

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 241 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 599); and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 242 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 503, as amended).

HONORING MR. BOB LOTT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Mr. Bob Lott. For over twenty years Bob Lott has documented and produced numerous videos that have been used to teach and inform African American people about their ancestral lineage to help combat the disproportionate ills they have suffered compared to other races.

Mr. Bob Lott and then partner Walt Gavin pioneered a nationally syndicated black music show on commercial television with The Gavin & Lott Show. He then followed that effort with the breakthrough production of City Sounds. Over the years, Mr. Lott has worked with many legendary recording artists at Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff's Philadelphia International Records, including Teddy Pendergrass, McFadden & Whitehead, Patti LaBelle, Bunny Sigler, and The O'Jays.

Moreover, Mr. Lott produced numerous documentaries shedding much needed light on important historical figures, including my friends Kenny Gamble and the great Representative David Richardson. Over the years, he has produced music videos, eleven nationally aired infomercials, television commercials, and promotional videos for countless corporations and non-profits. Mr. Lott will be honored by the Marian Anderson Historical Society on May 31, 2014 for his dedication to aiding African American people through film.

It is a privilege to recognize a person whose leadership and commitment have inspired and supported so many in our region. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Bob Lott for his lifetime of service and dedication to Pennsylvania's First Congressional District.

IN RECOGNITION OF FERNANDO GARCIA

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished life of Mr. Fernando Garcia.

Mr. Garcia, who served as Bristol Community College's Chair of the Board of Trustees, passed away after a long and valiant battle that lasted several years. During his life, he was a tireless advocate for students as well as educational opportunities for all, and his devotion and dedication to Bristol Community College was unsurpassed. When he was appointed the Chair of the Board of Trustees at Bristol Community College in 2012, Gov. Deval Patrick called Mr. Garcia a "critical partner" in the Commonwealth's "collective efforts to better serve our students and employers." An exceptional role model for students and a valuable asset to his colleagues at the Bristol Community College, Mr. Garcia will be sorely missed.

A graduate of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Mr. Garcia was also a local business leader in the South Coast region for over 30 years. In 2001, Mr. Garcia was named Fall River's Business Person of the Year, and only a year later he was inducted into the New Bedford Area Business Hall of Fame. Mr. Garcia has also served on the Board of Directors for the Fall River Chamber of Commerce for several years and held a post as the Vice Chair for the Fall River Office of Economic Development. As a friend and leader in the South Coast community, Mr. Garcia understood Bristol Community College's role in the local economy and in the livelihoods of its students and faculty.

We celebrate Fernando Garcia's life and his proactive role in the business community of Fall River. Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. Fernando Garcia for over three decades of outstanding service to the community and economy in southeastern Massachusetts. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Mr. Garcia for his countless contributions.

RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEERS WITH THE MOUNTAIN EMPIRE OLDER CITIZENS FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in order to recognize volunteers with the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Foster Grandparent Program, which pairs people aged 60 and older with students for tutoring

and mentorship purposes. The impact that simply spending time with children has on their development cannot be overstated. As a father myself, I see that impact first-hand.

It is my honor to submit into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the 2013-2014 Foster Grandparent Program volunteers:

Irene Bailey, Lucille Baker, Minnie Baker, Betty Barker, Moe Dennison, Shirley Gardner, Ruth Gibson, Bess Gillenwater, Ruth Hogue, Carolyn Johnson, Patsy King, Sheila Miller, Edith Moore, Sharon Mullins, Bonnie Olinger, Sarah Parsons, Mary Rogers, Ruth Shawver, Marie Smith, Thelma Smith, Betty Stewart, Aleatha Strong, and Thelma Welch.

Mr. Speaker, I want to send my deepest thanks to folks working with and volunteering for the Mountain Empire Older Citizens Foster Grandparent Program, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these volunteers for their efforts on behalf of Southwest Virginia's young people.

HONORING ELIZABETH GILBERTSON FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND COMMITMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered today as the new UNITE HERE HEALTH healthcare center in Atlantic City, New Jersey celebrates its grand opening and is named in honor of an outstanding health care advocate and my dear friend, Elizabeth Gilbertson. Betsy has dedicated her professional life and much of her personal time to ensuring that everyone has access to affordable, quality health care. The dedication of this new health center in her honor is a testament to the extraordinary commitment she has shown to this effort as well as the distinguished reputation she has earned as an advocate healthcare provider.

From the earliest days of her career Betsy combined her passion for advocacy with that of her belief that quality, affordable healthcare was a right, not a privilege. As a member of the Connecticut Nurses Association and District 1199, New England SEIU, Betsy represented her fellow nurses in collective bargaining. She also led a non-profit women's health center before joining UNITE HERE HEALTH, a Taft-Hartley labor management trust fund that aims to provide health benefits that offer high quality, affordable health care to their participants, where she held a number of leadership roles prior to her current position as Chief of Strategy.

Betsy's dedication to quality, affordable healthcare extends far beyond her professional career. She has served on National Quality Forum Task Forces on patient safety and ambulatory care measures; was founder

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as well as Chair/Co-Chair of the Health Services Coalition, a labor-management organization that contracts with hospitals and advocates for public policies that improve quality health care, affordability, and access in Nevada; and was a Board member of the National Committee for Quality Assurance for five years. Today she continues her good work serving on the Lown Institute Advisory Council and the federal Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a special note of thanks to Betsy for her many years of friendship, support, and guidance. She has not only been an invaluable resource to me on healthcare issues, but a cherished friend. I, like so many of those who have the opportunity to work with her, continued to be inspired by her passion and compassion. I consider myself fortunate to call her my friend.

Betsy's commitment to quality, affordable healthcare, not only for the members UNITE HERE HEALTH but for all, is unparalleled and it is no surprise that the labor and management Trustees of UNITE HERE HEALTH voted unanimously to honor her service to this organization by naming this new center in her honor. I am so proud to join her husband, John Wilhelm, their children Tom and Vinnie, their grandson, Alonzo, and the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered in extending my heartfelt congratulations to Elizabeth B. Gilbertson on this very special occasion.

RECOGNIZING DANIEL KRUEGER
FOR 35 YEARS OF SERVICE AS
OTTAWA COUNTY CLERK

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Daniel Krueger and his commendable service to Michigan's Western District as Ottawa County Clerk.

Daniel Krueger, the longest serving county clerk in the state, has served as the Ottawa County Clerk for over 35 years. During this time Daniel Krueger has proudly served the people of Ottawa County, as well as all of West Michigan.

Daniel Krueger received his Bachelor's in History from Hope College in Holland, Michigan. He then went on to receive his Masters Degree from Michigan State University. In 1978, Daniel Krueger was appointed to serve as the Ottawa County Clerk, and in 2012, he was elected as the Ottawa County Clerk and Register of Deeds. He is a member of the Michigan Association of County Clerks, and he has been on the legislative committee serving as chair and co-chair since 1990. He was also appointed to the board of the Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds in 2013 where he continues to serve.

Throughout his career, Daniel Krueger has worked to improve and enhance the efficiency of the county clerk's office. Beginning in 1980, Mr. Krueger initiated the computerization of court processes, and in 2006 he began the process of digitalizing all of the county court records. He has continued to work toward a paperless court process with electronic transmittal of records between county court offices,

electronic certification of court documents, and online jury processes. For his efforts in promoting efficiency and the education of others, Mr. Krueger has been selected as County Clerk of the Year, and was selected as the Michigan State University Continuing Education's Clerk of the Year.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Daniel Krueger for his service to Ottawa County and the Western District.

COMMEMORATING REPUBLIC DAY
IN AZERBAIJAN

HON. JIM BRIDENSTINE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. BRIDENSTINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 96th anniversary of Republic Day in Azerbaijan. Yesterday, in 1918, Azerbaijan received its independence from the Russian Empire and officially declared the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic (ADR).

At the time of its independence, the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic was the first-ever modern parliamentary republic in the Muslim world and was an early adopter of full political rights for women. The Azerbaijan parliament granted women the right to vote shortly after its nation's founding, preceding even the United States in granting such a right to men and women equally.

Unfortunately, the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic's initial independence was short lived, as the Soviet Union invaded the country in 1920. Following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, Azerbaijan regained full independence and reestablished the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic.

For the last 23 years, Azerbaijan has been a reliable strategic ally of the United States in an often-hostile region of the world. Azerbaijan has been a partner with the U.S. on economic, trade and military issues, even supporting U.S. and NATO operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In my state of Oklahoma, our National Guard has established a strategic relationship with Azerbaijan through the National Guard State Partnership Program (SPP). This program connects state and territorial National Guards to military and civilian personnel in 70 partner nations and I am proud of the relationship between the Oklahoma National Guard and our friend, Azerbaijan.

I congratulate the people of Azerbaijan on this important anniversary and thank them for their continued support and partnership.

RECOGNITION OF RIO VISTA HIGH
SCHOOL AP GOVERNMENT CLASS

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of California's Third Congressional District, I want to congratulate the AP Government students and their teacher at Rio Vista High School for completing a class project on three major policy issues: welfare reform, health care, and unequal access to education.

They demonstrated hard work in this inspiring program. Education is about developing knowledge and critical thinking skills. These students are civically engaged, reaching their lawmakers with policy recommendations on key issues facing our nation.

I was honored to learn more about their recommendations during a class visit on Tuesday, May 28.

Their willingness to work together in good faith and to build consensus is laudable and a lesson for us all.

DR. ISRAEL ZOBERMAN

HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit a statement on behalf of my constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman. Rabbi Zoberman is the Founding Rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Rabbi Zoberman asked me to enter the following remarks into the RECORD:

At this sacred season for the Jewish community, retelling a searing saga of monumental suffering and heroic survival shaking the foundation of heaven and earth, we are embracing Yom Ha'Shoah's (Holocaust commemoration) crushing burden of sorrow as well as Yom Ha'Azmaut's (the 66th anniversary of the State of Israel) uplifting joy. We acknowledge the Holocaust's helplessness and Hatikvah's (Israel's national anthem) hopefulness. These too are our Days of Awe, no less than the High Holy Days, sanctified by our people's blood and resolve, so close in time and theme to Passover's twin poles of bitter enslavement and ever-beckoning redemption for Israel and all humanity.

We are the Shoah's wounded survivors and memory's defending warriors. In truth, Jewish progressive ideas and ideals have been a thorn in the side of destructive dictators of all ages, for we have dared declare that every human being is created in the divine image with infinite value; that each human life is unique, indispensable and irreplaceable; that God's divinity and human dignity are forever inseparable.

I was born in 1945 in Chu, Kazakhstan (USSR), to Polish Holocaust survivors Yechiel Zoberman and Chasia Bobrov, who had met in Siberia. My following poem is in gratitude to my paternal grandparents Zvi and Rachel Zoberman who along with my parents and uncles Norman and Arthur Zoberman, watched over me during perilous times.

In the 1947 photo taken in Germany's / Wetzlar D.P. Camp, the American zone./ Following an escape from Poland and a / Sojourn in Austria./ Clad in refugees newly acquired garb/Grandparents Zvi (Son of martyred Rabbi/Yaacov and Dena Manzie's Zoberman)/ And Rachel (Daughter of martyred Yitzchak/ And Zipora Anker) of Zamosc, Poland./Gratefully raised me high./ Their little Torah they managed to save/In the face of the many scrolls/ They could not.

We also observe the 20th anniversary of the Rwanda genocide; mourn the loss at the hands of an American Nazi (what a tragic contradiction!) of three precious lives in Overland Park, Kansas, fourteen year old Reat Griffin Underwood and his grandpa, Dr. William Lewis Corporon, and Frazier Glenn Miller; the fourth year of massacres in Syria claiming over 150,000 lives with millions of refugees; Russia's violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and the abduction of about 300 Nigerian school girls by the Boko Haram.

The State of Israel, home to most of the Holocaust survivors including my own family remains, at 66 years young, a beacon of light and hope, America's steadfast ally with shared democratic values in a shaky region deeming Israel's and America's Western agenda a threat. Iran's continued nuclear ambitions cast a menacing shadow on Israel, the Arab world and beyond. Iran emboldens Hezbollah and Hamas to persist in their obstructionist course with the Palestinian Authority unwisely joining forces with the latter. I have had the great opportunity to visit the Arab states of Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia and most recently Morocco, building with fellow rabbis Shalom's essential bridges of peace. I was in Morocco from May 11–18, 2014, on a "Jewish Roots & Diplomacy Trip" sponsored by The Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform), connecting to the remnant of an over 2,000 year old Jewish community with a rich history in a Muslim environment that has largely been appreciative and protective. Matt Lussenhop, the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Rabat, Morocco, most graciously addressed our delegation on a host of issues, referring to Morocco as "A very good partner for the U.S." which interestingly recognized the U.S. early on in its independence.

IN CELEBRATION OF DR. ROLF
HABERECHT'S 85TH BIRTHDAY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Rolf Haberecht as he celebrates his eighty-fifth birthday on Wednesday, June 4, 2014. Dr. Haberecht is a man who has made an impact on the Dallas community through his business success and philanthropic endeavors.

Dr. Haberecht earned his doctoral degree in Chemistry and Physics from the Technical University of Berlin, Germany. He and his wife, Ute, moved to Dallas, Texas in 1962 when he accepted a position with Texas Instruments as a Research Scientist, subsequently rising to become Senior Vice President, responsible for the company's worldwide semiconductor operations. In 1984 Dr. Haberecht launched VLSIP Technologies, a start-up company that has grown to become a worldwide manufacturer of electronic medical modules that are part of a number of medical devices. His achievements in science and technology have made such an impact that he was selected as the 2013 inductee into the prestigious "Tech Titans Hall of Fame."

Dr. Haberecht is also celebrated in the Dallas community for generously donating his time and efforts, as well as significant financial support, to numerous philanthropic endeavors. He has served on various civic and philanthropic boards, including the Lamplighter School, Episcopal School of Dallas, Southwestern Medical Foundation, and Chairman of the Texas State Technical College System Board of Regents. Dr. and Mrs. Haberecht have made generous donations to a multitude of organizations, including Children's Medical Center of Dallas and its Children's Research Institute, the George W. Bush Presidential Center, and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, which has named an academic center, a deanship, and a research

fund in honor of the philanthropic couple. Their philanthropic and volunteer civic leadership has been recognized with the Charles Cameron Sprague Community Services Award given by the Southwestern Medical Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our heartiest congratulations to Dr. Haberecht as he celebrates his eighty-fifth birthday and our commendations to him for having successfully pursued the American Dream of achieving success in life while helping others.

RECOGNIZING MOTHER BRUNETTE
WASHINGTON ON THE OCCASION
OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the celebration of Mother Brunette Washington. On June 6 she will be celebrating her 100th year of life.

Born in 1914, Mother Washington has seen some of the greatest accomplishments of our country. Furthermore, she has added to them with the love and kindness her community currently treasures her for. To this day she is an active member of the American Baptist Association, the Pratt Willard Center and fellowships with the Crucial Center.

As a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church, Mother Washington has been a pillar of her community. Volunteering throughout her entire life, Mother Washington has devoted her time to giving back, participating in the community through such positions as Sunday School Teacher, Senior Choir President and the President of the Missionary Society.

As a result of her tireless service for both her church and community, Mother Washington has received numerous rewards for her achievements including the Queen of Macedonia, Senior Choir Service Award, and the Pratt Willert Senior Award.

In addition to her numerous community endeavors, Mother Washington is a family leader. She has four children and is the proud grandparent to ten grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. Mother Washington is truly fortunate to have such a large and loving family.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to recognize the long life and legacy of a woman who has devoted so much of her life to the betterment of those around her. For 100 years Mother Washington has made an impact on the lives of those who have had the great fortune of knowing her. She has cultivated a loving family and been an exemplary member of her community, who has had a lasting impact on others because of her caring ways. It is my honor to celebrate her birthday here with you and hope you will join me in wishing a very joyous birthday celebration and wishing her many more years of good health.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, I missed two roll-call votes as I was home in Arkansas attending the funeral of Theodosia Murphy Nolan.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 241 and "aye" on rollcall vote 242.

