

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JAMES
CAPOLUPO

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Delaware County, Pennsylvania's finest educators. Dr. James Capolupo, the Superintendent of the Springfield School District, has dedicated his life to educating our youth. Jim began his career as a music teacher and band director at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Dr. Capolupo held positions as Acting Principal, Assistant Principal, Principal, Director of Elementary Education, and Director of Teaching and Learning.

In 2005, Dr. Capolupo became Superintendent of Springfield Township's School District. Under his leadership, Springfield School District has become a model for successful and effective instruction. During his tenure, 100 percent of graduating seniors have gone on to college and 100 percent of students in the 4th grade that began in kindergarten are now reading at or above grade level.

Jim has earned the respect of teachers, parents and administrators around the state. He has taken every opportunity to share his methods and thoughts with those who seek them. In just the last five years, representatives of more than 120 school districts have visited Springfield to learn about the district's successes. Jim's conversation with his fellow educators has ensured that their districts start to see some of the same stellar results that Springfield has enjoyed.

Dr. Capolupo earned national recognition earlier this year when he was named a finalist for "National Superintendent of the Year" by the National Association of School Superintendents. Dr. Capolupo earned this distinction as one of just five superintendents across the country for his "model of uncompromising dedication to literacy and academic achievement."

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dr. Capolupo and the entire staff at Springfield School District for their hard work on our children's behalf, and I congratulate him on his well-deserved honor this year.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF JAMES RANDALL "RANDY" BROWN

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and dedicated service of Northwest Florida's beloved James Randall "Randy" Brown, who passed away on

September 16, 2013. One of Mr. Brown's many great qualities was his constant desire to serve his neighbors. The passing of this kind-hearted man will undoubtedly be felt throughout the entire Northwest Florida community.

A lifelong resident of the Gulf Coast and servant to its people, Mr. Brown graduated from Milton High School in 1960, where he was President of his senior class and the Key Club. Following high school, he received his degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. Knowing that his heart remained in Northwest Florida, he returned home to begin his chosen profession. Mr. Brown had a remarkable career, serving as an employee of Gulf Power for over forty years. His tenure at Gulf Power allowed him to work throughout Northwest Florida, beginning in Pensacola and Fort Walton Beach and later in Niceville and Milton, where he was promoted to managerial positions.

Mr. Brown also spent much of his time serving his community through his work with numerous organizations, including President of the Niceville Chamber of Commerce, Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce, Gulf Power Company Credit Union, Fort Walton Beach Lions Club, and Santa Rosa County United Way. His charitable efforts also led to Habitat for Humanity coming to the Fort Walton Beach area where, true to form, he served a term as President.

Mr. Brown would undoubtedly tell you that his greatest achievement, besides being the head of his wonderful family, was his dedication to spreading God's word. He served as an ordained deacon in numerous churches throughout his life and was also pivotal in erecting churches throughout the area, namely the second Immanuel Baptist Church building in Pace and the Florosa Baptist Church in Mary Esther. In a testament to his teaching and leadership ability, a number of the students from the churches at which Mr. Brown taught later became pastors and missionaries themselves. We are truly blessed to have had such a great public servant dedicate his life to the people of Northwest Florida.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life and service of Mr. Randy Brown. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers and sincerest condolences to his wife, Betsy; children, Jay and Stephanie; mother, Ruth; sister, Ann; brother, Greg; four grandchildren, Cody, Jon Jay, Tyndale, and Eli; great-granddaughter, Brooklyn; and the entire Brown family. He will truly be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

A TRIBUTE TO WESTRIDGE
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Westridge School for Girls, of Pasadena, California, as it celebrates its Centennial Anniversary, with the theme, Our Chosen Path: Founding Values for a New Century.

In 1913, in an era when women had not yet received the right to vote, Mrs. William Brackenridge and other parents persuaded Miss Mary Lowther Ranney, a noted architect and teacher, to open a school for girls in her home on the "west ridge" of town; thus, Westridge School for Girls opened with 21 students, with the motto: Surgere Tentamos, meaning, "We Strive to Rise." In 1914 and 1915, the tradition of community and international service was established with Christmas dinners and gifts provided for local families in need and the adoption of war orphans in Europe. Miss Amie C. Rumney became co-principal in 1917, and in 1918 the first Inlook appeared, a literary and fundraising project where charitable contributions were sent to organizations such as the Russian Relief and the China Famine Fund. In 1919, the school honored its first graduate, Harriette Jansen, as well as the establishment of the Athletic Association.

