shall be updated each week when the House is in session.

(3) For purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2), a rule is considered as formally requested when the Chairman of a committee which has reported a bill or resolution (or a member of such committee authorized to act on the Chairman's behalf):

(A) has requested, in writing to the Chair, that a hearing be scheduled on a rule for the consideration of the bill or resolution, and

(B) has supplied the Committee with an adequate number of copies of the bill or resolution, as reported, together with the final printed committee report thereon.

*Other procedures*

(f) The Chair may establish such other Committee procedures and take such actions as may be necessary to carry out these rules or to facilitate the effective operation of the Committee and its subcommittees in a manner consistent with these rules.

## RULE 9—AMENDMENTS TO COMMITTEE RULES

The rules of the Committee may be modified, amended or repealed, in the same manner and method as prescribed for the adoption of committee rules in clause 2 of rule XI of the Rules of the House, but only if written notice of the proposed change has been provided to each such Member at least 48 hours before the time of the meeting at which the vote on the change occurs. Any such change in the rules of the Committee shall be published in the Congressional Record within 30 calendar days after their approval.

## HONORING LILLIE MCGOWAN

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

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

Whereas, reaching the age of 80 years is a remarkable milestone; and

Whereas, Ms. Lillie McGowan was born on December 16, 1930, and is celebrating that milestone; and

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

Whereas, Ms. McGowan is celebrating her 80th Birthday with her family members, church

members and friends here in DeKalb County, Georgia, on December 16, 2010, at William Booth Towers; and

Whereas, the Lord has been her Shepherd throughout her life and she prays daily and is leading by example a blessed life; and

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating the milestone of her 80th birthday in the 4th District of Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Lillie McGowan for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all,

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim December 16, 2010, as Ms. Lillie McGowan Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, This 16th day of December, 2010.

IN REMEMBRANCE AND HONOR OF  
CONGRESSMAN TOM LANTOS ON  
THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS 83RD  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of one of our most esteemed colleagues, Congressman Tom Lantos, on the anniversary of his 83rd birthday on February 1, 2011.

In 1980, Tom was elected to the House of Representatives, the first and only Holocaust survivor to serve in the United States Congress. He was a staunch supporter of an enlightened foreign policy and human rights. Tom served as Chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs and was a co-founder of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus. The work he began and his legacy live on today through the great work of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission and the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice.

Three years ago, we lost a trusted colleague and very good friend. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembrance of our honorable and esteemed friend. He humbly served the country in this chamber for more than 25 years. It has been three years since we lost Tom and he is greatly missed by his colleagues, friends, family and the countless lives his work has touched.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF MILDRED  
HEMMONS-CARTER RECEIVING  
HER PILOT'S LICENSE AS THE  
FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN FE-  
MALE PILOT IN ALABAMA

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special Alabamian today, Mrs. Mildred Hemmons-Carter.

Mrs. Hemmons-Carter was born in Benson, Alabama, on September 12, 1921. She began

her college career at Tuskegee Institute at the young age of 15 and graduated in 1941 with a degree in Business. Mrs. Hemmons-Carter was a work study student under Mr. G.L. Washington, who, along with Tuskegee Institute President Dr. Patterson, spearheaded the Civilian Pilot Training Program and received her pilot's license on February 1, 1941.

Mrs. Hemmons-Carter was the first African-American woman to receive her pilot's license in the State of Alabama.

She continued her interest in aviation, and has lived her dreams of flying through her husband, Ret. Col. Herbert E. Carter, an original Tuskegee Airman.

I am proud to honor the 70th anniversary of this important milestone and applaud Mildred Hemmons-Carter for her work in aviation as a trailblazer in Alabama.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD "RICK"  
GRAMMIER

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, the United States has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make our country a better place to live and work. I rise today to recognize and honor one of those individuals, Richard "Rick" Grammier. Rick passed away on Sunday, January 22, 2011. He will be deeply missed.

Rick was the beloved son of Joseph and Elizabeth Grammier. After high school, Rick received his Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1977. Rick was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army and served with a field artillery unit as a Captain. Following his honorable discharge, Rick began working in Executive Management with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California. He earned his Master's Degree in computer and electrical engineering from Cal Poly Pomona.

Rick joined JPL in 1989 and was the Director for Solar System Exploration. Previously, he had served as the Deputy Director for Solar System Exploration and he has contributed to numerous flight projects including as the Command and Data Subsystem Manager for Cassini, the Project Engineer and Deputy Project Manager for Stardust, the Project Manager for Deep Impact, and the Project Manager for Juno. Rick also managed the Laboratory's Office of Mission Assurance.

Rick was awarded the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal for Cassini, as well as two NASA Outstanding Leadership Medals for his accomplishments on Stardust and Deep Impact. JPL Director Charles Elachi believed that, "Rick brought great strength to the Executive Council in his leadership role overseeing the Laboratory's robotic missions to the planets and small bodies. This is a great personal loss for me and for the Laboratory."

Rick leaves behind his beloved wife, Laura, children, Daniel, Dave, Matthew, Jackson and Jessica, his stepmother, Jeaneal Grammier, and a special nephew, Chris Grammier.