GEORGIA INDEPENDENCE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the National Council of Georgia declared Georgia's independence on May 26, 1918. After 117 years, the statehood of Georgia was finally restored. But Georgia's fight for independence was not over.

In February 1921, Georgia was attacked by the Red Army. The Democratic Republic of Georgia was no more.

Now the Georgia Soviet Socialist Republic, Georgia was in the midst of World War II. Georgia contributed almost 700,000 fighters, and provided vital textiles and munitions to the Allies.

For the next 46 years, the Soviets occupied Georgia but Georgia was not complacent with Soviet rule. After the Soviet Union fell apart, Georgia finally became free again.

Since regaining its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, Georgia has been a steadfast U.S. strategic partner in an important and often turbulent part of the world.

But a certain country to the north does not like the fact that we are friends. In fact, the Napoleon of Siberia—as I like to call Putin—is set on breaking U.S. apart and restoring the glory days of the Soviet Union.

As a country that continues to struggle against Russia's tyranny, Georgia knows better than anyone the threat Putin poses. Mr. Putin cannot be allowed to invade another sovereign country. The best way to stand up to Russia is to stand up together, as we have done so many times before.

From the American perspective, there are few NATO strategic partners as capable and committed as Georgia. Georgia has been a key ally in our war on terror. Georgia's soldiers have stood shoulder to shoulder with ours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Georgia is the largest non-NATO contributor to the mission in Afghanistan. It has also served as a key logistical hub bringing troops and supplies in and out of the region. We have in turn, demonstrated our commitment to our relationship with the U.S.-Georgia Charter on Strategic Partnership.

Since the signing of the Charter, the United States and Georgia have strengthened their mutual cooperation. Cooperation based on U.S. support for Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and its commitment to further democratic and economic reforms.

I would like to see the U.S. be more vocally supportive of Georgia's Euro-Atlantic aspirations and provide a clear path to its eventual membership in NATO.

In February, Representative KEATING and I proudly introduced a bill that affirms the U.S. Government's support for Georgia's eventual membership in NATO. It also calls on the Obama administration and our allies in Europe to formally extend to Georgia a Membership Action Plan at this year's NATO Summit in Wales.

We must stand with those who have stood with us. We must honor independence by preserving independence. Together, I believe the United States and Georgia can help all peoples of the world hold on to the sweet taste of freedom.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING RANI ENGINEERING & PRESIDENT SUSAN PARK RANI

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Susan Park Rani on being named one of eleven "Champions of Change" by the White House for ensuring that our transportation facilities, services, and jobs help connect individuals and their communities to greater opportunities.

Ms. Rani is the Founder and the President of Rani Engineering, which has grown from having two employees and a vision to a team of more than 45 people with offices in Minnesota, California and South Dakota. Under Ms. Rani's leadership, Rani Engineering has worked to deliver high-quality solutions and build long lasting relationships within the communities she serves. As a result of the company's efforts, Rani Engineering was named the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Contractor of the Year in 2012 by the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Ms. Rani is an inspiration for women, minorities, immigrants and anyone who aspires to start their own business. She moved to the United States as a child from South Korea without knowing English, but excelled in school and obtained a civil engineering degree in 1993. She is one of the first minority women to own an engineering firm in Minnesota. There is no doubt that Ms. Rani's ambition and dedication have enabled her company to compete with the largest institutions in the industry.

Ms. Rani's many achievements have been recognized by regional groups and national organizations. She has earned the Minority Business Award for Small Business Excellence by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal, Debener Award for Small Business Growth by St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, Engineering Excellence Award by the American Consulting Engineering Companies, SBA Emerging 200 by the U.S. Small Business Administration and many more highly renowned awards.

With her past positions on the boards of the American Consulting Engineering Companies of Minnesota, the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, Mounds Park Academy, the Association of Women Contractors, and the National Association of Minority Contractors, Upper Midwest along with her recent position on the Destination Medical Center Corporation Board, she is inarguably a Champion of Change.

I commend Ms. Rani on her award and her thoughtful contributions as both an entrepreneur and as an excellent member of the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, due to a weather related travel delay, I was absent for rollcall votes on May 28, 2014. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 241—H. Res. 599—Urging the Government of the People's Republic of China to respect the freedom of assembly, expression, and religion and all fundamental human rights and the rule of law for all its citizens and to stop censoring discussion of the 1989 Tiananmen Square demonstrations and their violent suppression—"yea."

Rollcall No. 242—H.R. 503—National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial Act—"yea."

HONORING PONSIE BARCLAY HILLMAN

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ponsie B. Hillman, an educator, an advocate, and pioneer in the civil rights and labor movements. Her life was defined by a love for education and driven by the staunch determination to share it. She passed away on June 26, 2008, but her legacy remains vivid.

Ms. Hillman was born in Maryland, October 7, 1918. The determination and success that characterized her early education would foreshadow her later success. She battled overwhelming social odds by prioritizing her schooling and pulling ahead of her peers. During Ms. Hillman's senior year, she received the highest grade in the county on the state exam. She supported herself through college on scholarships and summer jobs, graduating from Morgan State College in 1939.

Ms. Hillman moved to Philadelphia in 1948. She taught business at Vaux High School for 6 years before taking a post as a mathematics teacher at Roosevelt Junior High. She spent her summers furthering her own education by taking classes at Columbia University, earning a Masters in Mathematics and Education. Never ceasing to take every opportunity to learn, she continued attending classes at Sarah Lawrence College where she was able to offer her children their first view of higher education. She also studied Intergroup Education at the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1959, Prince Edward County, VA, had closed its public schools to avoid court ordered integration. Ponsie Hillman arrived in the summer of 1963 to partake in the United Federation of Teacher's effort to establish Freedom Schools. She volunteered as a teacher for those students no longer able to receive an education. She was greeted with hostility from those who did not understand in-

tegration and from those who refused to accept change. Using the local church for classroom space, Ms. Hillman was successful in providing quality education to over 600 students that summer. She received an American Federation of Teachers award for her work at the Freedom Schools in Prince Edward County.

In addition to her selfless dedication to educating others, Ms. Hillman's contributions to the education community matched her passionate appetite for learning. She became an integral part of the community and consistently fought for teachers' rights, fair wages, and higher quality teaching. She won the NAACP's highest individual award for outstanding achievement as a teacher and was named a lifetime member. Ms. Hillman completed a 5-year term as a delegate to the national convention of the American Federation of Teachers where she served on the executive board, sharing her experience and cultivating ways to combat national education challenges. During her tenure, she organized the Afro-American Heritage Committee, the Asian American Committee, and initiated United Federation of Teachers summer camps. She was noted for her solidarity to the Union and her commitment to serving the community of educators.

I am pleased to honor Ponsie B. Hillman for her unceasing efforts and outstanding progress in working to make education equitable and attainable for all students. Her legacy in Prince Edward County and her mark on the national education system will inspire generations to come.

HONORING THE REVEREND J. CLETUS KILEY ON THE CELEBRATION OF HIS 40TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered to celebrate the 40th Pastoral Anniversary of my good friend, the Reverend J. Cletus Kiley. Over the course of his 40 years as a priest, Father Kiley has served the church and his congregations with great dedication and commitment. Today, as he reflects on all that he has accomplished through his ministry, he can be proud of the impact he has had on the lives of so many.

Father Kiley has a rich and diverse career with the church. A priest of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, in his earliest years he served as a member of Cardinal Bernardin's Cabinet and Director for Personnel Services for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Having studied at the Centro de Artes y Lenguas in Cuernavaca, Mexico as well as the Seminario Arcivescovile di Milano in Venegono, Italy, Father Kiley is fluent in both Spanish and Italian. His trilingual knowledge was particularly helpful during his service as Acting Vicar for Religious, Chairman of the Comision del Plan Pastoral Hispano and as Asesor for El Movimiento del Encuentro Conyugal Arquidiocesano, and as an Associate Dean of Formation and spiritual director at Mundelein Seminary.

Father Kiley went on to serve as Rector/President of Niles College Seminary/St. Joseph College Seminary at Loyola University where he developed and implemented a new strategic plan that led to the relocation of the seminary on to the main campus of Loyola University. Before joining the Conference of Bishops where he was Executive Director of the Secretariat for Priestly Life and Ministry, Fr. Kiley was pastor of St. Agnes of Bohemia parish in Chicago, one of the largest parishes in Chicago serving over 5,000 immigrant families.

In June of 2006, Father Kiley became the President and CEO of the Faith & Politics Institute and during his four-year tenure he worked closely with members of Congress from both political parties. He hosted an annual program for members of Congress and members of the Labor and Business communities to reflect on the lives and issues of importance to America's working people, oversaw the development of a dialogue group for over 35 Senate chiefs of staff, and conducted weekly reflection groups for members of Congress. I, along with many of my colleagues, consider it fortunate that the Congress has had such a dedicated and compassionate advocate working with us.

Today, Father Kiley continues his ministerial work as the Director for Immigration Policy for UNITE HERE where he works on immigration reform strategies with the union's national leadership and its local members throughout the country. He serves as a staff member to the Immigration Committee of the AFL-CIO. He also works with a variety of allies including serving on the steering committee for the Justice for Immigrants Initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and is a Senior Fellow at the Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies at the Catholic University of America. Father Kiley also oversees a project to train a new generation of Catholic Labor priests with more than 125 priests now a part of this network. The initiative is housed at the National Federation of Priests' Councils and done in consultation with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The initiative was recently endorsed by the U.S. Association of Catholic Priests and was honored by the Association of Chicago Priests.

As a religious leader, advocate, mentor and friend, Father Kiley has touched the lives of thousands—helping to shape public policy and improving the quality of life for those most in need. Through all of his good work he has inspired others to join in his efforts—instilling hope and promise in all of those who have had the good fortune to work with him. His spiritual guidance has nourished the souls of many and his compassion has encouraged others to give more of themselves. Today, as he celebrates his 40th year as a priest, he continues to make a difference in the lives of others—his work a reflection of the heart of Catholic teachings. I am proud to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation as well as my heart-felt congratulations to Father J. Cletus Kiley as he celebrates this very special milestone. Happy 40th Anniversary and best wishes for many more years of success..

IN RECOGNITION AND HONOR OF ALL VETERANS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition and honor of all veterans on this Memorial Day, celebrated on Monday. In gratitude of all freedom lovers who made our freedom and our ability to stand on this floor today as a free people possible—in particular the 400,000 men and women who gave their lives and the 16.5 million men and women who served during World War II.

This Memorial Day is particularly poignant as it is the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the World War II Memorial on the Mall. And on June 6th, we commemorate the 70th anniversary of the invasion of 150,000 Allied troops' landing on the heavily-fortified coastline of Normandy, France—D-Day.

On this year of anniversaries, as we think about the importance of this Memorial's place in American history, let us remember the significance of what these greatest Americans, this greatest generation of Americans, did for the freedom of humankind.

When we dedicated the memorial in 2004, more than four million of the 16 million American veterans of World War II were still alive. Today, fewer than a million remain. We lose more than 500 of them every day. And ten years from now, at the 20th anniversary ceremony, only 80,000, roughly, will survive.

At the memorial, what Abraham Lincoln called "the mystic chords of memory" are played with grandeur and grace. And that is what the memorial is all about. It was built to preserve a memory—

The memory of gallantry and devotion, of honor and sacrifice, of dedication to a cause bigger than oneself.

The memory of a generation of ordinary Americans who did something extraordinary—answering duty's call, saving democracy, and then modestly returning to their communities and their families, to work in the factory, to work on the farm . . . or simply to carry the mail.

The World War II Memorial will be there long after the World War II veterans are gone. While they are still with us, take the opportunity to let them know that a grateful nation will always pay tribute to their courageous service and they will always be remembered as heroes.

Mr. Speaker, let us not forget the valor, fidelity, and sacrifice of all World War II participants, and those who served in the conflicts that followed.

THE DEPARTURE OF JODY CALEMINE

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to one of the most loyal, dedicated and creative members of my staff, Jody Calamine, who is leaving my staff on the Education and Labor Committee after more than 10 years of service.

I also want to thank Jody's wife Daria and their wonderful daughter Bella for sharing Jody with us and for their support and sacrifice all these years.

During his time on my staff, Jody quickly moved up the ranks, from labor policy advisor, to general counsel and for the last three years staff director.

Throughout this time, Jody has impressed us with his intimate, detailed knowledge of the laws, regulations and policies impacting workers and families across the country.

Jody's tireless advocacy on behalf of workers has been remarkable. During his time on the Committee staff Jody has earned the admiration and respect of Members of Congress, his colleagues on the Hill and in the Obama Administration, and among the labor and business community across the country.

Jody played an invaluable role in many of the Committee's accomplishments over the years including the enactment of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which was the first bill signing ceremony of the Obama Administration.

And I want to thank him and acknowledge his tireless work and leadership on the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007, the Affordable Care Act, the Employee Free Choice Act, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, and a number of mine safety initiatives.

Jody is leaving the Committee for a position with the Communications Workers of America where he will continue to work on these issues that he cares so much about.

I speak for everyone on the Committee and all of those who have worked with Jody over the years when I say how much we will miss him.

Jody has made significant contributions to improving the lives of the American people. I cannot thank him enough for all that he has done. On behalf of myself, his fellow staff and the members of the Committee, we wish him the very best in his new position.

SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS FOR NON-VIOLENT POLITICAL PROTESTORS IN EGYPT

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the dire condition of an American political prisoner in Egypt, Mohamed Soltan.

Mohamed is an Egyptian-American citizen who grew up in the United States. He graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in economics.

The Arab Spring inspired Mohamed to support democracy, freedom, and human rights in Egypt. Last year he joined thousands of peaceful protestors in Egypt to oppose the military coup that toppled the government of Mohamed Morsi.

While demonstrating in Rabba Square last August, the Egyptian military shot him in the arm. He was treated in a makeshift clinic with no anesthetic medication.

Mohamed was one of the lucky ones that day. Hundreds of unarmed demonstrators were killed and thousands were injured.

Shortly after being shot, Mohamed was arrested by Egyptian authorities for protesting.

From his jail cell he continues to protest the repression of pro-democracy advocates in Egypt.

Mohamed has been on a hunger strike. He has lost almost half of his body weight and can no longer stand.

Mr. Speaker, I am here to give voice to the struggle for human rights and real democracy in Egypt.

The United States should stand on the side of those like Mohamed who are striving for human rights and democracy in the Middle East.

HONORING DELTA AIRLINES ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, twenty-five years ago on June 1, 1989, Delta Air Lines launched its first flight in a twice weekly service from Tokyo's Narita airport to Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands. Operated then as Northwest Airlines and using a Boeing 747-200, this inaugural flight was a milestone in air service to my district; and I want to celebrate that event today.

Then and now, tourism is the lifeblood of our islands' economy; and this air connection with Japan, begun twenty-five years ago, has been essential to the growth and stability of our visitor industry. Other airlines have come and gone from the market, but Delta's commitment has been unwavering.

Today, the company is the only airline providing direct, scheduled, daily flights to and from Japan, carrying some 2,000 passengers per week on Boeing 757s. And these numbers add up: in the past ten years 23,000 Delta flights have provided seats for 4.25 million of our Japanese tourists.

Those flights to the Northern Marianas are, of course, only a tiny part of Delta's worldwide business. The company serves nearly 165 million passengers annually, flies to over 300 destinations worldwide, and employs almost 80,000 individuals. But those daily Japan/Marianas flights are crucial to our local economy, supporting numerous businesses and creating jobs.

And not only does Delta transport tourists. For many of the residents of the Northern Mariana Islands, whether traveling for business or pleasure, Delta is the airline of choice. The company provides a comfortable lounge at the Narita Airport hub and convenient connections: Delta is the only U.S. flag air carrier offering our community one-stop service to the mainland United States.