The cornerstone for the main building, designed by Marston, Van Pelt, and Maybury, was laid on June 8, 1923 on the site of Miss Ranney's original house/school, and in October of that year, was ready for use when 135 students were welcomed to their new school. In 1924, the school strengthened its academic department and college preparatory curriculum, an "On to College Club" was created, Smith College admitted its first Westridge graduate, and in 1927, the Westridge Alumnae Association was formed. By 1930, enrollment in the school had grown to 185 students. In 1935, the Westridge Parents Association was formed, and in 1937, the school was purchased from Misses Ranney and Rumney and became a non-profit institution governed by a Board of Trustees. The 1940's and 1950's saw the beginning of summer school classes, the addition of other properties, and the building of new classrooms, tennis courts, and an endowment fund for scholarships. In the 1960's a program was formed to encourage minority enrollment, which now comprises half of the students. The 1970's and 1980's were a time of growth for the athletic program, and the 1990's were typified by the integration of computer technology into academic life, and physical expansion to accommodate new programs. In 2005, the Fran Norris Scoble Performing Arts Center, named after longtime Head of School Fran Scoble was opened, and in 2009, Elizabeth McGregor became the 11th Head of School.

For 100 years, Westridge School for Girls' fundamental belief is that women have the right to be fully educated in an environment that engages the intellect, heart, body and soul, and that to be rewarding and useful, knowledge must be grounded in an ethic of caring and commitment. The school's founding values remain and continue to provide the guiding principles for the next century. I ask all Members join me in honoring Westridge School for Girls upon the celebration of its Centennial Anniversary.

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A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
LIFE OF JOAN A. MCKENNA, RSCJ

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister Joan McKenna, a member of the Religious of the Sacred Heart and a highly distinguished educator, who died in Atherton, California on September 12, 2013. She was born in San Francisco on January 19, 1932, to Henry and Agnes McGuire McKenna.

Sister McKenna leaves her only sister, Kathleen P. McKenna, and her beloved community of Sacred Heart Sisters. She also leaves generations of children who were blessed by her teaching and her love, as well as the hundreds of people whose lives she graced with her caring and genuine interest.

Sister McKenna was a remarkable woman who represented the gold standard in education in ways almost too numerous to recount. She was raised in San Francisco and educated in a parish school. As a high school student she was given a full scholarship to Sacred Heart Schools Broadway where she continued to excel and where she developed her deep respect for the Religious of the Sacred Heart and their dedication to educating the "whole child."

Sister McKenna received her B.A. and her M.A. in History from the San Francisco College for Women. She later received her M.A. in Theology and her J.D. from the University of San Francisco. From each of these institutions she received training that developed her inborn talents, and to each of them she returned what she received tenfold, or more.

After joining the Religious of the Sacred Heart, Sister McKenna taught history and religious studies at Sacred Heart Schools in El Cajon, San Francisco and Atherton. In addition to her teaching, she was Dean of Students and Assistant to the President at the San Francisco College for Women. After receiving her law degree she spent three years working as a legal assistant for the San Francisco City Attorney's Office in the Juvenile Court. She served as Principal at Sacred Heart Broadway and Director of Schools at Sacred Heart Atherton. Over the years she served on the Boards at each of these institutions, as well as the Oakwood retirement home for the Religious, and for Catholic Charities of San Francisco. Before her retirement she was a lecturer in theology and religious studies at the University of San Francisco, a volunteer mentor for teachers, and a tutor for students at St. Martin de Porres School in Oakland. She retired in 2011. Sister Joan McKenna's life was one of learning and helping others to learn in a tradition of values-based education that she treasured. She was a loving friend to me and my family, educating and mentoring my daughter, Karen Eshoo. As one colleague of hers recalled, "she quoted Micah and told her students to 'act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with their God.' These simple words were made all the more powerful by the fact that they were delivered by one who lived them herself and one who consistently made her faith so accessible to others."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to the

RSCJ community and all those who were privileged to know Sister Joan McKenna. She was a most extraordinary woman who blessed our country as a superb educator, inspired countless students to lead lives of value, and strengthened our nation immeasurably.