Although I never had the privilege of meeting Rick, in reading about his life I have no doubt that he will always be remembered for

his incredible intelligence, work ethic, generosity, and love of family. His dedication to his work and family is a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Rick's family, friends and co-workers; although Rick may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JO ANN EMERSON**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, I am not recorded because I was absent due to an injury. Had I been present the week of January 24th, I would have voted aye on rollcall Nos. 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, and 23. I would have voted nay on rollcall Nos. 19, 24 and 25.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE  
LIFE OF ROBERT SARGENT  
SHRIVER

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Robert Sargent Shriver, founding Director of the Peace Corps and driving force behind the War on Poverty, who entered eternal life on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, just two days before the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of his brother-in-law, John F. Kennedy. Beloved by all who met him, Sargent Shriver embodied the greatness of his generation, devoting his 95 years to fighting for peace and against poverty.

The scion of a prominent Maryland family, Sargent Shriver received his bachelor's and law degrees from Yale before becoming a successful businessman, lawyer, and Newsweek editor. He met Eunice Kennedy and began managing the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, marrying Eunice in 1953. A savvy organizer and staunch civil rights advocate, Sargent Shriver quickly became both an indispensable part of the Kennedy family and an outstanding public servant in his own right. Kennedy called for service and sacrifice; Shriver answered and animated that clarion call.

A World War II Navy Lieutenant and Purple Heart recipient, Sargent Shriver understood service in his soul. When Kennedy created the Peace Corps in 1961, he handed Shriver the signing pen and the opportunity to direct a new force for peace and engagement with the world. Sargent Shriver undertook this effort with his typical energy and zeal, working tirelessly to bring a small measure of peace to the world, and a piece of the world to the thousands of young Americans who shouldered backpacks and the responsibilities of global citizenship. My son Paul was one of them, and his Peace Corps service in Nepal lit his life and continues to guide his vision and his values today.

"The Peace Corps door is open to all who are willing to enter," Shriver once said. "All they have to do is volunteer." Many who

walked through that door began a life dedicated to service, including a number of colleagues in Congress—Senator Christopher Dodd, Congressmen MIKE HONDA, SAM FARR, JOHN GARAMENDI, STEVE DRIEHAUS, and THOMAS PETRI. While critics scoffed that Sargent Shriver's fledgling organization wouldn't last five minutes, Shriver used his unparalleled organizational and motivational skills to shepherd and shape it for five years. As we prepare to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps next month, over 200,000 Americans will have dedicated themselves to the education, environmental protection, public health, and economic development of 139 countries around the globe.

As committed to progress at home as abroad, Sargent Shriver became the primary architect of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty. As Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, he created much of the framework of our modern social safety net, including Head Start, VISTA, Job Corps, Upward Bound, and Legal Services. For a time, he continued to direct the Peace Corps even while waging the War on Poverty. Twelve-hour days and seven-day work weeks meant little to Shriver when it came to helping people. His biographer Scott Stossel writes that Shriver's colleagues believed he was always "expanding the Horizons of the Possible," in his own life and others.

Continuing his illustrious career, Shriver served with distinction as Ambassador to France. In 1972, he was the Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee, and he was a presidential candidate in 1976. In more recent years he aided his wife's work on the Special Olympics, and founded the Sargent Shriver Peace Institute, the Shriver Center at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and the Shriver Center on Poverty Law. For his lifetime of leadership and service, President Bill Clinton awarded Sargent Shriver the Presidential Medal of Freedom, joining Eunice who was a previous recipient. They became the only spouses to receive the award separately.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to extend our deepest sympathies to Sargent Shriver's family. He is survived by his five children, California's former First Lady, Maria Shriver; Robert Sargent Shriver III; The Honorable Mark Shriver; Timothy Perry Shriver; Anthony Paul Shriver; and 19 wonderful grandchildren.

Accepting the 1972 Vice Presidential nomination, Sargent Shriver invoked the words of the French Jesuit, Teilhard de Chardin:

One day after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, after all the scientific and technological achievements, we shall harness for God the energies of love. And then, for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire.

With Sargent Shriver's help, America glimpsed the glow from that fire, and in his absence we must strive to discover it once again. I'm honored to pay tribute to one of the most faith-filled, compassionate, humane and effective public servants of our time. The Sargent Shriver legacy is an unparalleled, timeless inspiration to our nation's citizens and citizens of the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR: TET, 2011:  
YEAR OF THE CAT

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Vietnamese New Year: Tet, 2011, Year of the Cat. As the Vietnamese community in Greater Cleveland gathers to celebrate, I join them in honoring their rich history and culture.

Tet is the time of the year to pay homage to ancestors, reconnect with friends and family and celebrate every hope and possibility rising with the new year. This year's gathering will once again honor community volunteers and leaders, showcasing many Vietnamese cultural treasures including Vietnamese culinary cuisine, music and dance.

2011 also marks thirty-six years of service to the community by the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc. This organization has been an invaluable resource for hundreds of Clevelanders of Vietnamese descent, linking them to needed resources and preserving the rich heritage of the Vietnamese people.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Le Nguyen, President of the Vietnamese Community in Greater Cleveland, Inc., and every member, past and present, for their dedication to Vietnamese-Americans of Northeast Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebration of the Vietnamese New Year, Tet 2011: Year of the Cat. May every American of Vietnamese heritage hold memories of their past forever in their hearts, and find peace and happiness within every new day of the rising new year.