Delta stands out, too, for its good corporate citizenship, supporting many worthy groups and causes, including the Rotary Club of Saipan, the American Red Cross, the Marianas March Against Cancer, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, NMI Crime Stoppers, the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities, and numerous sporting events. Of special note, Delta has been the sole airline sponsor for the Saipan Marathon since 2008.

Please, join me in honoring the management and employees of Delta Air Lines as we commemorate their twenty-five years of air service between the Northern Mariana Islands and Japan, and in wishing them many more years of continued success and growth.

RECOGNIZING THE 96TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC DAY OF AZERBAIJAN

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my best wishes to the people of Azerbaijan as they celebrate Republic Day. This year marks the 96th anniversary of the founding of the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan, when the people of Azerbaijan first gained their independence from the Russian Empire on May 28, 1918. Although Azerbaijan's independence was ended by Soviet forces in 1920, it is noteworthy that the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan was the world's first secular parliamentary democratic republic in a predominantly Muslim nation—earning diplomatic recognition from the United States during the administration of President Woodrow Wilson. We also recall with admiration that the Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan granted universal suffrage to its citizens in 1918, making it the first Muslim country to give women the right to vote.

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, Azerbaijan restored its independence in 1991. Parliament adopted the Constitution Act on the Restoration of the State of Independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan on October 18, 1991.

For the people of Azerbaijan, these last two decades of independence have not been without challenges. At the top of the list would be the ongoing conflict with Armenia. Although a cease fire was signed in 1994, more than 20% of Azerbaijan's territory—including Nagorno-Karabakh and seven surrounding districts—remains under Armenian occupation, leaving Azerbaijan to cope with hundreds of thousands of refugees and internally displaced persons. In 1993, the U.N. Security Council adopted four resolutions demanding complete, unconditional and immediate withdrawal of Armenian forces from the occupied territories of Azerbaijan. I am happy that Azerbaijan is committed to a peaceful resolution of the conflict with Armenia, and I support a swift and peaceful resolution to this conflict as well.

Azerbaijan is a key global security partner for the United States. Azerbaijan and the United States cooperate in countering terrorism, nuclear proliferation, and narcotics trafficking. Azerbaijani troops serve shoulder to shoulder with U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan, as they previously did in Kosovo and Iraq. In support of the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan, Azerbaijan has extended important over-flight clearances for U.S. and NATO flights as well as regularly providing landing and refueling operations at its airports for U.S. and NATO forces. Azerbaijan also plays an important role in the Northern Distribution Network, a supply route to Afghanistan, by making available its ground and Caspian naval transportation facilities.

Azerbaijan has emerged as a key player for enhancing global energy security, at a particularly critical time in light of ongoing events in Ukraine. The Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil pipeline and the Baku-Tbilisi-Erzurum gas pipeline are the main arteries delivering Caspian Sea energy resources to global markets, and completion of the Southern Gas Corridor—which will run from the Caspian Sea through Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkey, Greece, and Albania into Italy—will increase the energy security of key American allies by increasing the amount of natural gas from the Caspian Sea to European markets.

Notably, Azerbaijan also provides roughly 40% of Israel's oil consumption. What may be more surprising to some is that Azerbaijan—a predominantly Muslim country—enjoys friendly ties with Israel beyond oil sales. Jews have resided in Azerbaijan for 2,500 years without persecution and today, the Jewish community in Azerbaijan numbers as high as 35,000. Azerbaijan is also home to Christian communities and has been praised for its religious tolerance by the European Parliament.

As a co-chair of the Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, I congratulate the people of Azerbaijan on the occasion of Republic Day. I hope the United States and Azerbaijan will continue to work together to advance a partnership that benefits both of our nations.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STATE TROOPER SEAN O'CONNELL

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Trooper Sean O'Connell, who was tragically killed one year ago on May 31, 2013.

Trooper O'Connell, a 16-year veteran of the Washington State Patrol, lost his life in an on-duty motorcycle collision while working traffic control in the aftermath of the Skagit River Bridge collapse.

Trooper O'Connell was a highly respected police officer who valued the importance of law enforcement. He strongly believed in bringing the community together to help promote safety among families. He was an endearing man; dedicated to his work and to strengthening communities in Washington state.

Trooper O'Connell was a strong leader, highly respected, and loved by his fellow officers. He exemplified what it means to be a Washington State trooper, and his community continues to honor his commitment, courage, and dependability as an officer.

In remembering his life one year after his passing, I ask that thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, children, family and others who continue to miss him every day. He will be remembered as a hero for helping many after the devastating collapse of a bridge which now holds his name, Trooper Sean. M. O'Connell, Jr.

HONORING MARK G. SKLARZ 2014
RECIPIENT OF THE TORCH OF
LIBERTY AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, today, friends, family and colleagues will gather to pay tribute to one of our community's most outstanding citizens. I am proud to stand today and join the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League as they honor Mark G. Sklarz with the 2014 Greater New Haven Torch of Liberty Award.

Our communities would not be the same without the efforts of individuals whose work benefits our families and neighborhoods. Each year, the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League presents the prestigious Torch of Liberty Award to an outstanding leader in the community, recognizing their unique commitment and dedication. Mark is a remarkable reflection of the spirit of community service. With extraordinary compassion and generosity, he has touched the lives of many throughout the Greater New Haven community.

A partner in the Corporate and Business Law Department of Day Pitney, LLP, Mark is an active member of the New Haven County and Connecticut Bar Associations, serving as vice chair of the Business Law Section of the CBA as well as a member of the organization's Executive Committees of the Business Law and Tax Sections. He was a longtime member of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee, a twenty-four member committee charged with the responsibility of determining whether candidates are qualified to be admitted to the Connecticut bar. Mark was also a member of the Business Taxation and Real Estate, Probate, and Trust Law Sections of the American Bar Association. He has enjoyed great success in his professional career, earning a distinguished reputation among his colleagues and the community alike.

Mark has made many invaluable contributions through his professional career, however, it has been through his personal service to our community that he has made a real difference and touched the lives of many. Chairman and Past President of the Board of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, President of First City Fund Corporation, past president of Congregation Mishkan Israel and the Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven, as well as a past member of the Board of Trustees of the Hopkins School in New Haven, he has left an indelible mark on our community. Mark's extraordinary generosity and compassion is reflected in the myriad of awards and honors he has received including the Hopkins School Medal for distinguished service and the Gold Ring award from the New Haven Boys Club Alumni Association.

It is my honor and privilege to stand today to join his wife, Judy, their children, Jeff and his wife Karen and Rick and his wife Cambra, as well as the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League and the New Haven community in paying tribute to Mark G. Sklarz for his invaluable contributions. Every community should be so fortunate as to have such a selfless, dedicated individual who so willingly commits his time and energy to enriching the community and improving the quality of life for all.

HONORING MS. DOLORES M.
BOJAZI

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Ms. Dolores M. Bojazi. A graduate of Temple Law School, Ms. Bojazi began her career working to aid battered women and union workers, and she continues to advocate for important causes in her career as an attorney.

Ms. Bojazi is an accomplished attorney who began her career as an advocacy coordinator at Women Against Abuse. While there, she trained the Philadelphia Police Force in legal response procedure and proposed an appeal procedure for emergency protection orders, which was adopted into law in 1988. She continued her advocacy work as a union organizer for the United Auto Workers, where she represented the union at the National Labor Relations Board. Ms. Bojazi then began working as a Public Defender in the Philadelphia Defender Association, and later worked in the Burlington and Camden Public Defenders Office. She has also worked at Freedman and Lorry and Mattleman, Weinroth, and Miller. Ms. Bojazi currently practices law in her own office where she focuses on criminal and family law. Ms. Bojazi will be honored by the Marian Anderson Historical Society on May 31, 2014.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Ms. Bojazi for her countless years of dedication to improving the lives of those in Pennsylvania's First District. She has and continues to work tirelessly in her advocacy to help others in Philadelphia.

ANTHONY EDWARDS TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Anthony Edwards. Mr. Edwards, the sole proprietor at San Juan Law Office, LLC, in Silverton will be appointed County Court Judge for San Juan County Sixth Judicial District on July 1, 2014.

An Oklahoma native, Mr. Edwards moved to Silverton, Colorado, in 1999. Mr. Edwards holds a Masters of Water Resources from University of New Mexico, and a Business and Technology degree from Capella University. Prior to attending Law School at the University of New Mexico, where he graduated in 2010, Mr. Edwards promoted economic development in San Juan County. He is the co-founder of Crowdfunding Offerings, Ltd., an online platform to facilitate small investments in startup enterprises in Colorado.

Mr. Edwards has also served his community with his business expertise, serving on a number of development and consulting committees to assist the business community in business planning, civil matter, securing financing, and in real estate matters. As the Owner's Representative for San Juan School District, he led the project to renovate two of Silverton's School buildings, which received the Leader-

ship in Energy and Efficiency Design Gold certification, the only K-12 public school to attain this status. Mr. Edwards' dedication to improving and expanding his community has greatly contributed to the State of Colorado, and his service will continue to be an asset as he fills his role as Judge for San Juan County's Sixth Judicial District.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Anthony Edwards for his work and congratulate him on his judicial appointment.

**RECOGNIZING NORMAN RICE ON
THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound gratitude that I rise to congratulate Norman B. Rice on his retirement after a distinguished tenure as President of The Seattle Foundation. Norm has contributed immeasurably to the Seattle community through a variety of roles over the last forty years.

First elected to the Seattle City Council in 1978, Norm went on to serve on the Council for eleven years. Throughout his tenure, he was a champion for the marginalized, including fighting for the passage of the Women and Minority Business Enterprise Ordinance.

After winning the 1989 mayoral election, Norm became the first African-American mayor in Seattle's history. His two terms were characterized by his drive to create a thriving Seattle that worked for all of its citizens. Norm's initiatives as mayor included rejuvenating downtown, enhancing Seattle's public school system, and developing public-private partnerships to serve Seattle's homeless population. His service as mayor has left a legacy that will endure well into the future.

Since the conclusion of his tenure as an elected official, Norm has continued to work tirelessly for the well-being of the Seattle area. Since June of 2009, he has held the position of CEO of the Seattle Foundation. As a leader of one of the largest community foundations in the nation, Norm has been praised for his commitment to community development and his ability to build consensus.

Norm has used these skills on the national stage as well, serving a two year appointment on the White House's Council for Community Solutions. Norm's service has benefited many individuals and families, both in Seattle and across the country. His vision for just communities and selfless commitment to public service has left a legacy for future generations to follow.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise to recognize Norman B. Rice. We all owe him the utmost gratitude and respect, and I wish him well in all future endeavors.

HONORING MS. AUDREY R.
JOHNSON-THORNTON

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of my

friend, Ms. Audrey R. Johnson-Thornton. Ms. Johnson-Thornton is the president and founder of the American Women's Heritage Society, and was instrumental in turning the broken down Belmont Mansion into a museum to honor those who aided slaves in their flight to freedom.

The Belmont Mansion was named as the most significant structure to be at risk in an assessment of ten historic structures in Fairmount Park in Philadelphia. This finding was followed by a historical study and architectural analysis of the Belmont Mansion Historical Structures Report and then became the first major project of the Fairmount Park Historic Preservation Trust in 1994. The Underground Railroad Museum at Belmont Mansion is one of the first 2,000 recipients to receive funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and its partner the American Association for State and Local History. The American Women's Heritage Society still operates the now restored mansion as a historic site. Ms. Johnson-Thornton will be honored by the Marian Anderson Historical Society on May 31, 2014.

It is a privilege to recognize a person whose leadership and commitment to preserving our city's history has enriched the lives of countless individuals. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Ms. Johnson-Thornton for her lifetime of service and dedication to Pennsylvania's First Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING PRESENCE MERCY
MEDICAL CENTER'S SAFETY AND
SECURITY DEPARTMENT

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Safety and Security Department of Presence Mercy Medical Center in Aurora, Illinois. Safety and security is a growing concern for healthcare facilities, and Presence Mercy Medical Center has responded by preparing their security team to prevent crimes before they begin and respond to criminal activity promptly.

The 2012 Crime and Security Trends Survey conducted by the International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety (IAHSS) highlights the increasing dangers healthcare workers face. The survey found that in 2012 there were over 20,500 crimes committed in healthcare facilities, a 37 percent rise from 2010.

The Safety and Security Department at Presence Mercy Medical Center has responded to these recent developments by exposing their security officers to comprehensive training and preparation programs. All of their department's members have studied, tested, and received certification in Basic Training by the IAHSS, 92 percent have received Advanced certification, and 83 percent have received Supervisor certification.

These efforts have made Presence Mercy a model security team at a time when healthcare safety and security is a significantly mounting concern.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Safety and Security Depart-

ment members for their excellence in safety and security preparation:

Doug Kaiser; Robert Lea; Christian Pfister; Darin Northern; Jim Rees; Victor Jimenez; Miguel Saenz; Kerry Haggard; Tom Greiner; David Oliver; Nora Rodriguez.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2014
SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTEES
FROM THE 21ST CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT OF TEXAS

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2014 Service Academy appointees from the 21st Congressional District of Texas.

The following individuals have accepted academy appointments:

Lois May Agabon, MacArthur High School, Northwestern Preparatory School, United States Air Force Academy; Austin Wayne Beals, Fredericksburg High School, United States Air Force Academy; David Phillip Castaneda, San Antonio Christian High School, Naval Academy Preparatory School, United States Naval Academy; Jonathan Castaneda, San Antonio Christian High School, United States Naval Academy; Sterling Michael Clark, Canyon High School, United States Naval Academy; Conner Hugh Drum, Canyon Lake High School, Greystone Preparatory School at Schreiner University, United States Military Academy; Devlin Patrick Gilligan, Claudia Taylor "Lady Bird" Johnson High School, United States Air Force Academy; Preston Joseph Horejsi, Medina High School, United States Military Academy; Aldon William Clifford Pagio, AFNorth International High School (the Netherlands), University of Texas at San Antonio, United States Merchant Marine Academy; Jackson Symon Parrish, Saint Mary's Hall, United States Naval Academy; Travis John Phelan, John S. Burke Catholic School (New York), United States Military Academy; James Cooper Rast, Claudia Taylor "Lady Bird" Johnson High School, United States Air Force Academy; Jordan Gregory Sekula, New Braunfels Christian Academy, United States Merchant Marine Academy; and Collin Taylor Stone, Alamo Heights High School, United States Military Academy.

Again, congratulations to these outstanding students. I know they will serve our country well and I trust success will follow them in all their endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONNA F. EDWARDS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, due to attending a previously scheduled event in Maryland, I was absent from votes in the House on Monday evening, May 19 and missed rollcall votes 218–219. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both rollcall No. 218, H.R. 2203, and No. 219, H.R. 685.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RURAL
WIND ENERGY EXPANSION ACT
OF 2014

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the "Rural Wind Energy Development Act," to provide an investment tax credit to ranchers, farmers, and small businesses to offset the up-front costs of owning a distributed wind turbine. I am pleased to again be working with my friend Congressman Cole of Oklahoma in offering this modest expansion of current law that will keep small business energy jobs growing across the United States.

Distributed wind systems are electric generators that produce up to 20 megawatts of clean and renewable energy for homes, farms, and small businesses. With these turbines, individuals can generate their own power, often independent from the electric grid. These wind turbines allow farmers, ranchers, and other consumers to cut their energy bills and, at times, sell power back into the grid. They also allow thousands of businesses—from "mom and pop" stores, to retailers, to ranches, and to breweries—to reduce their energy load, to help clean the environment, and to save money. All you need is pretty good wind and a little land.

At best there has been unsteady federal support for distributed wind systems and there has been no federal tax support until the past several years.

In many cases, this is not only American produced electricity, but American manufactured electricity as well. Approximately 90 percent of distributed wind turbines sold in the U.S. are made here, according to domestic manufacturing content.

My bill also supports locally owned, or "community," wind power. The Department of Energy's national laboratories estimate that community wind generates a strong economic multiplier for local communities, helping rural areas rebound from challenging economic times.