RECOGNIZING ANNIE QUICHOCHO ON HER RETIREMENT FROM MORE THAN 42 YEARS OF FED- ERAL CIVILIAN SERVICE

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Annie Quichocho on the occasion of her retirement from the U.S. Department of the Navy after more than 42 years of federal civilian service.

Ms. Quichocho was born and raised on Guam, and graduated from George Washington Senior High School in 1969. In 1971, she began working as a clerk at Naval Station Guam. Her career as a federal civilian employee took her from Guam to Millington, Tenn., Whidbey Island, Wash., Beeville, Texas, Norfolk, Va., and finally to Patuxent River, Md., where she has lived with her family for more than 30 years.

Most recently, Ms. Quichocho worked as financial management analyst at Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division in the Budget Formulation, Justification and Execution Department. During this time, she served as the Lead Financial Management Analyst for seven financial analysts and two administrative personnel. She provided advice, financial support, guidance, and services for the Funds Management Division, and trained brand new employees and interns on the overview and details of the funding process in the Budget Office. She also received, reviewed, processed, and established incoming funding documents from various customers.

Additionally, Ms. Quichocho is an active member and a former secretary of the Guam Society of America, an organization that brings together former residents of Guam living in Washington, D.C. and the suburbs of Virginia and Maryland. She also is a member of the Internal Communication Workgroup, Business Financial Management Community, the American Society of Military Comptrollers, and is a member, usher and teacher's aide at St. Nicholas Chapel in Patuxent River.

On behalf of the people of Guam and a grateful nation, I commend Ms. Annie Quichocho for her many years of dedicated service to our country. I wish the very best to Ms. Quichocho, her husband, Larry, their daughter, Lori, their son-in-law, David, and her three grandchildren.

NUTRITION REFORM AND WORK OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2013

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, when the voting took place for H.R. 3102,

the Nutrition Reform and Work Opportunity Act of 2013, unfortunately, I was unable to be present to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted no for the following reason:

The bill, H.R. 3102, would cut \$40 billion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which will adversely affect poor people and lower benefits to households with children. Seventy-six percent of SNAP's recipients are households with children. SNAP is an anti-hunger program that is immensely effective in providing assistance to a minimum of 47 million individuals and families across America. In addition to food benefits, SNAP educates people on ways as to how one may use food dollars wisely and live a healthier lifestyle by promoting the importance of nutrition. A key component of SNAP is their "No Kid Hungry" campaign, which, aims at fighting against childhood hunger in America by partnering with communities to enroll eligible families with half of the program recipients being children. Reducing spending over the next few years by billions of dollars will affect the lives of Americans who depend on these programs to help put food on the table for their families.

The current legislation under consideration for today would deny food benefits to at least 4 million low-income Americans and make certain working adults with an average income of about \$2,500 per year and no guardianship of children ineligible to receive food benefits. This may include our veterans, Native Americans and many individuals that live in areas where there is chronically high unemployment. H.R. 3102 is a bill that is unreasonable and beneath the conduct of a Congressional body to impose such a policy initiative that will not help the poorest and neediest Americans among us.

Additionally, H.R. 3102 contains language that permanently bars formerly incarcerated individuals convicted of certain federal or state crimes and their families from receiving full SNAP benefits. As you may know, SNAP is about children and helping the poor and the needy. Why should anyone think that children should be denied adequate food and nutrition just because of the sins of the father or mother or caregiver, especially after they have paid their debt to society and reentered into normal community life? If this bill becomes law, it would restrict and deny the basic needs of children based on the parentage's criminal history of certain crimes and not on the essential eligibility requirement of income resulting from their financial status. As a result, H.R. 3102 would develop unintended consequences resulting in ancillary hardships to our neediest population. Given our nation's economic recovery, high unemployment rate, and the wide prevalence of food insecurity among children, all are directly problematic to the SNAP program. Every \$1 in SNAP new benefits would generate up to \$1.80 in economic activity. Every time a family uses SNAP benefits for healthy food on the table, it benefits the store and the employees where the purchase was made including the truck driver who delivered the food, the warehouses that stored it, the plant that processed it, and the farmer who produced the food. Each \$1 billion increase in SNAP benefits is estimated to create and maintain 18,000 full time jobs including 3,000 farm jobs. SNAP benefits have a powerful anti-poverty effect that the Census Bureau reports would lift 3.9 million Americans—including 1.7 million children—out of poverty. SNAP

alleviates hunger and improves nutrition by increasing the food purchasing power of low-income households, enabling them to obtain a more nutritious diet that contributes to the prevention of obesity, diseases, and food insecurity.