### SUPPORT FUNDING FOR USAID

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the Republican Study Commission's proposed cuts to the U.S. Agency for International Development. This proposal comes as USAID undergoes systemic reforms that will bolster American power, fortify our national security, and realize long-term savings. Budget slashing now cuts these reforms off at the knees and seriously jeopardizes our international security and standing.

USAID is transforming itself into a modern development enterprise. Like any good business enterprise, USAID has put a laser-sharp focus on delivering the highest possible value to its shareholders, the American taxpayers. Already, USAID has launched efforts to increase efficiency, dramatically reduce contracting, strengthen evaluation and oversight, and promote capacity development. Taken together, these complex initiatives will enable USAID to achieve better results faster at lower costs.

And lower costs mean that USAID can be a better steward of taxpayer dollars. As Defense Secretary Robert Gates said, "Development is

a lot cheaper than sending in soldiers." Truly, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. USAID civilian efforts do the essential front-end work to prevent violence in the first place by strengthening democratic governance, promoting rule of law, and supporting infrastructure growth to eliminate the root causes of conflict and develop peaceful, secure states. When countries are stable, the likelihood of extremist elements diminishes and vibrant economic markets and partnership for U.S. exports emerges. USAID is helping to create strong local capacity so that development assistance is no longer necessary. USAID is truly working itself out of a job. What could be more cost-effective than that?

Finally, international development is not a partisan issue. It is an American value that reflects our fundamental belief in progress and peace. When we invest in foreign assistance, we promote international stability and build strong allies. USAID has laid the foundation to become a more effective, efficient, transparent instrument of our national security apparatus and diplomacy toolbox. Now more than ever, USAID needs Congressional support to fully realize these reforms and restore American power abroad. I strongly urge my colleagues to reconsider this misguided proposal.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD J. SOLOVE

### HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the life and achievements of Mr. Richard J. Solove.

I was proud to know Richard Solove for more than 25 years; and I was proud to call Dick my friend.

Richard J. Solove's name is well known in Central Ohio and in the health care community, but his incredible life story of generosity and compassion may not be as commonly known. The Ohio State University's renowned Comprehensive Cancer Center, Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute that bears his name is where doctors perform groundbreaking research in the fight against cancer.

Richard Solove was inspired by his father's battle with cancer and later his sister's to help bring about a cure for cancer and provide cancer patients with the very best care. A pharmacist by training, Mr. Solove had a vision to help create a state-of-the-art cancer research and care facility at his alma mater, The Ohio State University. His donation of \$20 million, the largest private donation The Ohio State University Medical Center had ever received, is helping make his vision a reality.

According to the Columbus Dispatch, "Dr. Michael Caligiuri, director of the OSU Comprehensive Cancer Center called Solove a hero for his passion, drive, tenacity, and vision . . ." while OSU President E. Gordon Gee said "Solove was among the university's most-generous alumni and that he created an 'enduring legacy' in working to find a cure for cancer."

His generosity didn't end with the one-time donation; he gave a total of \$27 million to the Medical Center. He served as the board chairman of the James Cancer Hospital's Research

Institute Foundation from 1989–1994 and remained on the board until his death last month at the age of 85. Quite literally, thousands of lives have been touched by Mr. Solove.

His commitment to fighting cancer nearly matched his devotion to Central Ohio. He had the foresight to envision the growth and expansion of this region back in the 1960s. Ending his career as a pharmacist, he began to develop shopping centers, office buildings and apartment buildings as I-270 was being built.

Growing his business, R.J. Solove and Associates, and creating Columbus Realty Investments, his 500 employees now stretch across seven states. He played a major role in developing Central Ohio's economy, leaving his footprint on the region for decades to come.

The son of Russian immigrants, a graduate of Columbus Public Schools and The Ohio State University, Richard Solove was also a son of Ohio. He lived the American dream and his legacy will be felt for years to come.

#### HONORING MAYOR RAY JENKINS

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

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

Whereas, we are saddened by the untimely death of Mayor Ray Jenkins because our lives have been touched by the life of this one man . . . who gave of himself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, Mayor Ray Jenkins' work is present in Doraville, Georgia, for all to see, being one of Doraville's favorite sons; and

Whereas, this highly effective public servant was elected as Mayor of the city of Doraville in 2003 and again in 2007; and

Whereas, he gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life as he served our nation in the U.S. Navy, with two tours during the Korean Conflict and served in the U.S. Postal Service until his retirement in 1986; and

Whereas, Mayor Jenkins was a husband, a father, a grandfather, a friend and a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a special recognition on Mayor Ray Jenkins for his leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens of Georgia and throughout the Nation as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby attest to the 112th Congress of the United States that Mayor Ray Jenkins of Doraville, DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Recognition" by declaring Mayor Ray Jenkins, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, This 7th day of February, 2011.

#### INTRODUCING THE ENSURING WORKER SAFETY ACT

### HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce the Ensuring Worker Safety Act as a means to help keep workers safe in Hawaii and across the country.

In September of 2010, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) found that under former Governor Linda Lingle, Hawaii had under-funded and systematically neglected its State Occupational Safety and Health Act plan (OSHA State plan). As a result, Hawaii did not have enough workplace inspections or on-site consultations to keep workers safe. Hawaii was the only State in the nation found breaking its State plan obligations.