The federal Production Tax Credit, PTC, applies mainly to large utility-scale wind projects, not to individuals who install their own wind systems for on-site power. The existing investment credit, which may be taken in lieu of the PTC, has worked very well. My legislation provides an additional option and bars taking a double-benefit from these tax supports. This additional tool will provide stability and certainty for the distributed wind market to unlock the necessary investment to grow our global leadership role in distributed wind power. It will also help farmers, consumers, and businesses afford pollution-free energy.

This legislation strikes the existing 100 kilowatt nameplate limitation for small wind systems, and expands the maximum wind turbine size to 20 megawatts, in line with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission definition of distributed wind power. Other agencies depend on this figure as a cut off between smaller-scale or "community" wind power and larger wind farms. There is no similar cap for solar, and, as the community wind industry grows and produces jobs, so should the opportunity for projects that still meet the threshold for distributed wind.

I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this important policy to promote wind power, which produces no harmful greenhouse gas emissions, involves no environmentally damaging natural resource extraction, and is made right here in America.

HONORING MS. PATRICIA JACKSON

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Ms. Patricia Jackson, whose energy and initiative has helped a number of people in the Philadelphia region through her corporation Alpha Security & Consulting Incorporated.

After graduating from Perdue University, Ms. Jackson began working for General Mills in Human Resources and Labor relations, where she spearheaded a minority equality reform campaign for the corporation. She soon left to join Lever Brothers Company. There she worked tirelessly in its Training and Development Department to aid women climbing the corporate ladder. Ms. Jackson couldn't stay still for too long, soon beginning work at Conrail, which brought her to Philadelphia. Soon after, the University of Pennsylvania asked her to join their staff where she was the head of the Department of Affirmative Action for the University. As CEO and founder of Alpha Security & Consulting Incorporated, she worked with local construction companies to create nearly 600 jobs. She helped in building the New High School for Creative and Performing Arts, and as a result served as chairs of both the Ridgway Library and the Performing Arts Theater. Ms. Jackson extended Alpha to create a Culinary Arts Training Program for underprivileged youth. In 2005, Ms. Jackson took a position as the Director of Immigration Reform at the National Union of American Families. She now serves on the Board of Directors for the National Historical Marian Anderson Society and is an advisory director for a number of other boards and organizations. Ms. Jackson will be honored by the Marian Anderson Historical Society on May 31, 2014.

It is a privilege to recognize a person whose leadership and initiative have aided so many in the Philadelphia region. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Ms. Jackson for her lifetime of service and dedication to Pennsylvania's First Congressional District.

HONORING THE WORK OF
GUSTAVO RAMOS, JR.

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Gustavo Ramos, Jr., who will be retiring this month from his position as Executive Director for the Housing Authority of Skagit County.

Mr. Gustavo Ramos, Jr., has dedicated a lifetime of hard work in the field of affordable housing and community development. With

more than 40 years of combined service within six different housing authorities since 1972, Gustavo has helped numerous families in Skagit County and throughout Washington State.

Gustavo's hard work and dedication to the communities, families, and housing authority of Skagit County earns him a well-deserved and honorable retirement celebration. Upon retirement, Gustavo will be returning to Nevada to be near his family and begin a new chapter in his career in economic and community development.

I would personally like to thank Gustavo for his many years of service and commitment to helping families. He has been a tremendous contributor to the Housing Authority in the Skagit County area and will be missed dearly.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE MARTIN SEVERANCE CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Martin Severance Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution upon its 100th anniversary.

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) is a historic institution, with more than 120 years of service. The NSDAR has 177,000 members across the world; they aim to preserve history and improve their communities.

The Martin Severance Chapter of the NSDAR was founded by Mrs. Adeline Belle Barry and named in honor of her ancestor Martin Severance, a sergeant and veteran of both the Revolutionary War and the French and Indian War.

The Martin Severance Chapter has been a part of the Pasadena community since the beginning. Its members supported the Pasadena Red Cross during both World Wars and have participated in storied local institutions including the Tournament of Roses Parade. The Martin Severance Chapter currently supports high school students, homeless veterans, local libraries, and teachers. The Chapter has reinstated the American History Essay contest, and "adopted" the women at Villages of Cabrillo, Long Beach, a part of the homeless veterans' community Advance program. Additionally, the Chapter annually presents DAR Good Citizens Awards and JROTC Medals to local high school students.

In honor of their centennial, the Chapter is preserving the memory of the American Independence and those who fought for freedom. The Chapter will award grants to Pasadena Unified School District teachers who meet core curriculum standards in Colonial American History. The Martin Severance Chapter is also working on a living history project that presents female patriots to elementary school children in the Pasadena area—chapter members will portray historically significant revolution-era women and share their stories, costumes, and legacies with students and community organizations.

I ask all members to join with me in commending the Martin Severance Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for preserving the history of the American Revolution for future generations and for 100 years of dedicated service to the greater Pasadena community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VERIFY IT ACT

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce my bill, the Verify It Act, which requires Federal agencies to provide notice to American families that they owe a debt to a Federal agency and verify the debt is a legally enforceable debt.

Mr. Speaker, by introducing this bill people will not have their tax refunds seized without proper notification and justification. Federal agencies have the right to try to collect debt that is owed to the government; there is a legal process that must be followed before any action can be taken. Each Federal agency must provide 60 days notice to the debtor. This notice requires a written notification of the nature and amount of the debt, the intention of the agency to collect the debt through administrative offset, and an explanation of the debtor's rights. If the agency is unable to collect from the debtor, the debt can be referred to the Department of the Treasury for administrative offset. Through its Treasury Offset Program (TOP), the Treasury reduces or withholds certain payments, often a Federal tax refund, to individuals who owe debts to the government.

Mr. Speaker, the legal process to collect outstanding debts from Americans owing money to the Treasury is simply not being followed. As reported by the Washington Post, Federal agencies are collecting delinquent debt without providing proper notice or that the debt being collected was incurred by the person the Federal agency claims owes the debt. It appears that in certain cases, Federal agencies are collecting money from children in order to pay the outstanding debts to the U.S. Treasury their parents incurred. What legal reason or law gives a Federal agency the right to collect a debt from a person when the debt is incurred in someone else's name? How many years is this Administration going to go back to collect debts? How can the government justify collecting debts from the children of deceased parents?

This bill is all about transparency and accountability. My legislation will ensure that Americans are given proper notification and have time to dispute the debt. This legislation will ensure every Federal agency determines the debt is legally enforceable and restore the 10 year statute of limitations.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House (and Senate) to support me in passing the Verify It Act, in order to ensure American families and taxpayers have trust in their government and policies implemented.

DEDICATION OF THE FOX TORAH

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, the dedication of a Torah is always an extremely important occasion in the Jewish community. But next week's dedication of the Fox Torah at Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation in Skokie, is truly something special.

The Fox Torah was underwritten by Martin Fox, who found some comfort from the terrors he experienced during the Holocaust in knowing that he could make such an enormous contribution to his faith and to his synagogue.

Martin Fox was 34 years old when the Nazis marched into Poland in 1939. He watched as his wife and three daughters were murdered. Then he was herded onto a train and sent to Auschwitz. He survived, came to Chicago, settled in Chicago's West Rogers Park Community, and became a successful businessman. But while he remarried, he never again had children, and the horrors of what he experienced during the Holocaust never left him.

Martin Fox joined Ezra Habonim but was emotionally unable to say the Kaddish, the prayer for the dead. After many conversations with Rabbi Shlomo Levin, then the congregation's rabbi, Mr. Fox was finally able to say Kaddish for his lost family and light the Memorial Candle at the synagogue's Kristal Nacht service.

The spiritual and personal support that Mr. Fox received from Ezra Habonim, Skokie's oldest synagogue, made a powerful difference in his life. It provided him with a safe and nurturing place, and gave him the emotional strength to recite the Kaddish in remembrance of his lost family. He in turn helped others by becoming a "gabbai" or "trustee" of the synagogue.

Today, Ezra Habonim continues its commitment to creating a warm, caring and supportive community under the leadership of Rabbi Jeffrey Weill. In addition to maintaining the tradition of giving each individual and family the personalized attention they need, the synagogue provides for the educational, religious and social needs of the Jewish community. And, as it did with Martin Fox, it gives members of the congregation the opportunity not just to take part but to give back.

While Martin Fox died in 1981, the Torah that he funded and that will be dedicated on June 1 is a true gift. As Rabbi Weill says, "This Torah symbolizes not only Martin Fox's story, but the remarkable story of the Jewish People. It represents continuity, bravery, fortitude, and the indomitable human spirit."

I want to join the Jewish community in Skokie in celebrating the completion and dedication of the Fox Torah and in thanking Ezra Habonim for the important role it plays in our community.

RECOGNIZING SOUVENISE JEANNE BAZILE

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Souvenise Jeanne Bazile, who passed away on May 11, 2014.

Mrs. Bazile, who lived in Spring Valley, New York, was 107 at the time of her passing. Originally from Haiti, she moved to the United States in 1978 to join her husband. Mrs. Bazile was a loving mother who dedicated herself to her six children, fifteen grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Just a few months ago, Mrs. Bazile fulfilled one of her dreams—becoming an American citizen. After living here for three decades, working hard and contributing to society, Mrs. Bazile became one of the oldest immigrants ever to gain citizenship. She is truly an inspiration for all those who hope to one day achieve the American dream.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize my constituent, Mrs. Souvenise Jeanne Bazile. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring her tremendous life.

TRIBUTE TO GUIDE DOGS OF THE DESERT

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an organization whose dedication and contributions to the Southern California community are exceptional. For the past 40 years, Guide Dogs of the Desert have tirelessly committed themselves to the service of the legally blind community. We have all heard the age-old adage, "a dog is a man's best friend," but a guide dog is so much more than a best friend. Guide dogs are essential to the legally blind in ways that are simple, such as crossing the street to go grocery shopping, and ways that can be more complex, like airplane travel. These dogs dedicate their lives so that the blind may see, and in light of all they have done for the community, I would like to recognize these faithful and dutiful animals as well as their equally devoted trainers and volunteers at Guide Dogs of the Desert.

Founded in 1972, Guide Dogs of the Desert was built on the premise that every legally blind person should have the opportunity to adopt a guide dog, regardless of the depths of their hardship. This dream could only be made into a reality because of the amazing volunteers that give their time and effort to this organization's mission. These volunteers selflessly provide love, food, shelter, discipline and socialization to puppies that are just beginning on their journey toward guide dog graduation. The fingerprints of these individuals are found at every juncture of this organization. Among many other responsibilities, these volunteers take in 12 week-old puppies, assist with student interaction to increase awareness in the community, and complete the basic office tasks that allow Guide Dogs of

the Desert to run smoothly. These individuals go above and beyond the call of duty to help those visually impaired come one step closer to independence and today they deserve commendation.

While many of us know the pleasure of canine companionship and loyalty from our family pet, we cannot appreciate the complexity of the relationship that develops between a visually impaired person and their guide dog. These dogs help these individuals in such a wide variety of ways, and their service enriches these lives powerfully, improving their daily quality of life. With over 1,000 dogs trained, many of these success stories may be found scattered throughout the Nation.

The organization's tireless passion for service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the visually impaired community. Although there are many schools, Guide Dogs of the Desert is one of the most exceptional. As one guide dog recipient stated, "Frankly, all of the schools do an adequate job in developing extraordinary animals, but only Guide Dogs of the Desert adapts the training according to the very special needs of the people with multiple disabilities, veterans and even difficult cases like mine." I am certain that many more individuals and families are grateful for the guide dogs, the volunteers, and the organization itself for all of their services and I salute their efforts moving forward into their fourth decade of dedicated assistance.

RECOGNIZING TERESITA BATAYOLA, RECIPIENT OF THE CHAMPION OF CHANGE AWARD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound admiration that I rise to congratulate Teresita Batayola on being honored as a White House Champion of Change. Teresita has been an advocate for the Puget Sound region's Asian-American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) community for many years and is incredibly deserving of this award.

Since the beginning of her tenure as CEO of International Community Health Services (ICHS) in July of 2005, Teresita has worked tirelessly to ensure that the healthcare needs of the AAPI community are met. She has overseen the opening of new clinics in Bellevue and the Rainier Valley, and developed a mobile dental clinic that visits Seattle area middle and high schools. Each year ICHS serves over 19,000 patients in 50 languages, a feat that I am confident would not be possible without Teresita's commitment to understanding the needs and dynamics of the communities her organization serves.

This commitment has taken on a new and innovative form in the last year as ICHS has worked to help AAPI communities in the Seattle area access the benefits of the Affordable Care Act. Under Teresita's leadership, ICHS has enrolled over 5,800 individuals in health plans through their multi-lingual and multi-cultural in-person assister team. This effort to provide culturally appropriate healthcare assistance will have a deep impact on the health and wellbeing of these communities for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I rise with great respect to honor Teresita Batayola. She has truly made our community a healthier and more just place, and I wish her and her organization well in the future.

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO DR.
JOHN A. DAVITT

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Dr. John A. Davitt, retired Superintendent-President of Glendale Community College, who passed away on Saturday, May 24, 2014.

John received his Bachelor's Degree at the University of San Francisco in 1954, a Master's Degree in Secondary Education in 1958, also from the University of San Francisco, and his Doctorate in Community College Administration from the University of Southern California. Before coming to Glendale Community College (GCC), John served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, taught at a junior high school in San Francisco, was a counselor at Merritt College in Oakland, and was an Assistant Professor at California State University, Los Angeles.

Dr. Davitt began his 38 years of service at GCC in 1968, when he took a position as a history professor. Serving as Administrative Dean of Personnel Services, Vice President, and in 1985, Superintendent-President, he brought his inclusive, enthusiastic and open style of management to GCC, transforming the GCC campus into an innovative and productive center for learning. The longest-tenured head of a community college in California, Dr. Davitt cared deeply about the institution and took pride in GCC being a top transfer college.

An active volunteer in the Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge communities, John's record of community service is impressive. He served on the boards of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, Glendale Roundtable, Glendale Symphony and the Glendale College Foundation. In addition, he served on Holy Family High School's Board of Regents, Crestview Preparatory School's Board of Directors, Glendale Memorial Hospital's Community Liaison Council, St. Bede's Pastoral Council and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles' Board of Education.

Some of the honors Dr. Davitt received include the Presidential Leadership Award from the California Community College Foundation, Glendale Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime Achievement Award, the GCC Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to GCC, induction into GCC's Athletic Hall of Fame and the naming of the John A. Davitt Administration Building at GCC.

Married for over half a century, John and his wife Gael, have four children, Terry Davitt, Laure Heale, Vincent Davitt and Michael Davitt.

John Davitt will be sorely missed. He was a respected leader among community college presidents across the state and nation, a dedicated public servant and admired by all as a man of impeccable character. I ask all members to join me in remembering one of our community's most admired citizens, Dr. John A. Davitt.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL
ROBERT D. MORIG

HON. SCOTT H. PETERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. PETERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary career of Army Colonel Robert D. Morig on the occasion of his retirement after 51 years of service in the Department of Defense. Colonel Morig enlisted in the United States Army in September 1962, and was commissioned as a field artillery officer in July of 1964 upon his graduation from Washington State University. He later continued his education, earning a Master's degree in Industrial Management from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Colonel Morig also completed extensive military training, attending the Airborne and Ranger schools at Fort Benning, Georgia, the General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Army War College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. During his time as an officer, he held staff and command posts in Vietnam, South Korea, and West Germany. For his commendable service, Colonel Morig received numerous awards, including a citation for valor in combat. At home, Colonel Morig worked with a number of different offices at the Pentagon, handling congressional issues, program analysis, and industrial base policy. Of particular note was his work in writing Army Doctrine and developing the Army Civilian Acquisition Workforce and Corps. After 30 years of distinguished service, Colonel Morig retired from the Army and joined the civil service. His final assignment in this capacity was teaching business and financial management to the acquisition workforce through the Defense Acquisition University. On behalf of my colleagues, I thank Colonel Morig for his service and wish him all the best in retirement.