Cutting funding is a threat to SNAP's mission to alleviate the health problems many children face in America. Studies indicate that children who are provided with healthier food are less likely to develop health problems and more likely to excel better in school. Sixty-two percent of teachers in a survey said that they have children in their classrooms that come to school hungry regularly because they are not getting enough food to eat at home.

HONORING ELOISE LUNDGREN

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my longtime friend Eloise Lundgren. On October 1, 2013 Eloise will be named the John Garth Person of the Year by the Bell County Judge and Commissioners' Committee on People with Disabilities.

Eloise's life has been one of service to others. A consummate people person, she's worked in public and community relations at the Texas Department of Transportation, Fort Hood, and has been public affairs officer with the U.S. Army Operation Test Command since 2006.

Yet unbeknownst to many of her friends and colleagues, Eloise has been living with complications of Guillain-Barre syndrome since 1998. A disorder where the body's immune system attacks the nerves, Guillain-Barre syndrome begins with weakness and tingling in the extremities which eventually paralyzes the whole body. She's undergone years of treatment yet still suffers from the ravages of the disease.

Eloise's tenacity hasn't let her illness slow her down. She fulfilled a promise to visit her mother in Hungary over the summer. A vital member of the community, her commitments to Rotary, United Way, and her faith are as strong as ever. She remains an inspiration to all who know her.

Eloise is living proof of Sam Houston's maxim, "Texas has yet to learn submission to any oppression, come from what source it may." I admire her perseverance and I'm proud to call her my friend. Both Erika and I wish her nothing but the best in the years ahead.

AMERICORPS AND THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I extend my congratulations to AmeriCorps and the Corporation for National and Community Service on celebrating its 20th anniversary on September 21, 2013.

In communities across America, committed AmeriCorps members are making an impact and a powerful difference on some of the most critical issues facing our nation: poverty, hunger, education and much more. Since its inception, more than 820,000 men and women have taken the AmeriCorps pledge, serving more than one billion hours and improving the lives of their neighbors and our communities.

In the 11th Congressional District of Ohio, AnneriCorps members are serving with long standing community organizations including the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, City Year, the Cleveland Foodbank, The Literacy Cooperative and others. Sequestration has severely impacted the program's budget in 2013 and curtailed hiring of AmeriCorps associates. This is a loss for both the community and the AmeriCorps members who leave the program with valuable skills, tested leadership abilities, experience to help jumpstart their careers and a deeper understanding of community problems and how they might work to address them.

I support efforts to ensure continuation of this much needed program and urge everyone to join me in celebrating the 20th anniversary of AmeriCorps.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the week of September 16, 2013. If I were present, I would have voted on the following.

Tuesday, September 17, 2013: rollcall No. 460: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3092, "yea"; rollcall No. 461: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2449, "yea"; rollcall No. 462: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 793, "yea".

Wednesday, September 18, 2013: rollcall No. 463: Motion on Ordering the Previous Question providing for consideration of H.R. 761, "nay"; rollcall No. 464: On Agreeing to the Resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 761, "no"; rollcall No. 465: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 301, "yea"; rollcall No. 466: Lowenthal of California Amendment No. 1, "aye"; rollcall No. 467: Veasey of Texas Amendment No. 2, "aye"; of rollcall No. 468: Connolly of Virginia Amendment No. 3, "aye"; rollcall No. 469: Hastings of Florida Amendment No. 4, "aye"; rollcall No. 470: Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 761, "aye"; rollcall No. 471: Final Passage of H.R. 761, "no".