Unfortunately, for Hawaii and the 27 States/territories with approved State plans, DOL is extremely limited in its authority to help State plans improve. If DOL determines that an approved State plan is not "at least as effective as" Federal standards and enforcement, its only recourse is to terminate the State plan, a drastic step that would remove State control, leave State and local government employees unprotected, and add costs to DOL for funding and running a health and safety program in the State.

To help States respond to this challenge, today I introduce the Ensuring Worker Safety Act, which would give Federal DOL options other than completely terminating an under-performing State plan.

Specifically, the Ensuring Worker Safety Act:

Establishes a formal mechanism for OSHA to identify a problem with a State plan and compel a remedy without beginning the process for withdrawing approval.

Ensures continued application of health and safety regulations by providing OSHA with concurrent enforcement authority while a State plan is remedying deficiencies or being withdrawn, after 30 days notice of official Federal action and an opportunity for a public hearing.

Holds Federal OSHA accountable for providing strong oversight and guidance to State plans by establishing a regular Government Accountability Office (GAO) study—one every five years—to look at the effectiveness of State plans and the Secretary of Labor's oversight of such plans.

For her work on this bill in the 111th Congress, I thank my former colleague Congresswoman Dina Titus of Nevada. I look forward to her continued contributions to public service.

#### HONORING KAYLAN POINDEXTER

### HON. JOSEPH J. HECK

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. HECK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor a young student from Henderson, NV, who achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service. Kaylan Poindexter was named a Nevada finalist in the 2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor given to the

most impressive student volunteers in each state and the District of Columbia.

A senior at College Southern Nevada High School, Kaylan served as the assistant activities coordinator for Sunrise Assisted Living of Henderson. She assisted elderly residents and brightened their day with activities like baking, creating art, gardening, traveling and other special events.

Kaylan also served as a student ambassador for the 2010 Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk, and raised awareness about the disease by reaching out to students in the Clark County School District.

Given the difficult circumstances facing Nevadans today, Kaylan is an example of what makes our country great. She defies the statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were.

Kaylan, her family, friends and community should be proud of her accomplishments. The fact she was singled out from thousands of dedicated volunteers who participated in this year's program is truly praiseworthy. I applaud Kaylan for her commitment to making Henderson a better place to live, and for the positive impact she made on the lives she touched.

#### HONORING GRANDPARENTS

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

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

Whereas, the Grandparents of our Nation give of themselves to better the families and communities of our District; and

Whereas, Grandparents teach our children, raise our leaders and Grandparents demonstrate a spirit of giving, service and leadership to our District; and

Whereas, our District, families and communities have benefited from our Grandparents working to build a strong foundation in the lives of our community; and

Whereas, our Grandparents have worked tirelessly to give their best to support our community mentally, spiritually and physically; to be a resource for our future and by being the bridge to our past; and

Whereas the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Grandparents at Peace Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia, for their service, love and leadership;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 12th as Grandparents Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, This 12th day of September, 2010.

#### REMEMBERING ARTHUR W. "NICK" ARUNDEL

### HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I want to share with our colleagues the sad news of the passing yesterday of Arthur W. "Nick" Arundel,

founder of the Times Community newspapers and publisher of the Loudoun Times-Mirror and Fauquier Times-Democrat, at age 83 at his home at Merry Oak Farm near The Plains, Virginia, in the 10th Congressional District.

I had the honor and pleasure of knowing Nick Arundel, a decorated Marine Corps officer, acclaimed local newspaper owner and publisher, community leader, land preservationist, animal conservationist, and philanthropist who leaves a legacy of accomplishment that may never be matched.

On behalf of 10th District residents I offer sincere condolences to his wife, Peggy, their five children, and 11 grandchildren. Their son, Peter, is president and chairman of the board of Times Community newspapers.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the obituary of Nick Arundel published in the Loudoun-Times Mirror of February 8.

ARTHUR W. "NICK" ARUNDEL, 1928–2011

On the eve of yet another honor in a long list of local, state, national and international accolades, Loudoun Times-Mirror and Fauquier Times-Democrat publisher Arthur W. "Nick" Arundel died at his beloved Merry Oak Farm near The Plains, on Feb. 8.

He was 83, and was to be named the Outstanding Virginian of 2011 by the Virginia General Assembly today.

The son of Russell M. Arundel, a Pepsi-Cola executive and fox hunting enthusiast who once served as the chairman of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association, and Marjorie Arundel, a renowned conservationist, Mr. Arundel took inspiration from both sides of the family.

He played polo and raced steeplechase horses, was an avid rider and fox hunter and founded Great Meadow Field Events Center.

Mr. Arundel raced Sugar Bee, the only Virginia-bred horse to win both the Maryland Hunt Cup and the Virginia Gold Cup at Great Meadow. In his career, Sugar Bee earned Timber Horse of the Year and National Stock Horse Association Horse of the Year honors.

Mr. Arundel also was an early enthusiast and a lifelong energetic supporter of land conservation programs, helping launch and nurture conservation easement programs that have done much to preserve open space, agriculture and forestry in the northern Piedmont.