REMEMBERING THE WERETH 11

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Gerlach amendment to H.R. 4435, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 considered en bloc. This amendment recognizes the sacrifice of the Wereth 11, a group of eleven African-American soldiers of the 333rd Field Artillery Battalion of the United States Army who lost their lives in dedicated service to this country during the Battle of the Bulge in Wereth, Belgium. The adoption of this amendment would ensure that history remembers and pays tribute to these men, and I was pleased to work with Mr. GERLACH on this effort.

ENERGY SAVINGS LEAD TO
EDUCATION FUNDING

HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, over the past two years, Plainfield, New Jersey Public Schools

has saved nearly \$1.2 million in energy costs. That is 26 percent of the school district's utilities budget over the same time span. These savings are the result of a district-wide, behavioral-based energy savings program. With the help of Plainfield School's energy specialist, Michael Pate, Plainfield School District achieved these savings by encouraging changes in behavior, like turning off lights and computers, and improving maintenance practices, like ensuring the right amount of Freon is used in HVAC systems.

The use of data helped drive this successful initiative. The school district can break down energy consumption of each appliance to the hour and, therefore, derive a cost per hour for each device. As a result, individuals know exactly the size of their energy footprint and how much money can be saved district-wide. Most important, teachers and administrators know that these savings can be redirected into funding classroom supplies and increasing educational services.

Imagine if all school districts in America trimmed their energy expenditures by 26 percent and then reinvested that savings in decreasing class sizes, updating technology, providing science equipment, hiring nurses, psychologists, and special education teachers, creating after-school activities, and organizing events and services that make their public schools the cornerstone of the community. We must give all students the opportunity to obtain a quality education and increase our children's academic competitiveness with their international peers. The \$1.2 million savings Plainfield Public Schools achieved is the reason why I introduced the School Building Enhancement Act (H.R. 115), which would provide grants to states to assist educational agencies in implementing energy-saving practices. As demonstrated by Plainfield, the savings will be significantly higher than the costs. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING MS. ENID ADLER

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Ms. Enid Adler, whose tireless work for human rights has bettered the city of Philadelphia. A graduate of Temple University, Villanova University School of Law, and Dickinson University School of Law, Ms. Adler has had a lifelong career as a human rights advocate.

Enid Adler operates her own practice, which focuses on asylum immigration, family reunification, and international human rights. Ms. Adler is the past chairwoman of the International Law Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association and, in 1997, formulated the only United States Twinning Program between the Philadelphia Bar and the Barreau de Lyon in France. In 2001, Ms. Adler was a founding member of the International Criminal Board and was crucial in creating its Code of Ethics. Ms. Adler is a member of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) and serves on the Coalition's Team on the Crime of Aggression negotiations. This team created an amendment to the criteria to give the court jurisdiction over the crime, and it was completed

and passed in June 2010 at the International Criminal Court First Review Conference. She is a member of the CICC's teams for Women for Gender Justice, Legal Initiative, Victims Rights, Trust Fund for Victims, and serves on the Philadelphia Bar's International Business Initiative, Civil Rights, and other committees. In 2012, to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the International Criminal Court, Ms. Adler initiated a series of three celebratory symposiums in Philadelphia, which were attended by the President and Vice President Judges from The Hague. Ms. Adler will be honored by the Marian Anderson Historical Society on May 31, 2014.

It is a privilege to recognize a person whose commitment to human rights advocacy has brought attention to this issue for the Philadelphia region. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Ms. Adler for her lifetime of service as a human rights attorney.

HONORING TERESA C. YOUNGER
FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest pride that I rise today to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered in celebration of Teresa C. Younger, former Executive Director of the Connecticut Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, who has left that post to begin her new position as President/CEO of the MS. Foundation for Women. Though certainly a loss for Connecticut, it is an extraordinary opportunity for this remarkable woman.

Teresa is among the most genuine, committed and talented people that I have had the pleasure of working with. I first met her thirteen years ago when she served as, not only the first woman, but the first African American Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut. I was immediately struck by her wealth of knowledge and seemingly boundless energy. Since that time she has continued to build an impeccable reputation among all of those fortunate enough to work with her.

Over the course of the last decade, I have worked closely with Teresa in her role as the Executive Director of Connecticut's Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, the largest women's non-partisan public policy legislative commission in the country. She has led the battle and given voice to women on policies critical to leveling the playing field. From pay equity, minimum wage, protections for sexual assault victims, and securing earned paid sick leave to access to quality, affordable health care, supports for working families including child care, education and job training programs, her leadership has helped to make Connecticut a leader in the nation on those issues that most impact women and their families. She is a bastion of knowledge and a wealth of energy—never backing away from the right fight.

Teresa has not only been a partner but a friend. I cannot count the number of times I

have reached out to her to coordinate efforts on a variety of issues and educational platforms—and she has delivered every time. Teresa is also the volunteer president of the board of the Girl Scouts of Connecticut, a member of the board of the Women's Campaign School at Yale University as well as the Hunt Alternative Fund's national Political Parity Leadership Team. In 2010, she was one of eight women selected from Connecticut to travel to Saudi Arabia as part of the Global Women's Leadership Institute and in 2009 she was chosen to participate in the National Council of State Legislatures Legislative Management Institute. Quite simply, she is everywhere, all the time—respected and trusted by all.

Teresa's daily presence will be missed and though her professional career will take her from Connecticut, I have no doubt that she will continue to make a difference in our state and in our communities. Teresa C. Younger is an exceptional leader, advocate, friend, and mentor and I consider myself fortunate to call her my friend. I wish her and her husband, Ronald Preston, all the best as she begins this new endeavor. With her extraordinary passion, unique vision, and unparalleled commitment, I have no doubt she will enjoy great success.

H.R. 4435, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE
AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2015

HON. MIKE POMPEO

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, first, thank you to Mr. CARNEY for working with me to craft this amendment, and Chairman McKEON and Ranking Member SMITH for accepting it.

The issue of America's cyber capabilities has moved to the forefront of our national security discussion. The Secretary of Defense, the Intelligence Community, congressional leaders and even the President have all pointed to the need to strengthen our nation's capabilities in this arena.

The National Guard has experienced personnel and capabilities that are unique not only to their branches, but to the military as a whole.

This is reinforced to me every time I visit the 184th Intelligence Wing, and its component 177th Information Warfare Aggressor Squadron, both located at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita.

The work done by the 184th, and that done by men and women like them in Guard units around the country, provides critical intelligence to our warfighters across the globe and is absolutely integral to our national security.

Our amendment simply requires the Director of National Intelligence certify that the recommendations of the report required under Section 933 of the FY 2014 NDAA are consistent with the cyber operations capability needs of the United States before implementing any changes recommended by the study.

Because these Guard units provide experience and capability that exist nowhere else in the military, it is critically important that any proposed changes to their mission and structure are completely vetted. America's security,

and the men and women of our National Guard, deserve nothing less.

HONORING HARRIETT MARTIN
STOKES

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks in honor of Harriett Martin Stokes, a proud native of Salem, Virginia, who passed away on May 18, 2014. Harriett, who was born on June 21, 1914, would have turned 100 on the longest day of the year—the first day of summer.

Harriett graduated from Salem High School in 1931, was one of the first women to graduate from Roanoke College, and also earned degrees from the Richmond Professional Institute and the Chicago School of Design. She served as an elementary school teacher during World War II, also teaching art in her home and serving local hospitals as an artist-in-residence. Harriett helped to start the Virginia Watercolor Society, was an original member of the Roanoke Valley Sidewalk Art Show, and coordinated Art in the Alley which, for forty years, highlighted many local artists and was a hot spot for collectors of art.

An active member of the Salem community, Harriett was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. She was inducted into the Salem Alumni Hall of Fame in 1997, and among her other awards are the Walter Biggs Award for Cultural Achievement, the Distinguished Alumni Award from Roanoke College, and the Perry Kendig Individual Artist Award.

Harriett is survived by her three sons: Clay Stokes and wife Janice of Canton, Georgia, Dr. Robert D. Stokes of Paoli, Pennsylvania, and Dr. William Stokes and wife Mary Ellen of Roanoke; two grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and many adoring nieces, nephews, and devoted friends.

Harriett's legacy and love for family, neighbors, church, and community will live on not only in her beautiful art—some of which remains on display in homes, businesses, and schools throughout the Roanoke Valley—but also in the continuing work of the many artists she mentored and influenced throughout her lifetime. My thoughts and prayers go out to Harriett's family and loved ones.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR FLIGHT OF
OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 25 World War II veterans and the Vietnam War veteran from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial on June 3rd in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Oregon. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are as follows: Robert A. Davis, U.S. Army Air Force; Otis E. Huskey, U.S. Army Air Force; Donald G. Severson, U.S. Army Air Force;

Elvis A. Warthen, U.S. Army Air Force; George F. Cooper, U.S. Army; John Crisp, U.S. Army; Warren L. Goold, U.S. Army; Kenneth C. Holgate, U.S. Army; Willard W. Miller, U.S. Army; James E. Smith, U.S. Army; Donald Thiel, U.S. Army; Erhard H. Ulrich, U.S. Army; Dale W. Jackson, U.S. Marines; Howard E. Wells, U.S. Marines; Charles W. Anglin, U.S. Navy; Oliver C. Hardy Jr., U.S. Navy; Clayton E. McCormick, U.S. Navy; Richard S. McLaughlin, U.S. Navy; Richard W. Miller, U.S. Navy; Douglass O. Nicholson, U.S. Navy; Marvin T. Rogers Sr., U.S. Navy; Charles B. Salt, U.S. Navy; John Stuart Sherbeck, U.S. Navy; Adelbert L. Taylor, U.S. Navy; Harvey A. Tofte, U.S. Navy; and Vietnam War veteran, Ronald K. Stogsdill, U.S. Air Force.

These 26 heroes join more than 98,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, has journeyed from their home states to Washington, D.C. to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize and thank Gail Yakopatz for her tireless work as president of Honor Flight of Oregon.

HONORING MR. DANIEL J. TANN,
ESQUIRE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Mr. Daniel J. Tann, Esquire, who was born and raised in Philadelphia and has continued to work tirelessly as an "attorney for all generations." A graduate of LaSalle University and Drake University Law School, Mr. Tann has not only fulfilled his dream of founding his own law offices but has also worked as a tireless advocate for a number of social organizations in Philadelphia.

Mr. Tann began his illustrious legal career at Drake University, where he was named President of the local chapter of the Black Law Students of America, and was recognized in "Who's Who Among American Law Students." In 1985, he began practicing law in Philadelphia at Spear, Wilderman, Sigmond, Borish, Endy, and Silverstein, where he soon became the department manager of the general practice group. Later, he became the Senior Litigation Attorney with Gordon and Weinberg, P.C., and in January 2002, he fulfilled his personal dream when he founded the Law of Offices of Daniel J. Tan. He is involved in work with The National Bar Association, The Philadelphia Bar Association, The American Bar Association, The NAACP, Volunteers in Aid of Sickle Cell Anemia, the Gloucester County Minority Coalition, American Diabetes Foundation, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Philadelphia Boy Scouts of

America, and the Fair Housing Council of Southern New Jersey. Mr. Tann will be honored by the Marian Anderson Historical Society on May 31, 2014.

It is a privilege to recognize a person whose leadership and commitment have inspired and supported so many in our region. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Tann for his lifetime of service and dedication to Pennsylvania's First Congressional District.

HONORING CARLTON L. HIGHSMITH, 2014 RECIPIENT OF THE TORCH OF LIBERTY AWARD

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, today, friends, family and colleagues will gather to pay tribute to one of our community's most outstanding citizens. I am proud to stand today and join the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League as they honor Carlton L. Highsmith with the 2014 Greater New Haven Torch of Liberty Award.

Our communities would not be the same without the efforts of individuals whose work benefits our families and neighborhoods. Each year, the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League presents the prestigious Torch of Liberty Award to an outstanding leader in the community, recognizing their unique commitment and dedication. Carlton is a remarkable reflection of the spirit of community service. With extraordinary compassion and generosity, he has touched the lives of many throughout the Greater New Haven community.

A corporate executive turned successful business owner, Carlton is a reflection of the American entrepreneurial spirit upon which our nation was built. He founded Specialized Packaging Group in New Haven in 1983 and over the course of the next two decades led the company as it grew to employ 600 people with 11 locations across North America. Following its merger with Paperworks Industry Inc., Carlton stayed on as Vice Chairman of the Board until his retirement four years ago. He continues his involvement with the business and education communities as a member of the Board of Directors of First Niagara Bank, the Connecticut Center for Arts and Technology and the National Center for Arts and Technology. He also serves as the Vice Chair of Quinnipiac University's Board of Trustees, a member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston's New England Economic Advisory Council. Co-Chairman of the Career Advancement Committee of the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission and a member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, his alma mater.

The difference Carlton has made in our community extends far beyond his professional contributions. Having served as Chair of I Have a Dream, Chairman of the Finance Board of the Dixwell Avenue Congregational Church, a Director of Achievement First, a Director of Amistad Academy Charter School, and a Trustee of Yale-New Haven Hospital, his generosity, compassion, and leadership has enriched the New Haven community—making it a better place to live, learn and grow.

Through his invaluable professional contributions and his unparalleled service to our community, Carlton has left an indelible mark on our community. Together with his wife, Leta, their children Alexis and her husband Ken and Jennifer and her husband Larry, it is my honor and privilege to stand today to join the Connecticut Anti-Defamation League and the New Haven community in paying tribute to Carlton L. Highsmith for his invaluable contributions. Every community should be so fortunate as to have such a selfless, dedicated individual who so willingly commits his time and energy to enriching the community and improving the quality of life for all.

TRIBUTE TO FREDDIE EDWARD SCAGGS

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks to commemorate the life of Freddie Edward Scaggs of Salem, Virginia, who passed away on May 16, 2014.

Freddie was born in Troutville, Virginia, was a life member of the Boy Scouts, and served our country in the United States Navy. He was an active member of Salem Baptist Church, serving as an usher.

He also attended Barber School, mastering his craft before owning and operating Scaggs Barber Shop in Salem. Freddie loved cutting hair and developing relationships with his clients, doing so until a couple of months before his death. Freddie was loved by generations of customers, many of whom got their first haircuts from the gentleman barber and continued to do so even when he cut his schedule back to a couple of days a week. As one of his customers, I would vouch for Freddie's services but, more importantly, for his kind-hearted, grounded, and honest disposition.

Freddie is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lena Inez Scaggs; daughter, Nancy Scaggs Canfield; two sons, Douglas Edward Scaggs and wife Jill, John Mark Scaggs; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

My thoughts and prayers go out to Freddie's family and loved ones. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

RECOGNIZING RUTH CLAPP ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the career and retirement of Ruth Clapp, a loyal public servant to the constituents of Washington's Ninth Congressional District dating back to the 1990s.

As a Member of Congress, the importance of a strong caseworker staff cannot be understated. Often times, when constituents have exhausted all other avenues they call their Congressional representatives for help. For caseworkers, these constituent contacts are unique in nature, necessitating short turnarounds and requiring a discerning mind.

After just a few months in Congress it became clear that our staff was missing something; or, more accurately, someone. The residents of the Ninth needed someone with a background in State Department issues. The job would be part-time and—like all case-worker positions—required a genuine passion for helping others.

At the time, Ruth Clapp was enjoying the early days of her retirement after years spent working for the World Association for Children and Parents (WACAP), an adoption and international humanitarian organization. During her time with WACAP, Ruth helped families to navigate adoptions in countries around the world. The work was rewarding, yet it was time to enjoy some well-earned quiet days at her picturesque home along the water in Browns Point. And that was when the phone rang.

On the other end was a young Chief of Staff. He let Ruth know about a freshman Member of Washington State's delegation that required someone with her background. The job could be tailored to her needs: it would be part-time and only for a few years. She accepted the position and, as we know now, that "temporary" job stretched into seventeen years of service.