Thursday, September 19, 2013: rollcall No. 472: Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule for H.J. Res. 59, "nay"; rollcall No. 473: On Agreeing to the Resolution providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 59, "nay"; rollcall No. 474: On Agreeing to the Resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 687, "nay"; rollcall No. 475: Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 3102, "yea"; rollcall No. 476: On Passage of H.R. 3102, "nay".

Friday, September 20, 2013: rollcall No. 477: Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.J. Res. 59, "yea"; rollcall No. 478: On Passage of H.J. Res. 59, "no"; rollcall No. 479: Daines of Montana Part C Amendment No. 1,

"no"; rollcall No. 480: McClintock of California Part C Amendment No. 3, "no"; rollcall No. 481: McClintock of California Part C Amendment No. 5, "no"; rollcall No. 482: Motion to Recommit with Instructions for H.R. 1526, "aye"; rollcall No. 483: On Passage of H.R. 1526, "no".

RECOGNIZING JOE JANNAZO AS THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 398 MIDDLE SCHOOL AND OVERALL TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2013

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Joe Jannazo as the Hurlburt Air Force Association (AFA) Chapter 398 Middle School and Overall Teacher of the Year for 2013. For the last four years, Mr. Jannazo has been an inspiration to his students, his colleagues, and the Northwest Florida community. I am honored to recognize his success and achievements.

After graduating from Florida State University in 2007, Mr. Jannazo became a teacher at WC Pryor Middle School in Fort Walton Beach, Florida where he was initially hired to teach aviation. The school quickly capitalized not only on Mr. Jannazo's passion for aviation, but also his leadership, energy, and dedication to his students, by dramatically expanding the subjects he taught to also include engineering, meteorology, and robotics oriented courses. In this capacity, Mr. Jannazo has enhanced his students learning opportunities and spurred their interests in the world of science and engineering with the support of the outside community, including the local AFA Chapter, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, the Civil Air Patrol, and the "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology" (FIRST) Lego Robotics Program.

Mr. Jannazo has helped create programs that excite his students with hands-on learning where his coursework creatively integrates numerous science and mathematics concepts like the skills required to develop flight plans, access weather conditions, fly aircraft simulators, and design, build, and program robots. His efforts have taught his students important leadership, team building, and problem solving skills.

Northwest Florida has been blessed with an abundance of exemplary educators like Mr. Jannazo. He has demonstrated his commitment to the success of each of his students through his leadership and passion. Mr. Jannazo's efforts have helped to ensure a strong educational foundation for his young students, our Nation's future leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Mr. Joe Jannazo as the Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 Middle School and Overall Teacher of the Year for 2013 and thank him for his commitment to service in Northwest Florida. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mr. Jannazo, and we wish him all the best for continued success.

HONORING JEFF HORNBECK

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Ranking Member Levin, to honor Jeff Hornbeck, Specialist in International Trade and Finance in the Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division of the Congressional Research Service (CRS). After a distinguished career of more than 32 years at the Library of Congress, 25 of which were at CRS serving Congress on international trade and economic policy issues, Jeff retired from government service on September 3.

Jeff developed a remarkable record of accomplishment during his years on the Hill. His authoritative, non-partisan, and objective expertise and analysis, as exemplified in his many reports, memoranda, and confidential consultative work for Members and congressional staff, have addressed just about every major international trade and economic policy issue before Congress. His institutional knowledge of U.S. trade policy and the policy-making process has been invaluable, especially to the Ways and Means Committee and its Members. His expertise on Trade Promotion Authority, for example, is well-known and will be missed as Congress works on legislation to renew TPA.

Jeff's deep institutional knowledge of U.S. trade policies and laws, the global trading system and architecture, a wide range of trade negotiations particularly with our trading partners in Central and South America, and the fundamental trends in the global economy have played a critical role in Congressional consideration of these issues. He has also provided intellectual leadership to the overall research agenda of the CRS Trade and Finance Section, ensuring that the CRS international trade and finance work was provided in an authoritative, objective, and bipartisan manner.

We congratulate and thank Jeff for his years of excellent service to Congress. We wish him the very best in his retirement.

HONORING PASTOR CLARENCE
SEXTON**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Tennessean beloved by thousands of students and worshippers who look to him for spiritual guidance.

Pastor Clarence Sexton has lead Temple Baptist Church in Powell for 25 years.