Wildcat Mountain, site of Merry Oak Farm, was one of the first large tracts of land to be put in conservation easement in Fauquier County. Altogether, the Arundel family has put more than 5,000 acres under conservation easement.

"Growth over the years just ahead here will probably be greater than in all of the combined history of Fauquier County," Mr. Arundel wrote in a front-page statement of purpose in his first issue as owner of The Fauquier Democrat, which he bought in November 1974.

"It has the promise of creating opportunity for work and careers for young people here, which have not always been present. Growth must not and shall not happen at the price of destroying this county's beauty, natural heritage and its vital farm industry."

Great Meadow perhaps is the Fauquier County crown jewel that perfectly aligns Mr. Arundel's interest in equestrian sport and land conservation.

The 540-acre tract had been destined for houses on one-acre lots when Mr. Arundel purchased the boggy, low-lying property.

"In an increasingly crowded nation with such large pieces of land for these events gradually disappearing," Great Meadow Foundation trustees said in accepting Mr. Arundel's gift of the land, "Great Meadow

will provide a permanent, open-space green theater preserved from development to engage the graceful drama and color of these sports for the general public . . . For the community and legacy of these great sports, we are grateful for Mr. Arundel's characteristic thoughtfulness in making this possible."

Born in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 12, 1928, Mr. Arundel grew up there and in Mason City, Iowa. He graduated from Harvard in 1951, a friend and classmate of Robert F. Kennedy, and served as a Marine Corps paratroop officer in Korea, where he was wounded, earning the Purple Heart.

In 1954, Mr. Arundel parachuted behind the lines into Hanoi, leading a clandestine team to successfully destroy key installations there before Ho Chi Minh took over the city after the French loss at Dien Bien Phu. That would not be his last mission in southeast Asia.

Mr. Arundel left the Marine Corps in 1955 with the rank of captain, but returned to serve his country as a paramilitary officer attached to the CIA in Vietnam. He was wounded there as well, earning a second Purple Heart.

Mr. Arundel was fond of telling the story of convincing Edward R. Murrow that he had the skills and drive necessary to become a reporter. Murrow was apparently swayed by the young former Marine and sent Mr. Arundel to work as a Defense Department correspondent in the Washington bureau of CBS News. Mr. Arundel later joined United Press International, also covering the Defense Department.

After a stint as a special assistant to the Secretary of Commerce, and with a bank loan of \$75,000 and the courage of his convictions, Mr. Arundel purchased D.C.-area radio station WARL, a country music station, changing the name to WAVA. Arundel and his staff began reading wire service stories on the air when the popular morning announcer was killed in a car crash on his way to work.

WAVA became, "the first all-news station in the world," Mr. Arundel said. "It's very pleasing to see that being carried on today . . . in television."

Over the ensuing years, Mr. Arundel built Arundel Communications (ArCom, now Times Community Media), adding radio, television and, with the 1963 purchase of the Loudoun Times-Mirror, newspapers.

"I fell in love with print journalism and left broadcasting," Mr. Arundel said. "I sold out of it."

The money was in broadcasting, but the joy was in print. I was never in print journalism till I bought my first newspaper and walked in the door, sight unseen."

Mr. Arundel bought what was then called the Fauquier Democrat in 1974. At the pinnacle of his career as a newspaper publisher, ArCom operated 17 weekly community newspapers in Fauquier, Culpeper, Prince William, Clarke, Loudoun and Fairfax counties.

Politically active, Mr. Arundel was on a first-name basis with virtually every prominent Virginia politician and many others who walk the national stage.

While still at Harvard, he served in an internship with then-U.S. Sen. Lyndon Johnson on Capitol Hill. He also ran the Virginia presidential campaign for Harvard classmate Robert F. Kennedy and threw his own hat into the ring for election to the Virginia Senate in the early '70s as a Democrat.

Pragmatic and more concerned about leadership than party labels, Mr. Arundel endorsed a variety of candidates for public office on the editorial pages of his newspapers, including, most recently, Republican John McCain for president in 2008.

"In the first part of your life, you learn," Mr. Arundel said of the development of Great

Meadow, which he donated to the nonprofit Great Meadow Foundation. "In the second, you earn, and in the third, you give it all back."

He remained in active pursuit of the last-named goal until the end of his life.

Recent projects included the establishment of Morningside Training Farm, a 120-acre equestrian center at the very foot of the Merry Oak driveway. There, Mr. Arundel was building a training facility for every facet of equestrian sport.

He also was actively engaged in the Journey Through Hallowed Ground, which he founded and for which he served as chairman.

Mr. Arundel was a founder and president of Friends of the National Zoo; the first chairman of George Mason College (now George Mason University); a founder and president of Piedmont Environmental Council; founder of the U.S. Marine Corps Heritage Center in Quantico; co-founder of the National Press Foundation; co-founder of the Washington Journalism Center, co-founder and past president of the African Wildlife Foundation; and a member of the Board of Visitors of Harvard's Kennedy Center of Government, Duke University's Public Affairs Institute, the Monticello Founders Board, the Virginia Higher Education Business Council, National Sporting Library, National Military History Museum, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, George Washington University, Waterford Foundation, Fresh Air/Full Call Campaign, the Virginia Racing Commission, and the Americans at War Foundation. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame of Virginia Communications in 2001.