Ruth's personnel file grew and grew over the years, into what today resembles a stack of phone books. It is filled with hundreds of letters thanking her for help with issues including immigration, adoptions, and visas. These notes are from mothers, fathers, grandmothers, sons, and daughters. They recount Ruth creatively solving problems and demonstrate the consistency by which she went the extra mile for constituents. If getting a problem solved meant calling a consulate at 4 am on behalf of a constituent, that was what she did—gladly and without complaint.

Ruth's accomplishments are too many to list. Highlights include the critical assistance she provided an entire Afghan family to become U.S. citizens. She is passionate about conditions at the Northwest Detention Center and has provided assistance to dozens of inmates there. Travel up and down the Ninth District and chances are you will meet someone whose life has benefited from Ruth's service.

In the years ahead, Ruth undoubtedly will stay busy. She remains passionate about international adoption, loves world travel, serves on the board of a non-profit, and is a proud grandmother.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Ruth Clapp for her distinguished career. I am confident that others will continue to benefit from her selflessness.

HONORING WILLIAM MACALONEY

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay my respects to William "Bill" MacAloney, the Chairman and CEO of Jax Markets in Anaheim, California. Bill who is a long-time friend of mine recently passed after a long and brave struggle with cancer.

Bill's successful journey to becoming an industry leader in the grocery store business

started in a very humble way. He grew up in a succession of orphanages and foster homes in Massachusetts. At the age of 16, Bill hit the road, hitch hiking all the way to California, arriving in Los Angeles with little money and no place to stay.

With a great attitude, hard work and a "can do" spirit, Bill nudged his way into the food industry and opened up his first grocery store in the late 1960's. Several other stores followed under the Jax banner, one in Buena Park and another in Anaheim.

During his career in the supermarket industry which spanned more than four decades, Bill MacAloney was Chairman of the nation's largest retail business, Certified Grocer of California. He also served as Chairman of the California Grocery Association and was Co-Chair of the Food Marketing Institute (FMI), the national supermarket trade association headquartered in our Nation's Capital.

With a love for politics and community, Bill MacAloney served on the Villa Park City Council in 2002 and 2009. And Bill was an active philanthropist, and received awards and recognition from a wide range of highly respected organizations including the National Conference of Christians and Jews and B'nai B'rith among others. I should also mention that Bill was appointed to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Board of Accountancy and was on the St. Joseph Hospital Board of Trustees.

In closing, it has been an honor and a privilege for me to have known such an outstanding individual. He is a true gentleman, of great character who made the time to give back to the community and help others to achieve their dreams. Bill MacAloney is truly the classic All-American success story that we all should be proud of. I extend my sympathies to Bill's wife and loving companion of 45 years, Gwen, her four children, ten grandchildren and two great granddaughters.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

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

Today, it is \$17,494,957,564,945.40. We've added \$6,868,080,516,032.40 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR FRANK A. GRIPPE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Frankfort, New York's own Command Ser-

geant Major Frank A. Grippe, United States Army for his extraordinary dedication to duty and selfless service to the United States of America. Command Sergeant Major Grippe will soon retire from his present assignment as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida.

Command Sergeant Major Grippe entered the United States Army in April 1981 through Syracuse, New York. He trained as a light infantryman and graduated from Airborne School at Fort Henning, Georgia, after which he went on to serve in a variety of duty positions and organizations: Rifleman, Machinegunner and Team Leader in 1-509th Airborne Battalion Combat Team, Vicenza, Italy; Team Leader, Rifle Squad Leader and Reconnaissance Squad Leader in 2-325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Rifle Squad Leader, Rifle Platoon Sergeant, Battalion Operations Sergeant and Company First Sergeant with 2-75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Lewis, Washington; ROTC Senior Military Instructor at San Diego State University, San Diego, California; Command Sergeant Major for 1-87th Infantry Regiment, Fort Drum, New York, CSM of Task Force Summit (OEF Afghanistan, September 2001–April 2002); Command Sergeant Major for 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (LI), Fort Drum, New York, CSM of Combined Joint Task Force Warrior (OEF Afghanistan, July 2003–May 2004); Post and Division Command Sergeant Major of the 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) and Fort Campbell, Kentucky, CSM of Task Force Band of Brothers; Multi-National Division North (OIF, September 2005–September 2006). From August 2007 December 2011, he was assigned as the Command Sergeant Major of I Corps and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington and served as the Multi-National Corps-Iraq Command Sergeant Major from March 2009 to March 2010. Command Sergeant Major Grippe is presently the Command Senior Enlisted Leader for the United States Central Command.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to recognize Command Sergeant Major Grippe's long and decorated career. On behalf of a grateful nation, I commend Command Sergeant Major Grippe for his dedicated service to the United States of America. I also wish to recognize the sacrifices and contributions made by Command Sergeant Major Grippe's wife Carla and daughter Madeline. We are a nation truly indebted to all of the service members, veterans, and military families who continue to give so much to defend our American values and liberties. I extend my best wishes to Command Sergeant Major Grippe and his family on the occasion of his retirement.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, which will be celebrated with a series of public programs and exhibits.

Originally founded in the former Capitol Hill townhouse of Frederick Douglass, the museum was first opened by my friend Warren Robbins on June 3, 1964.

Over the ensuing decades, the museum has come to take a greater role in furthering cultural development in our Nation's capital. In 1979, it joined the Smithsonian Institution, and it relocated to its current location on the National Mall in 1987.

As the only national museum in the United States dedicated to the arts of Africa, it plays an important role in elevating the knowledge and understanding of visitors and academics alike. As a repository of stirring and thought-provoking artifacts, and a place for evocative performances and dialogues, it serves as a source of inspiration so many of our artists—luminaries like the late Maya Angelou who was a tireless advocate for the museum.

This museum has come a long way over the past 50 years, to play an important role in the Smithsonian Institution, in the Washington, D.C. community, and in the cultural life of our Nation and the world.

I congratulate them on a wonderful 50 years, and I wish them another flourishing 50 more.

HONORING MS. BLANCHE BURTON-
LYLES

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of the great pianist Ms. Blanche Burton-Lyles, a native of South Philadelphia, whose dedication to music and service has left a lasting mark on Philadelphia.

Ms. Burton-Lyles attended the prestigious Curtis Institute of Music, on the recommendation of her mentor Marian Anderson. There she studied under Madam Isabella Vengerova, one of the founders of the Curtis Institute, and Leo Ornstein, Sr., world renowned composer and pianist. Ms. Burton-Lyles also received a music degree from Temple University. She worked as a music educator in the Philadelphia Public School System for many years. A recipient of many performance awards and humanitarian honors, Ms. Burton-Lyles is the first African-American woman to perform in Carnegie Hall with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and played a number of times in the personal home of Marian Anderson. In January of 1998, she received Anderson's historical residences, which are now international attractions for visitors worldwide. Ms. Burton-Lyles is the Founder and President of the Marian Anderson Historical Society, Inc. and maintains the Marian Anderson residence and museum. Ms. Burton-Lyles will be honored by the Marian Anderson Historical Society on May 31, 2014.

It is a privilege to recognize a person whose leadership and commitment have inspired and supported so many in our region. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Ms. Blanche Burton-Lyles for her lifetime of service and dedication to Pennsylvania's First Congressional District.

IN RECOGNITION OF LUPUS
AWARENESS MONTH

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lupus Awareness Month. As co-chair of the Congressional Lupus Caucus, I am honored to help raise awareness of lupus throughout the month of May.

Despite affecting an estimated 1.5 million Americans—approximately 90 percent of whom are women—lupus is not very well known. And for those who have heard of the disease, it is much more widespread than most realize.

Lupus is a chronic illness that can affect any organ in the body. It occurs when the immune system is out of balance, damaging the body's organs and tissues. Most puzzling, no two lupus patients experience the same symptoms. Thus, a variety of medications are used to treat the disease since its manifestations vary dramatically between cases. Many symptoms of Lupus mimic those of other illnesses, and can change over time, making diagnosis difficult. Consequently, diagnoses of Lupus can take up to four years and require visits to more than three physicians.

My goal in founding the Congressional Lupus Caucus was to raise awareness and help further research efforts in regard to this little understood, life-threatening disease. Researchers are working to better understand the disease's complexity and are making great strides in finding effective treatments. Today, there are more than two dozen potential drugs for lupus in the development pipeline. Because of research, initiatives such as Lupus Awareness Month, and other grassroots efforts, more and more people with lupus are leading healthier lives and living longer than at any time in history.

I am proud to report that in my home state of Massachusetts, excellent resources are available to those affected by lupus. These resources include a support group at the Bourne Council on Aging and a state-of-the-art Lupus Program at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Despite local successes, Federal funding for advocacy and research remains critical. Increased funding will lead to improved knowledge of the disease and earlier and more accurate diagnoses, helping to improve disease management, diminish adverse effects, and increase quality of life for individuals living with lupus. I pledge to continue to raise awareness and do what I can to secure the resources needed to build upon the steady strides already achieved in lupus research and development. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to continue to support lupus research and treatment and to help spread the word about this disease.

RECOGNIZING MR. AMR NASSAR

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize one of my constitu-

ents, Mr. Amr Nassar, for his acceptance to the People to People World Leadership Forum in Washington, DC. Mr. Nassar was selected for his academic excellence, leadership potential and exemplary citizenship.

The People to People mission is to bridge cultural and political borders through education and exchange. To this end, People to People offers domestic and international educational programs that promote cooperation, cross-cultural understanding and leadership. It is my hope that Mr. Nassar benefitted greatly from his participation in the World Leadership Forum, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

ANN MILLER TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ann Miller. Ms. Miller is the Executive Director of Unlimited Learning, Incorporated, in southwest Colorado.

Ms. Miller has been working with refugees and minority groups on educational and occupational issues such as providing English language instruction, life skills training and cross-cultural classes since the mid-1970s.

Since 1990, she has been Director of the Adult Education Program for Montezuma and Dolores Counties in southwest Colorado, and in 2001 founded Unlimited Learning and is currently serving as the institution's Executive Director. Unlimited Learning is a nonprofit educational organization, primarily focused on distance education programming. They ensure that Native Americans, rural area residents, and adults seeking a GED have access to adult education, college level education courses, and degrees. Unlimited Learning serves in partnership with the College of Eastern Utah, which is part of the Utah State University system, to provide educational services to over 5,000 square miles spanning Colorado, Arizona, Utah, and Alaska.

Ms. Miller is driven by the desire to provide innovative ways to reach and educate rural, low-income, and minority citizens, so that they have an opportunity for a better life—socially, economically, and physically. She truly has made a great difference in the lives of many people.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Director Ann Miller. I rise today to thank her for her work on behalf of the citizens of Montezuma and Dolores Counties.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MEDICARE
TRANSITIONAL CARE ACT OF 2014

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing The Medicare Transitional Care Act, which will address continuity of care problems. This legislation will provide high-risk Medicare beneficiaries access to evidence based transitional care services that are provided by an eligible transitional care entity,

such as hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and community based-organizations. The bill will also provide incentives for the use of technology and other tools to improve care transitions.

Transitions from hospital to home can be complicated and risky, especially for individuals with multiple chronic illnesses. Patients frequently report difficulty remembering clinical instructions, confusion over correct use of medications, and uncertainty over their prognosis. In cases where multiple providers are involved, patients often get conflicting instructions from different providers.

Researchers with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation have estimated that inadequate care coordination, including inadequate management of care transitions, was responsible for \$25 to \$45 billion in wasteful spending in 2011 through avoidable complications and unnecessary hospital readmissions.

In its June 2012 Report, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) highlighted the need for an explicit payment for transitional care services, given the documented evidence that effective and coordinated care transitions improve health outcomes, reduce readmission rates, and generate significant savings to the U.S. health care system. The Congressional Budget Office has echoed these findings. In a report documenting lessons from Medicare's demonstration projects, the CBO emphasized that "programs that smoothed transitions (for example, by providing additional education and support to patients moving from a hospital to a nursing facility or between a primary care provider and a specialist) tended to have fewer hospital admissions."

It is our hope that stakeholders involved in the care delivery system will carefully evaluate this legislation and provide comments or suggested improvements to me and the other sponsors. We are interested in ensuring that the legislation's terms are adequately tailored to the different circumstances and settings in which these transitions occur.

Providing a transitional care benefit within Medicare will help coordinate care, develop a care plan for patients and their caregivers, identify potential health risks, and prevent unnecessary hospitalizations. I thank my cosponsors and look forward to working with my colleagues to advance this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, on May 28, I missed two recorded votes. Had I been present, on rollcall No. 241, I would have voted "aye." On rollcall No. 242, I would have voted "aye."

THANKING MARA SACCENTE FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many friends, family and colleagues who have gathered to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Mara Saccente who served as a member of my District staff for 15 years. As a Caseworker and Scheduler, Mara dedicated an enormous amount of her personal time and energies to addressing the needs and concerns of the residents of Connecticut's 3rd Congressional District and I cannot thank her enough for all the outstanding work she has done.

A native of Orange, Connecticut, during her senior year at the University of Connecticut, Mara spent the fall semester as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office. She was energetic and full of enthusiasm, assisting our press secretary and writing constituent correspondence. It was fortunate timing that upon her graduation, I had an opening for a caseworker in my District Office. Mara officially came on board on July 1, 1998. During the first three years of her tenure, she was responsible for a variety of casework areas including issues with Social Security, immigration, and the environment. Her compassion and understanding lent itself to the position and she thrived—the myriad of thank you notes she received is a testament to the difference she was able to make in the lives of others.

As anyone in this Chamber can understand, the position of scheduling in a Congressional office requires a unique combination of patience and organization as well as the ability to manage the many personalities of constituents vying for your time. With a seemingly never ending list of events, invitations, and meetings coming in, in the twelve years that Mara served as my district scheduler, she managed to balance it all with both poise and integrity—earning a distinguished reputation among her colleagues and the many community members she interacted with every day.

Though I can hardly figure out where she was able to find the time, Mara is also very involved with her community. A member of Or Shalom Synagogue, she served as Secretary of the Board of Directors, she has been a leader for her daughter's Girl Scouts troop, as well as an active member of the PTA and the local Democratic Town Committee. Mara's strong desire to give back to her community has made a real difference and serves as an example to us all of how one person's actions can enrich the lives of others.

Mara has embarked on a new professional endeavor, however, she will always be more than just a staffer or a colleague—she is family. I, like all of those who have had the opportunity to work with her, will miss her. Today, I am honored to have this opportunity to extend my deepest thanks and sincere appreciation to Mara Saccente for all of her good work both on my behalf and that of the residents of the 3rd Congressional District. I wish her, her husband, Ken, and their children, Anna and Nathan, as well as her parents, Paul and

Debbie Davis, the very best for many more years of health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING THE 8TH ANNUAL DC LATINO PRIDE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the 8th annual DC Latino Pride, the national capital region's celebration of our Latino lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community.

The Washington, DC metropolitan area has had an identifiable Latino LGBT community since the early 1960s. However, the community remained largely invisible until the first LGBT March in Washington in 1987. DC Latino Pride's parent organization, the Latino Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender History Project, began in 2000. The organization grew out of a private archive kept since 1993 by its founder, José Gutierrez, who, in turn, organized the first DC Latino Pride, in 2007.

It has been both a pleasure and an inspiration to watch DC Latino Pride grow from a panel discussion held the day before the annual Capital Pride parade to this year's series of events between May 25 and June 5. The Latino Pride events include La Coronación on May 25th; La Plática, a panel discussion at the Human Rights Campaign on May 29th; La Fe, a bilingual worship service with the Metropolitan Community Church Ministerio Español and Grupo Latino Dignidad de Washington on May 31st, and La Fiesta Latino Dance Party at Towne Danceboutique on June 5th.

The Latino and Latino gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender GLBT History Project and Empoderate Youth Center of La Clínica del Pueblo jointly host DC Latino Pride and coordinate this celebration with their partners: El Zol Radio 107.9, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the DC Office of Human Rights, the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs, the Mayor's Office of GLBT Affairs, D&P Creative Strategies, Brother Help Thyself, The DC Center, GLOV, the Raben Goup, Lambda Legal, Whitman Walker, Reasons, Verizon, Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, Latinos Ready for Hilary, Identity, and Food & Friends.