When Pastor Sexton took over the church in 1988, the congregation consisted of a few hundred people.

Today, the church has grown to more than 6,000 worshippers, and Pastor Sexton's role has expanded to Crown Bible College, where he serves as President.

Pastor Sexton first found his calling to ministry in Blount County in my District, where he met his wife Mary Evelyn Rogers and first attended church at First Baptist Church of Mary-

ville. He also served as head pastor at Greenback Memorial Baptist Church.

In 1967, Pastor Sexton preached his first sermon on a radio broadcast. Decades later, he has lead Temple Baptist Church into the technological age, reaching thousands through audio, video, and the internet.

I have attended Temple Baptist Church many times, and Pastor Sexton is one of most caring men I have ever known. It would be impossible to count the many people he has touched with his kindness, compassion, and grace during his time at Temple Baptist.

I urge my colleagues to join me as I salute Pastor Clarence Sexton, and bring his service to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers of the Record. His calling as a pastor, friend, and leader will continue to inspire many more.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REPUBLIC
OF CHINA'S (TAIWAN) TRADI-
TIONAL NATIONAL DAY**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor the traditional National Day of the Republic of China, upcoming on October 10, and the friendship that America has today with Taiwan.

What began with the Wuchang Uprising in 1911 has today become an outstanding example of a free market economy and democracy. Our modern, multi-faceted relationship with Taiwan, one of our largest trading partners, is built on trust and shared values.

As we look to the future, our economic association with Taiwan should be enhanced by additional mutually beneficial investment and trade agreements. Completing a bilateral investment agreement and adding Taiwan to fair trade arrangements should be a priority for the United States. On the issue of trade, I support agreements that strengthen labor, consumer and environmental rights as well as spur manufacturing expansion and income growth for workers and business owners.

Taiwan is and will always be an important element of America's internationally focused economy. As such, Taiwan should be included in multilateral organizations of critical importance to its well-being and should enjoy enhanced integration into the regional economy of east Asia.

I look forward to a deepened United States-Taiwan relationship in order to grow the middle class and achieve greater prosperity for both sides. I also hope we see a facilitation of visits to the U.S. by Taiwan officials and a continued strong cross-tourism relationship with Taiwan. We are very important to each other, that importance must be maintained going forward.

RECOGNIZING MS. STACY
BURLISON AS THE AFA CHAPTER
398, 2013 HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER
OF THE YEAR**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Stacy Burlison as the Hurlburt Air Force Association (AFA) Chapter 398 High School Teacher of the Year for 2013. For the last four years, Ms. Burlison has been an inspiration to her students, her colleagues, and the Northwest Florida community. I am honored to recognize her success and achievements.

After graduating from the University of West Florida in 2009 with a degree in accounting, Ms. Burlison quickly recognized her true calling was to serve the youth of our community as an educator. Her passion for inspiring and molding young minds and making a difference in lives of her prospective students led her back to school to obtain a degree in education.

Throughout the past four years at Baker School in Baker, Florida, Ms. Burlison has dedicated her efforts to enlightening her students in the wonders of math and science. It is her hope to generate the excitement that will lead to her students' appreciation and interest in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. Ms. Burlison's application of new and creative learning opportunities integrates numerous STEM concepts, including the skills required to design, build, and program solutions to engineering challenges like those required to help robots navigate a model city.

Ms. Burlison constantly seeks innovative approaches and opportunities to better engage her students, including: the local Industry, Design, Engineering, and Students (IDEAS) Competition, the Can-struction competition where canned goods were used to construct an object and then donated to the local food banks and shelters, and participation in a robotics challenge competition. In fact, thanks to Ms. Burlison's instruction, encouragement, and novel teaching style, her students won the "Blood, Sweat, and Duct Tape Award" for their strong efforts in the Emerald Coast BEST Robotics Competition. Ms. Burlison also established a high school STEM club and Family STEM night.