Mr. Arundel was married for 53 years to his wife Peggy, nee Margaret C. McElroy, of Philadelphia, who survives him.

The couple had five children, all of whom also survive—Mrs. Donald DeWees, of Wilmington, Del.; Peter W. Arundel, of McLean; Wendy Arundel, of Sherborn, Mass.; John Arundel, of Alexandria; Thomas B. Arundel, of Washington, D.C.; and 11 grandchildren.

Peter Arundel is president and chairman of the board of Times Community Media, the parent company of the Loudoun Times-Mirror, as well as the Fauquier Times-Democrat, the Culpeper Times and the Gainesville Times.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CLARK MAXWELL, JR.

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of an educator, a statesman and a friend, Clark Maxwell, Jr., who passed away on January 18th.

Clark, was born August 21, 1934, in St. Petersburg. He grew up in Winter Park and graduated from Florida Southern College in 1956. After serving in the Army, he moved to Melbourne in 1959 and worked for Pan Am during the beginning years of the space program.

After leaving the private sector, Clark began his public service while serving as Member of the Brevard County School Board. Moving forward, as he always did, Clark decided to run for and won election to the Florida House of Representatives in 1974 and finally the Florida Senate in 1978. He served six years in that body and was eventually elected Republican Leader.



His passion was always education. It began at the local level, progressed to a regional level, and matured at the state level, when he resigned from the Florida Senate in 1984 to become Executive Director of the State Board of Community Colleges. He served with distinction in that position until 1997 when he formally retired. But retirement had a different meaning to Clark. After moving to Flagler County, Clark continued to support education and even hosted a television program called "Eyes on Education"; an appropriate name as Clark always did have his eye out for improving the educational system in Florida.

To Clark's wife Margo and his three children, Clark III, Judy Henderson, and Marcia Maxwell, we extend our deepest sympathies.

Clark truly made an indelible mark on education in Florida. In our community, he always stressed integrity, compassion and public service, and through that principled dedication he leaves a proud and distinguished legacy. Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing Clark Maxwell's years of service and dedication to our community, our state and our Nation.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF LTG JAMES H. PILLSBURY

##### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Lieutenant General James H. Pillsbury.

LTG Pillsbury was commissioned in May of 1973 and served in a myriad of key positions throughout his career, from second lieutenant platoon leader to lieutenant general and deputy commanding general of Army Materiel Command.

LTG Pillsbury served as Commander of the U.S. Army, Aviation and Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal in Alabama from 2003–2007. While there, he was instrumental in his efforts to represent the greater Tennessee Valley and Redstone Arsenal during the Base Realignment and Closure selection process. With LTG Pillsbury's support, Redstone Arsenal was successful in securing the relocation of Army Materiel Command Headquarters from Fort Belvoir, Virginia to Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

LTG Pillsbury's presentation was inclusive of all tenants of Redstone Arsenal and included the two subordinate commands of AMCOM, Letterkenny Army Depot (PA) and Corpus Christi Army Depot (TX). His presentation focused on the value of the installation to not only the Army but all of the Department of Defense, and the ability and potential for growth beyond BRAC 2005.

He and his wife, Becky have returned to Redstone Arsenal where he'll complete his military service while assigned as the Deputy Commanding General for Army Materiel Command and will retire in May after 38 years of service.

I congratulate LTG Pillsbury on his retirement and thank him for his service to America.

#### HONORING JUSTICE ROBERT BENHAM

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

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

Whereas, Justice Robert Benham, a tenacious man from Cartersville, Georgia utilizes his gifts, talents and wisdom everyday to insure that justice prevails for the citizens of the state of Georgia; and

Whereas, Justice Benham is a world renowned judicial leader, husband, father and community leader; and

Whereas, Justice Benham is the first African American to serve on the Georgia Supreme Court, and

Whereas he is a man of honor and a strong advocate of justice, education and family; and

Whereas, this wise elder and man of God has shared his time and talents for the betterment of his community and his nation and through his tireless works, words of encouragement and inspiration continues to be a beacon of light to all who know him; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Justice Robert Benham for his outstanding leadership and service to all citizens in the state of Georgia, including and especially the citizens of our district;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY. C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim February 5, 2011, as Justice Robert Benham Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, This 5th day of February, 2011.

#### RECOGNIZING MANASVI KOUL

##### HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize a truly inspiring student in my district—Manasvi Koul of Waxhaw. This week, Manasvi was honored with the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism.

Manasvi, a senior at Marvin Ridge High School, founded the LIVEbeyond Foundation, a nonprofit organization that educates people about becoming bone marrow donors. Through the LIVEbeyond Foundation, more than a hundred people have registered with the national Marrow Donors Program, and even more volunteers have signed up to help recruit and register potential donors.

Her mission is a personal one—four years ago, Manasvi needed a bone marrow transplant to fight an aggressive form of cancer. Unable to find a match, she had to undergo a long and risky alternative treatment program, which ultimately proved successful. Today, she recruits and trains volunteers in chapters both in the United States and in Canada in the hope that others will not have to go through the struggle she did.

Nobody chooses to get cancer, but with Manasvi's leadership, hundreds of people are

choosing to be a part of the cure. Seeing such dedication and selflessness from our country's young people truly gives me hope for the future. Manasvi's commitment to helping those with cancer is nothing short of inspirational, and it is my honor to recognize her today.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded vote on the House floor the legislative day of Tuesday, February 8, 2011. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote #26 (on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 514).