This year's organizers include: David M. Pérez, President; Esther Hidalgo, Vice President of Historical Archives; José Gutierrez, Founder & Historical Archives Co-Chair; Jorge A. Soto, Secretary; Wilmer Gutiérrez, Treasurer; May Sifuentes, Finance Committee Co-Chair; Board Members Jose Plaza and Alexa Rodríguez; José Ramírez, Outreach Chair; Jennifer Sánchez, Outreach Committee; and Jesús "Chuche" Chavez, Program Coordinator.

I ask the House to join me in recognizing the 8th annual DC Latino Pride, welcoming all those who will attend, and congratulating the Latino GLBT History Project's officers, board, and volunteers for work well done, and I take this opportunity to remind the celebrants that the United States citizens who reside in Washington, DC are taxed without full voting representation in Congress.

HONORING THE WORK AND
CAREER OF DR. D. WALTER COHEN

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the impact of the work of Dr. D. Walter Cohen. Dr. Cohen's career brought extraordinary accomplishments to both Philadelphia and the global medical community. He set the highest standards in education and forged international partnerships for the promotion of peace. Today, I am pleased to honor Dr. D. Walter Cohen's contributions to education and science.

Dr. Cohen was born and raised in Philadelphia. He earned both his undergraduate degree and a D.D.S. from the University of Pennsylvania. After completing a research fellowship in Pathology and Periodontics at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, he returned to Philadelphia to commence a distinguished academic career.

In 1951, Dr. Cohen returned to Penn as an associate professor and embarked on a career that would exemplify leadership, dedication, and the highest standard of innovation. During his tenure, he established Penn's Department of Periodontics and served as its first chairman, became a Professor of Periodontics, and ultimately became Dean of Penn Dental Medicine.

As Dean, Dr. Cohen is widely credited for revitalizing the school's educational program by establishing a preceptor model of education, introducing new courses, recruiting a new faculty, and establishing a residency. His book describes the innovative program that changed the way Penn educates dental students; "Educating the dentist of the future: The Pennsylvania Experiment." Dr. Cohen's career was ultimately recognized with the 2013 William J. Gies Award from the American Dental Education Association, which honored his superior achievements in dental education.

His accomplishments have considerable international impact. In the 1950's, he initiated a fellowship exchange between the U.S. and Israel. After raising \$500,000, he was able to bring over 18 full-time faculty members to train at Penn. The program's success paved the way for the creation of The D. Walter Cohen Middle East Center for Dental Education in Israel. The center allowed dentists throughout the Middle East to study at the Hebrew University Hadassah School in Jerusalem. The program strengthened the partnership between the U.S. and Israel while promoting peace and education.

Dr. Cohen's exemplary leadership helped to unite 41 U.S. dental schools under the Alliance for Oral Health Across Borders. The Alliance is committed to promoting peace through health education. By crossing borders, health providers build bridges among dental and health professionals around the world. These connections provide education, improve the state of oral health globally, develop leadership and advocacy, and promote collaborative research.

His legacy will endure through lasting contributions and through those who have recognized them. He was awarded honorary membership by the British Society of

Periodontology, and given the Legion of Merit Award from the French Government. The American Academy of Periodontology offers a grant in his name, the Dr. D. Walter Cohen Teaching Award. It is my privilege to recognize the distinguished career of Dr. Walter Cohen for contributing to peace and education around the world.

USA FREEDOM ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3361, the USA FREEDOM Act, is intended to provide strong, concrete limits that prevent mass and untargeted collection of records and information using domestic intelligence authorities, Section 215 of the PATRIOT Act, the intelligence pen/trap statute, and national security letters. The USA FREEDOM Act is designed to prevent bulk collection on a nationwide scale and other broad collection of information that pertains to large numbers of people who share an identifier. The substitute amendment's definition of "specific selection term" is an integral part of our effort to end, and prevent, such broad collection. The identifiers that fit this definition should be narrowly construed to further this goal.

Under the bill, a specific selection term is defined as, "a discrete term, such as a term specifically identifying a person, entity, account, address, or device, used by the Government to limit the scope of the information or tangible things sought pursuant to the statute authorizing the provision of such information or tangible thing to the government."

This definition includes a non-exclusive list of discrete identifiers—person, entity, account, address, device—that are associated with a specific person or a very small group of people. The list is non-exclusive because there may be other discrete identifiers that pertain only to a specific person or a small group. Using an illustrative list rather than an exhaustive list provides necessary flexibility in choosing selection terms that identify particular people or small groups, and is not intended to permit collection of information about large numbers of people who may have some tie to an identifier. For example, a "specific selection term" includes the phone number associated with a target's cell phone and the phone number of his home landline he shares with the rest of his family, but not an area code shared by thousands or millions.

The substitute amendment includes "device" and "address" among the illustrative examples of specific selection terms. Use of these examples is not intended to permit large scale collection. They were added to broaden the type of specific identifiers that could be employed, not to permit broad collection of information that pertains to vast numbers of people. In both cases, these terms apply to a personal identifier—a personal device or address—in which the "device" or "address" takes the place of another unique identifier, such as a name or account.

For example, the IMEI number of cell phone identifies that "device" and is an appropriate selection term because the device is associ-

ated with a specific person. However, the IP address of an Internet router that acts as a hub for thousands of email users, while it identifies a specific device, does not qualify as a specific selection term because the records associated it with pertain to so many people. Similarly, an "address" could serve as a selection term permitting the government to name the physical address of a home, but not an IP address shared by thousands of Internet users. To use a selection term in a manner that would sweep up the records that pertain to dozens, hundreds, or thousands of individuals is exactly the type of mass surveillance that this legislation is designed to prevent.

The USA FREEDOM Act is intended to stop both bulk and "bulky" collection, and I expect it to fulfill this function as a critical safeguard to Americans' privacy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, my scheduled flight into Washington yesterday was delayed significantly by bad weather. As a result, I was absent from the House floor during Wednesday's two rollcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of both H. Res. 599 and H.R. 503.

CONDOLENCES TO THE PEOPLE OF
TURKEY

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues offering their condolences and prayers to the people of Turkey in the wake of the worst mining disaster in that country's history. I am deeply saddened by the tragic loss of life, and share the pain of the victims' families and friends.

As a former Air Force pilot who continues to serve in the Air National Guard, I have experienced our close relationship with Turkey, and can attest to the sincerity, kindness, and generosity of the Turkish people.

The way forward will be long and painful, but the people of Turkey should know they are not alone, and are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related

Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Chair, I thank the gentleman from New York, Mr. CROWLEY, for his bringing attention to an important program that deserves the support of this body. The importance of Science Technology Engineering and Math (or STEM) education has been recognized by this administration and members of Congress from both sides of the aisle. Investment in these fields will prepare our students for good paying jobs and strengthen our economy by ensuring that our workforce stays competitive in a globalized world. Entrepreneurs with specialties in these fields are creating exciting new start-ups and jobs while more established companies are being encouraged to reshore jobs in this country when our workers are better trained. In short the value of STEM education is universally understood.

Madam Chair, the gentleman's colloquy allows us the opportunity to demonstrate congressional intent to support STEM education, particularly in our Nation's Hispanic Serving Institutions. HSIs serve an important population and educate students of all backgrounds. The program directed the National Science Foundation to help create additional capacity for STEM education in these institutions of higher learning. The National Science Foundation directs investment in American innovation and is uniquely equipped to focus efforts on bringing more students into these important fields.

This amendment supports a worthy program that returns a value to our students and the economy that is well beyond the investment.

RECOGNIZING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALPHA XI OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., DALLAS, TEXAS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 85th Anniversary of the Alpha Xi Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated—the first Greek letter sorority for African-American women. The Alpha Xi Omega Chapter was established in Dallas, Texas on June 6, 1929. Since its inception, its members have provided outstanding community service throughout the City of Dallas. They have displayed a constant commitment to serving those in need through varied volunteer activities—from tutoring children, raising money to fight cancer, increasing awareness to combat AIDS, supporting research for sickle cell anemia to feeding the hungry.

Through programs of service, they encourage young men and women to develop high standards of character and excellence in education. They support a myriad of other programs, including: health and social services for women and children and the development of art, cultural and educational groups. They understand the great price of liberty—the duty of each of us to give back freely. They understand that by investing their time, energy and talent, they strengthen the very fiber of our Nation.

While my colleagues and I draft education reform legislations, we cannot be on the ground in every community: staffing after-school programs, coordinating back-to-school supply drives or organizing domestic violence seminars. Our success as a nation is, in no small part, due to the leadership and passion of citizens who are helping people lead healthier and more purposeful lives—those who focus on student achievement to foster innovation and creativity. The Alpha Xi Omega Chapter has improved the social stature of Dallas' youth by cultivating and encouraging high scholastic and ethical standards. Because of their work, the next generation of leaders is energized to innovate and move the country forward.

Mr. Speaker, I have been a Member of this organization for more than 40 years, and I can say with great pride that the City of Dallas is a better place because of the dedicated and selfless service of the distinguished women of The Alpha Xi Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Their unparalleled and unprecedented community involvement will impact the Dallas community for years to come. They epitomize the power of an engaged citizenry and reflect our nation's great tradition of service. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their service today in the U.S. House of Representatives.

RECOGNITION OF THE 96TH ANNIVERSARY OF REPUBLIC DAY IN AZERBAIJAN

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 96th anniversary of Republic Day in Azerbaijan on May 28. Azerbaijan is a secular, modern, Muslim country, which practices broad religious tolerance. Established in May 28, 1918, the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic was the first republic in any majority-Muslim country. In 1920 Russia occupied Azerbaijan and several Azeris lost their lives fighting for their independence. After years of living under Soviet rule, Azerbaijan reclaimed its independence in 1991 following the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Over the last twenty-three years, the Republic of Azerbaijan has strengthened its sovereignty and independence, and has developed into one of the fastest growing economies in the region. Azerbaijan is also a staunch ally and strategic partner of the United States in the decisively important Caspian region. As a valuable international ally, Azerbaijan provided aid to the United States directly following the devastating events of 9/11, assisting the United States on matters of international security.

Azerbaijan resides in one of the world's most dangerous neighborhoods, with Russia to the north and Iran to the south; however, the U.S. and Azerbaijan have developed a steadfast relationship through the opening of Caspian energy sources for development. Making significant contributions to the energy security of Europe, Turkey, and Israel, Azerbaijan has materialized as a fundamental player in global energy security.

Again, it is my pleasure to honor the Republic of Azerbaijan on the occasion of the 96th

anniversary of the Republic Day, and to distinguish the many achievements of Azerbaijan along with the remarkably valuable partnership between the United States and Azerbaijan.

CONGRATULATING THE HONOREES OF THE ELLSWORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorees of the Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce's Annual Awards Dinner. The Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce serves the people and business communities of the region, working hard to strengthen economic opportunity throughout the area and the state.

Each year, the Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce recognizes local businesses, business leaders, and individuals who promote and advance a vital and healthy business environment. These individuals and businesses are committed to strengthening opportunity, prosperity, and community service in Maine.

The 2014 award winners are: Merrill Enterprises, Top Drawer Award; Eleanor Jones, Citizen of the Year; Friends and Family, Customer Service Award; Shinbashi, Revitalization Award; and Z Photography, Chamber New Business of the Year.

These recipients are among the best that Maine has to offer. Through their leadership and their incredible commitment to their communities and to the region, Maine is a better place in which to live and do business.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating the Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce and the award recipients on their outstanding service and achievements.

CONFERENCE REPORT WATER RESOURCES REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT ACT (H.R. 3080)

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted in support of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (H.R. 3080) Conference Report. Unfortunately, I attended the funeral for a family member and missed the vote.

The Water Resources Reform and Development Act authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' mission, ensuring our nation's waterways have the resources to improve infrastructure and create jobs while providing flood protection and environmental restoration. Long overdue, the conference report to H.R. 3080 will ensure economic growth for years to come.

I'm pleased that the conference report includes my language addressing the threat of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio River basins and tributaries. The Fish and Wildlife Service in coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers, the National Park Service,

and the Geological Survey will lead a multi-agency preventative effort working with state and local governments. These federal agencies will provide critical technical assistance, coordination, best practices, and support to slow and eventually eliminate the threat posed by Asian carp.

I want to thank the coalition of governmental agencies, private, and non-governmental organizations that have supported my bill. Particularly, I want to thank the Upper River Services, LLC, Water Ways Council, National Wildlife Federation, and Trout Unlimited.

I look forward to working with these groups and the Administration to implement this language and to ensure that our communities have the resources and tools they need to better respond to the dangers posed by these invasive species.

IN HONOR OF OUR BRAVE
VETERANS ON MEMORIAL DAY

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, every Memorial Day, Americans come together to honor the brave individuals who have selflessly given their lives for our continued prosperity, founding ideals, and democracy. Every American is indebted to their service and should be inspired by these exemplars of courage.

The month of May is also Military Appreciation month. As we honor our fallen veterans, we must not only speak to their accomplishments, but actively reaffirm our appreciation and commitment to the veterans among us. Throughout our nation's history, veterans have contributed to the strength and resilience of our great democracy like no other group. We must express our gratitude by ensuring that they as well as their families receive the benefits they need, deserve, and have earned. Therefore, we must continue to support, assist, and hold the Department of Veterans Affairs accountable. The assistance and medical treatment the agency provides to our veterans as well as their families must always be accessible and of the highest standard.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, as we honor our veterans on this Memorial Day, I call on our entire nation to reaffirm its commitment and leave no veteran behind. This is the least a grateful nation can do.

HONORING ANNE LOUISE TAYLOR

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional life of Ms. Anne Louise Taylor, a devoted mother, sister, friend and colleague. With her passing on March 31, 2014, we look to the outstanding quality of her life's work as a public servant.

Born on August 15, 1957 and raised in Alameda, California, Ms. Anne Taylor graduated from Alameda High School. She went on to graduate from the University of Maryland

Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

After completing her studies, Ms. Taylor began her career in the political arena working for California State Assemblymember and California Board of Equalization Member Johan Klehs. She later served as the District Director for former California State Assemblymember Ellen Corbett and as the head of Government Relations for California State University, East Bay.

In addition to Ms. Taylor's work in public office, she worked closely with many non-profits and community groups. At the East Bay Community Foundation, Ms. Taylor helped simplify the process for submitting grants by developing a "one-stop" shop website for non-profit organizations. This website has garnered recognition and won awards, and it remains a shining example of government and non-profit collaboration. Ms. Taylor also had an extensive nonprofit fundraising background, having worked for the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

Moreover, Ms. Taylor was an advocate in the community and nation on women's health issues. She worked with the National American Red Cross, raising more than \$6 million for the "Help Can't Wait" program. She was also named the American Red Cross Community Service Hero for her efforts to educate women about the risks of heart disease. Ms. Taylor actively volunteered for the American Heart Association and the Mended Hearts Organization.

Ms. Anne Taylor served as District Director in my Oakland office for over five years, coordinating district outreach, including town hall meetings, forums, community events and workshops. Ms. Taylor was the lead staff member on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and worked tirelessly to secure more than \$1.9 billion in Stimulus funds for the district.

Ms. Taylor's contributions to the residents of the East Bay were enormous. With true compassion and commitment, she touched the lives of thousands of people. Not only was she a true public servant and phenomenal woman, she was deeply passionate about her community, Alameda, where she loved the 4th of July parade and the Alameda Point Antique fair.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual and dedicated public servant, Ms. Anne Taylor. Her invaluable service to improving the lives of the underrepresented and underserved will live on in the endless legacy of her life's work. I offer my sincerest condolences to her many loved ones, friends and colleagues she touched over the course of her incredible life. May her soul rest in peace.