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

##### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,110,420,810,062.28.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,471,995,063,768.40 since then.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

#### HONORING JESSE AND RUTH YOUNG

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

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

Whereas, Jesse and Ruth Young are celebrating seventy years (70) in marriage today in Decatur, Georgia; and

Whereas, on September 12, 1940, because of their union then, our community today has been blessed with a family that has enhanced our District, Mr. Young as a peace officer and Mrs. Young as a housewife and caregiver, they both are instruments in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical, economic and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God and this phenomenal and virtuous Proverbs 31 woman have given hope to the hopeless, fed the hungry and are beacons of light to those in need, they both have been blessed with ten wonderful children, fifteen wonderful grandchildren, twenty-eight great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren; and

Whereas, Jesse and Ruth Young are distinguished citizens of our District, they are spiritual warriors, persons of compassion, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their

family, but with our District their passion to improve the lives of others; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Jesse and Ruth Young as they celebrate their 70th Anniversary, seventy (70) years in marital bliss;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim September 11, 2010, and September 12, 2010, as Jesse and Ruth Young Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, This 11th day of September, 2010.

COMMENDING WILLIAM VINCE  
AND VIP HONDA OF SOMERSET  
COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

### HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate William Vince of Bernardsville, New Jersey. This year Mr. Vince is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his dealership, VIP Honda, which is located in North Plainfield, New Jersey.

VIP Honda was founded by Mr. Vince and he continues to own and operate it to this day in the heart of the Seventh Congressional District. VIP Honda has been praised by customers for "making car buying stress-free," and it has consistently met the standards of excellence Honda and consumers expect. One customer said, "I would recommend VIP Honda to any of my family and friends." VIP Honda was among the first Honda automobile dealerships in the Nation, and its success paralleled that of Honda automobiles across the country.

From the beginning, Mr. Vince shared his success by giving back to the community. Mr. Vince is constantly ready to lend a helping hand to the community and has consistently proven his willingness to help throughout the years. His support for local police and fire departments shows his dedication to our public servants, and his involvement in community-wide events has been well documented throughout the years. Mr. Vince is also involved in a variety of charitable, nonprofit and other worthwhile organizations, for which I commend him.

Mr. Vince will be 87 on March 17. I am pleased to congratulate him and his dealership on their achievements throughout the years.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF SERGEANT NORMAN ELDEN WILLINGHAM

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Sergeant Norman Elden Willingham.

Sgt. Willingham grew up in Tuscaloosa County and graduated from Northside High School in 1969. After graduation, he served with honor and distinction in the U.S. Marine

Corp from 1969–71 with a tour of duty in Vietnam as a machine gunner.

In 1974, he graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Arts degree. From 1974–76, he worked as a police officer for the University of Alabama Police Department. From 1976–80, he was employed as a police officer with the City of Tuscaloosa and earned a Masters degree in criminal justice in 1979 from the University of Alabama.

In 1980, he went to work for the Birmingham Police Department. Upon graduating Birmingham Police Department's academy, Sgt. Willingham was immediately transferred into the Narcotics Unit, where he worked undercover for 2 years. In 1982, Sgt. Willingham went to work for the Northport Police Department, where he was assigned as one of the original members of the West Alabama Drug Task Force until 1985.

In 1985, he went to work with the Alabama Department of Public Safety. Sgt. Willingham was assigned as an Alabama State Trooper in Greene County, Alabama, for 3 years, where he developed a reputation as a professional law enforcement officer. In 1988, Sgt. Willingham transferred to the Alabama Bureau of Investigations where he completed assignments in the general crime investigative division and the narcotics investigation units.

In 1999, Sgt. Willingham was assigned to the Birmingham District Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration where he serves until his retirement on April 1, 2011. He has developed a reputation throughout Alabama and the United States narcotics law enforcement community as the "go to guy" in Alabama. Sgt. Willingham has been the case agent on several multi-state and international drug investigations which have led to the dismantlement of drug trafficking organizations throughout the United States.

He is preparing to slow down and work on his farm in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, with his wife Martha, and spending time with his family. I congratulate Sgt. Willingham on his retirement and thank him for his service to America.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION  
TO REFORM THE TREATMENT OF  
ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATIONS  
UNDER THE SBA'S 8(a) PROGRAM

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing legislation to level the playing field in the Small Business Administration's, SBA, 8(a) small and disadvantaged business program by eliminating the preferences and special rules that exist for Alaska Native Corporations, ANCs.

The 8(a) program was established to improve participation rates for small, minority-owned and operated, economically and socially disadvantaged businesses in the Federal marketplace.

Under the program, eligible businesses receive training, technical assistance, and Federal contracting opportunities through set-asides and contract awards without competition.

In the current economic climate, 8(a) contracting opportunities can sometimes be the

difference between success and failure for small struggling businesses all across America.

Yet, all too often, small businesses are crowded out of the Federal marketplace by ANCs who, since 1986, have benefited from a carve-out which allows these firms to receive contracts under the 8(a) program with "special procurement advantages"—including the ability to win uncapped no-bid contracts. These benefits are not conferred to other 8(a) firms.