COMMENDING THE DANVILLE-
SYCAMORE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today and invite my colleagues to join me in commending the members of the Danville-Sycamore Valley Rotary Club for their longstanding, strong support of K-12 Education in the 11th Congressional District in

California. Living out the Rotarian motto of "Service Before Self", these men and women have marshalled their resources to reward outstanding students, teachers and administrators in local schools for the past 22 years.

Every month during the school year, the Rotarians highlight one K-12 school in the community. Each teacher and student, chosen by their principal, is recognized publicly with their family and colleagues in attendance. Without exception, the awardees are dedicated to their academic work and to community service in and out of the school setting.

Over the past two years, it has been my pleasure to participate in special celebrations recognizing the individual achievements of students and teachers from 11 Danville schools.

From Creekside Elementary School, the Rotarians honored students Mackenzie Michel and Griffin Snyder and teachers Kristen Berg and Nancy Rugani. From Hidden Hills Elementary they honored student Lohith Dasari and teacher Sherri Wright. From John Baldwin Elementary they honored students Lauren Batza and James Goldberg and teachers Chara Rodrigues and Dawn-Monique Elkin. From Tassajara Hills Elementary they honored students Kayla Sapir and Lauren Spain and teachers Sia Yfantis and Jeanie Small. From Dougherty Valley High they honored students Seunghwa Madeleine Han and Nicole Giles and teachers Megan Keefer and Duane Ingram. From Del Amigo High School they honored students Josh Gorski and Cole Ortiz and teachers Bill Collins and Carole Edwards Van Muijen. From Diablo Vista Middle School they honored student Anya Nutakki and teacher Janet Darrimon. From Charlotte Wood Middle School they honored student Connor Kay and teacher Kathleen Martins. From Coyote Creek Elementary they honored student Ashmit Gaba and teacher Stephanie Preston. And from Greenbrook Elementary School, they honored student Robert Corritone and teacher Kristen McDevitt. In addition to these outstanding students and teachers, the Danville-Sycamore Valley Rotarians honored members of the school district administration Chris Williams and Kirby Hoy for their outstanding work in support of K-12 education.

In recognizing the hard work of our students, teachers and administrators, we distinguish what works in education and help find ways to replicate the very best practices. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating the students, teachers and administrators who have been honored, and in thanking the Danville-Sycamore Valley Rotarians for their exceptional dedication to education and community service.

TO HONOR NEVADA CIVIL RIGHTS
LEADER BOB BAILEY

HON. STEVEN A. HORSFORD

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to honor Nevada civil rights leader Bob Bailey, who passed away on Saturday.

Bob was a tireless advocate for equality in Nevada.

In the '50s and '60s, Vegas was as segregated as the Deep South. Bob saw injustice all around him and became a staunch advocate for equality.

He worked with Governor Grant Sawyer to investigate discrimination in employment, and he served as the first chairman of the Nevada Equal Rights Commission. His work helped desegregate hotel-casinos under the Nevada Civil Rights Act of 1965.

Bob later served as the president of Nevada Economic Development Company, which helped minority-owned businesses, and in 1990 he was appointed by President George H.W. Bush to serve as Deputy Director of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency.

Bob Bailey opened the doors for thousands of African-Americans in Las Vegas, including myself. He will be missed, and we will remember his legacy.

HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4435) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Chair, I rise today to thank Chairman McKEON and Ranking Member SMITH for including an amendment that I offered with Rep. TOM ROONEY in en bloc amendment #7 and I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. ROONEY and I, along with other colleagues like Rep. WALTER JONES have been engaged in an effort for several years now to ensure that children with developmental disabilities that are covered by TRICARE, can access the behavioral health treatment that they require. It was an issue that was brought to my attention by a constituent whose husband is in the military and who has a child with a developmental disability. The challenges her family faces however, are also unfortunately experienced by numerous military families across the country.

While TRICARE does provide access to a multitude of services for families, there are limitations on them from fully accessing the appropriate level of care for their children for a behavioral health treatment known as applied behavior analysis (ABA). Currently families must navigate a complicated web of programs within TRICARE, each with eligibility or coverage limitations, in order to get access to treatment. In addition, children with developmental disabilities do not have access. Our amendment simply seeks to streamline coverage for these services as a medical benefit under TRICARE Basic, which would ensure access to these services for the dependents of both active duty and non-active duty beneficiaries.

These are families that have sacrificed a great deal in the service of our nation, and it is our obligation to make sure that their children get the health care services that they need. This amendment is designed to do just

that. Many children with developmental disabilities require other types of treatment such as habilitative and rehabilitative services like speech, occupational, and physical therapy that are already covered by TRICARE. However, because of the current restrictions, there are cases where some of these children are not able to access the prescribed level of ABA treatment. I want to make it clear that this amendment will not, nor is intended to, alter any services that a child's team of health providers deem necessary and are currently covered, like those already mentioned, but simply ensures that they can get the ABA services that they've been prescribed. In addition, as mentioned in the amendment we believe that amounts should be appropriated to ensure that all TRICARE beneficiaries have appropriate and equitable access to behavioral health treatment, including ABA.

This is just simply the right thing to do for our military families who have sacrificed so much in the service of our country. Once again, I thank my colleagues for their support on this important issue on behalf of military families across this country.

HONORING THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF GOULDSBORO, MAINE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Town of Gouldsboro, Maine as it celebrates its 225th anniversary.

Located on the Schoodic Peninsula in Hancock County, the Town of Gouldsboro includes the four villages of Corea, Prospect Harbor, West Gouldsboro and Birch Harbor. Named for one of its original proprietors, Robert Gould, the town was first incorporated into the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1789, predating Maine's statehood. Known for its scenic harbors, long coastline, fishing community, and views of Acadia National Park, the Town of Gouldsboro truly embodies the spirit of coastal Maine.

Gouldsboro is also home to four sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places: Prospect Harbor Light Station; Soderholtz, Eric E., Cottage; West Gouldsboro Union Church; and West Gouldsboro Village Library.

The Town of Gouldsboro reflects the values of the hardworking people of Maine who take great pride in the rich history they have created over the past 225 years. It is an honor and a privilege to represent the people of Gouldsboro in Congress, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to help them commemorate the town's 225th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the people of Gouldsboro and wishing them well on this joyous occasion.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Chair, I rise today to discuss an amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY 2015 that would divert \$10 million from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to go toward the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

The recent shooting in Santa Barbara last week underscores the critical need to have a comprehensive and robust background check system in place to screen individuals who are looking to illegally purchase firearms. Over the last 20 years, more than 2.1 million illegal firearms sales have been prevented because of NICS. However, there are still gaps in the system, due in part because there is insufficient funding for States to keep adequate records on individuals who are not permitted to purchase firearms under the law.

Congress can do more to provide additional funding to help bolster NICS and its ability to keep firearms out of the hands of felons, domestic abusers, or the mentally ill. Additional funding in the CJS Appropriations bill will help meet the demand from States to collect more accurate and more complete records of individuals who are ineligible to purchase firearms.

However, I have serious reservations that this amendment will decrease the administrative and grants management activities budget of the NSF by \$10 million. As Ranking Member of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, I cannot in good faith support an amendment which proposes to cut an essential function for the premier STEM education research organization in the country. This cut to NSF is a cut to the management of research which will ultimately determine our Nation's global competitiveness for years to come. For decades, NSF grants have resulted in the most effective and inspiring STEM curricula and programs in and out of the classroom. I cannot in good faith support an amendment which does harm to these important areas.

Madam Chair, I believe that this Congress can do more to prevent gun violence in order to avoid tragedies such as the recent shooting in Santa Barbara. However, I must object to the desire to draw critical funding away from the NSF's agency operations account in order to bolster NICS. Reducing funding for NSF is misguided, and I strongly urge my colleagues to reconsider their approach to this important amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE 96TH ANNIVERSARY OF AZERBAIJAN'S REPUBLIC DAY

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Azerbaijan on its Republic Day. On May 28, 1918, Azerbaijan declared its independence from the Russian Empire—making it the first democracy in the Muslim world. Unfortunately, only a few short years later in 1920 Azerbaijan was invaded by the Russian Red Army and was subsequently incorporated into the Soviet Union. Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, Azerbaijan regained its independence in 1991.

Azerbaijan continues to be an important partner with the United States in counter-terrorism efforts and initiatives to bolster energy security with strategic allies. With its vast resources of oil and gas, Azerbaijan is a key component to help our strategic allies in NATO and other European countries diversify their energy resources.

Many of our strategic allies in Europe are heavily dependent upon natural gas from one source or from unstable regions. And the ongoing events in Ukraine are a stark reminder that the United States must enhance our strategic partnerships with allies in Europe and Eurasia. That is why we must continue to support initiatives such as the Southern Gas Corridor which will route natural gas from Azerbaijan to Europe.

The Caspian Sea region holds significant energy resources and proven natural gas reserves. In particular, the Shah Deniz field in Azerbaijan is one of the world's largest gas fields, with over 30 trillion cubic feet of recoverable gas. The Southern Gas Corridor will help our European allies diversify their energy resources by providing an alternative and reliable source of natural gas. This will increase global energy supplies and create a more competitive natural gas market, helping to bolster energy security and help improve geopolitical stability in the region.

Successive U.S. administrations have supported the development of energy resources in the Caspian Sea region, including earlier oil and gas pipelines from Azerbaijan to neighboring nations, as well as developing stronger trade relationships and international partnerships with the countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia.

In fact, on April 2, 2014 Secretary of State John Kerry, in a joint statement with European energy leaders at a meeting of the EU-US Energy Council, stated "The Council reaffirmed the importance of the Southern Gas Corridor to bring gas to Europe, urged for timely construction of a dedicated, scalable pipeline which keeps the options open for additional supplies, and agreed to explore investments to strengthen gas supplies to Central and Southeast Europe."

The Southern Gas Corridor is an important starting point to provide Europe with an alternative and reliable source of energy. Establishment of the pipeline lays the foundation for opportunities for greater amounts of natural gas development and further pipeline infrastructure to bring additional energy resources to Europe.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Azerbaijan on the 96th anniversary of its Republic Day.

HONORING WILLIAM H. COOPER

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Ranking Member LEVIN to honor William H. Cooper, Specialist in International Trade and Finance in the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division of the Congressional Research Service (CRS). Bill will retire at the end of June after 41 years of distinguished government service, including 32 years of invaluable analytical work for Congress and the Ways and Means Committee as a leading expert on U.S. trade policy and international economics.

Bill's authoritative, objective, and non-partisan support for Congress on international trade and economic issues is exemplified in his many reports, confidential memoranda, and consultative briefings. Over the span of three decades, his work for Congress has addressed nearly every major trade bill and U.S. trade law, as well as U.S. trade relations and negotiations with key U.S. trading partners and at the World Trade Organization. His deep expertise and knowledge have been vital to Congress and the Committee in particular in fulfilling its constitutional role on international trade.

I especially want to thank Bill for his substantial support on the U.S.-South Korea Free Trade Agreement and Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations; the international negotiations trade in services; U.S. trade and economic relations with South Korea, Japan, Russia, and Europe; the WTO global trading system; and Trade Promotion Authority. Bill's invaluable analytical contributions, intellectual leadership, and institutional understanding of these and other vital policy issues before Congress over these past 32 years will leave an invaluable legacy.

Bill represents CRS at its finest in serving Congress. I wish him the very best in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WILLIAM H.
"DOC" LONG

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. William H. "Doc" Long of Oak Ridge, North Carolina.

Doc Long, a veteran who served under the command of General Patton in World War II, has for the last three years been a tireless promoter of the Carolina Field of Honor Memorial in Triad Park in Kernersville, North Carolina.

Ground was broken for this memorial in November of last year, and the project is now complete. I will have the privilege of attending the unveiling of this important monument on Saturday.

Mr. Speaker, it's our responsibility to ensure that our military remains strong and our veterans receive the care and benefits they have earned, but we should always take time to recognize those individuals in our communities who tirelessly work to ensure the sacrifices made on behalf of our nation are not forgotten. Doc Long is one such individual, I look forward to seeing him in Kernersville Saturday, and it's a privilege to recognize him in this House today.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION
FOR UNITED STATES ARMY COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR MARTIN R. BARRERAS

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Army Command Sergeant Major Martin R. Barreras, who died on May 12, 2014 from wounds he suffered on May 6 when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire in Harat Province, Afghanistan. He leaves behind his wife, Melinda; mother, Gloria; father, Ray; brothers Dave and Andy; three children, Calvin, Victoria and Amice; three grandchildren; and numerous friends.

Born in New Mexico, Command Sergeant Major Barreras spent most of his childhood in Tucson, Arizona. He attended Sunnyside High School before joining the military. In the last assignment of his long military career, he was assigned as the highest-ranking enlisted member of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team based in Fort Bliss, Texas.

Command Sergeant Major Barreras was on his sixth deployment to Afghanistan, after serving 29 honorable years defending our country in both the Army and Marine Corps.

Nicknamed "Gunny" from his time in the Marines, Command Sergeant Major Barreras was a great soldier. Over his career he earned 50 awards and distinctions including a Bronze Star with valor and two Purple Hearts. However, his illustrious career depicted through his medals will not be the only thing to highlight his service to our country. The men and women he led and fought with will always remember his selflessness and war-fighting spirit that will undoubtedly be passed on for generations to come.

As an Army Ranger, he helped rescue former prisoner of war Jessica Lynch from an Iraqi hospital in 2003. Command Sergeant Major Barreras was the leader of the Army battalion that conducted the successful rescue of Lynch. He personally handed Lynch to another soldier to transfer her to the helicopter that evacuated her from the area. Without any hesitation, he then led the fight against multiple attacks in order to retrieve all nine bodies of the other U.S. soldiers missing in action.

We remember Command Sergeant Major Barreras and offer our deepest condolences and sincerest prayers to his family. I am heart-sick for their loss and my words cannot offer adequate consolation.

Everyone in our great country owes Command Sergeant Major Barreras and his family a debt of gratitude for his selfless sacrifice and courage. It is vital that we keep our men and

women in uniform who are in harm's way in our thoughts and prayers. I call on my fellow colleagues and all Americans to remember, on this Memorial Day weekend, Command Sergeant Major Barreras and his fellow fallen comrades—those who have paid the ultimate price.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Madam Chair, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4660, the fiscal year 2015 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriations bill. I wish to highlight one area under the jurisdiction of this committee and germane to this bill: U.S. stewardship and the Internet.

U.S. stewardship of the Internet's critical functions has allowed the World Wide Web to

safely flourish and expand to endless horizons, enabling new ideas to spread and new markets to grow all over the world. It is clear that we have a duty to keep the Internet and its benefits to people worldwide fully safe from hostile powers overseas who seek to impede the free flow of information.

I am deeply concerned with the Obama administration's recent announcement that the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), an agency of the Department of Commerce, intends to relinquish control over the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and "to transition key Internet domain name functions to the global multistakeholder community." Thus I introduced H.R. 4367, the Internet Stewardship Act of 2014, to ensure that Congress has the final say in any such transfer of stewardship.

The committee report for H.R. 4660 notes that "[a]ny such transition represents a significant public policy change and should be preceded by an open and transparent process" and recommends no funds to be used by NTIA to carry out this transition. I agree. Specifically, the Obama administration must address a number of pressing concerns and demonstrate beyond a shadow of a doubt that its plan will accomplish crucial objectives, including but not limited to the following:

Ensure that ICANN does not fall under the control of authoritarian governments such as Russia or China or UN organizations such as

the International Telecommunications Union (ITU),

Create effective oversight of ICANN through the rigorous auditing of ICANN's finances and activities by an independent body, and

Confirm that ICANN has the technical capability to maintain the authoritative root zone and the ability to block any malicious attack on it.

Unless the Obama administration demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Congress, that its plan to transfer stewardship over these key Internet functions fulfills the common sense requirements described above and other key goals set forth by Congress, such transfer shall not take place.

I urge my colleagues to vote for this important legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, on May 28, 2014, I was unable to vote on rollcall votes 241 and 242. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on H. Res. 599 and "yea" on H.R. 503.