As a result, ANCs, who only make up about 2 percent of eligible firms under the 8(a) program, actually receive more than a fourth of 8(a) contracts.

Between FY2000 and FY2008, Federal contract dollars awarded to ANCs and their subsidiaries grew by 1,386 percent, and have more than tripled in recent years, from \$1.1 billion in FY 2004 to \$3.9 billion in FY 2008.

The Washington Post, and more recently Pro Publica, have published exposes that reveal the inequities of the ANC carve-out and how it has contributed to government waste.

My partner in the Senate in this effort is Senator CLAIRE MCCASKILL of Missouri has done extensive oversight of the ANC carve-out through her work on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Ad-hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight.

I have been interested in the distorting effect of the ANC carve-out since 2005, when FEMA disproportionately awarded post-Katrina recovery contracts to ANC.

At my request, the Government Accountability Office studied the program and, in 2006, reported that the SBA's oversight of ANCs has "fallen short" and as a result there is "clearly the potential for unintended consequences or abuse." GAO further found that "sizable 8(a) revenues do not guarantee a higher level of shareholder benefits" to Alaska Natives.

The evidence for whether these revenues have benefited Native Alaskans is anecdotal at best but, interestingly, the poverty rate in Alaska has actually gone up since 1986, from 8.8 percent to 9.4 percent.

There are many glaring inconsistencies between the treatment of ANCs and all other 8(a) firms.

For example: while awards to regular 8(a) firms are capped at \$3.5 million for services contracts (or \$5.5 million for goods), they are uncapped for ANCs and are often awarded through sole-source, no-bid contracts; while regular 8(a) firms may not participate in the program for more than nine years, ANCs can remain in the program indefinitely as long as they keep creating new subsidiaries; while regular 8(a) firms have to prove every year that they are socially and economically disadvantaged, ANCs are presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged; while regular 8(a) firms have to be run by an economically disadvantaged minority, ANCs do not have to be minority-owned and operated and are actually often run by wealthy non-Native managers.

My legislation will: (1) standardize the eligibility requirements for all 8(a) firms; (2) require ANCs to show that they are actually economically and socially disadvantaged, as is required by other 8(a) firms; (3) require all 8(a) firms, including ANCs, to show, on an annual basis, that they are owned and operated by social and economical disadvantaged persons;

(4) require the SBA to ensure that the size of ANCs participating in the 8(a) program meet the same "small business" definition as other 8(a) firms; (5) require ANCs to submit an annual report indicating 8(a) program-related payments, total revenue, and the total amount of benefits paid to ANC shareholders; (6) strike the provision that allows ANCs to receive sole-source contracts in excess of \$3.5 million for services and \$5.5 million for goods; and (7) remove the provision that allows ANCs to participate in the 8(a) program beyond 9 years, the limitation in place on other 8(a) firms.

I urge Members to review my legislation and cosponsor this bill to ensure that eligible small businesses, in your community and mine, can reap the full benefit of the 8(a) program.

TRIBUTE TO SAN CLEMENTE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR LORI DONCHAK

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of San Clemente, California are exceptional. San Clemente has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Lori Donchak is one of these individuals. On February 24, 2011, Lori will receive a prestigious honor when the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce names her the 2010 Citizen of the Year at the organiza-

tion's annual awards and installation dinner at the Talega Golf Club.

Lori Donchak graduated from Northwestern University with a B.S. in Linguistics and Education. She received an MBA from Kellogg Graduate School of Management and enjoyed a 20-year career as a business executive in the communications industry. She currently teaches English at St. Margaret's Episcopal School. She also serves on the San Clemente City Council and is currently the Mayor.

As part of her city council duties, Lori is chair of the Traffic Task Force, CUSD Liaison, member of the Safety/Quiet Zone Committee, Housing Element Committee, Courtney's Sandcastle Committee and the Watershed Task Force. She is a member of the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, San Clemente Historical Society and Friends of the Casa.

Lori's contributions to the community of San Clemente are numerous. She has contributed countless hours to beach clean-up projects; participated in litter clean-up throughout San Clemente; volunteers at St. Margaret's Episcopal School Library; she is a graduate of the "Leadership San Clemente Education Program;" voluntarily examines San Clemente and reports gang graffiti; remains involved in programs with Camp Pendleton to aesthetically rejuvenate South San Clemente.

Lori's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of San Clemente, California. She has been the heart and soul of many community organizations and events and I am proud to call her a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for her service and salute her, along with her family, as she receives this prestigious award.

HONORING PASTOR GRACE C. WASHINGTON

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011*

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

Whereas, twenty-five (25) years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve as Senior Pastor, and

Whereas, Pastor Grace C. Washington has served twenty-five (25) years as a Senior Pastor with faithful service and devotion that has and continues to improve the lives of citizens in our district; and

Whereas, this great woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Counselor, Friend and Pastor, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar and a servant to all who wants to advance the lives of our community; and

Whereas, Pastor Grace C. Washington service to the Love Life Christian Church speaks volume not only to our community, but to the nation as a whole; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Pastor Grace C. Washington on her anniversary as a Senior Pastor and to wish her well in her endeavors;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim October 9, 2010, as Pastor Grace C. Washington Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 9th day of October, 2010.