Northwest Florida has been blessed with an abundance of exemplary educators like Ms. Burlison. She has demonstrated her commitment to the success of each of her young students through her leadership and passion, and her efforts have helped to ensure a strong educational foundation for them, our Nation's future leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Ms. Stacy Burlison as the Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 High School Teacher of the Year for 2013 and thank her for her commitment to service in Northwest Florida. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Ms. Burlison, and we wish her all the best for continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WILF
FAMILY AND THE PANTIRER
FAMILY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two notable New Jersey families, the Wilfs and the Pantirers, as they are honored by the Anti-Defamation League at their Centennial Celebration. Both of these families have survived significant hardships and have made impressive contributions to their communities. They continue to embody the mission of the Anti-Defamation League and are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Enduring much loss and suffering in Poland before and during the Holocaust, the Wilfs experienced firsthand the effects of anti-Semitism and they have dedicated their lives to fighting religious intolerance. Since immigrating to the United States in 1954, the Wilf family has been a prominent business and philanthropic leader in New Jersey. Each successive generation has continued the commitment to improving the lives of Jewish people begun by Harry, Joseph and Oscar. For nearly 50 years, the Wilf Family Foundation has provided more than \$100 million to support various institutions. The family also continues to be a major contributor of the Holocaust History Museum and Yeshiva University in New York.

After losing his parents and siblings to the war, Murray Pantirer attributed his survival to Schindler's List, never learning how or why his name was included. In 1949, he emigrated to the United States with his wife Lushka "Lucy" Lorber Pantirer, who also endured suffering and loss along with her family in labor camps during the Holocaust. The Pantirers found business success in America with their real-estate development firm, which is still family owned three generations later. Throughout their successes, the Pantirers have remained committed to serving their community. Murray in particular was especially active in preserving the memory of Holocaust victims and inspiring younger generations to continue Jewish traditions and legacy.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in honoring the Wilf family and the Pantirer family for their immeasurable contributions to the community and congratulating them on their recognition by the Anti-Defamation League. For 100 years, the Anti-Defamation League has been a leader in the fight against discrimination and continues to work toward a fair and just world for all.

HONORING MICHAEL J. SMITH

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Hutto, TX City Councilman Michael J. Smith. Michael was awarded a coveted place on the Walk of Fame at Morgan's Wonderland in San Antonio, TX which is the world's first theme park designed with special-needs individuals in mind yet built to be enjoyed by everyone.

Michael thought he would pursue a law-enforcement career after graduating from Texas

A&M University. After seeing the condition of facilities for adults with special needs he realized changes had to be made and committed his energies to being of service.

He opened Beyond the Limits, an award-winning day habilitation center where adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities gather to learn social and life skills that can be used at home, in the community, or in the workplace. Along with being a catalyst for change in the special-needs community, the center's cardboard-recycling efforts have earned recognition from the State of Texas Alliance for Recycling and Keep Texas Beautiful.

Michael's activism doesn't stop there. In addition to his duties as a Councilman, he works closely with the Texas legislature to promote legislation that benefits adults with disabilities by providing support and assistance to them and their families.

Michael J. Smith's commitment to advocacy and service reflects the best values of Central Texas. I applaud his work and wish him success as he continues to be a champion for the special-needs community.

RECOGNIZING WORLD WAR II
VETERANS

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work and determination of a group of fellow soldiers who served during World War II during the liberation of France. The following men from my home state of Mississippi deserve the highest honor for their service: Thomas Creekmore of Ocean Springs; Gerald Campbell of Gulfport; Jack Carver of Belzoni; William S. Fuller of Vicksburg; Edsol C. Wells of Lauderdale; Joseph J. Coscia of Southaven; Joseph R. Johnson of Columbus; James F. Robinson of Aberdeen; Malcolm L. Jones of Hazlehurst; and Harry C. Quinn of Madison; and William W. Correll of Madison.

These brave men risked their lives for the hope of bringing liberty and freedom to the people of France, and they went above and beyond the call of duty to make sure their hope became a reality. Without their efforts, our mission of winning World War II would not have been possible. On September 24th, the Consul General of France, Denis Barbet, will present the French Legion of Honor Award, France's highest military honor, to these worthy veterans.

Our soldiers deserve the utmost respect from all of those they protect. I ask that my colleagues here in Washington and the American people take a moment to thank these selfless men and women and continue to keep all of the brave men and women serving our nation in their thoughts and prayers.

CONGRATULATING WILLOW
SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Willow Springs High

School for being named a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School. Willow Springs was one of just 286 schools selected from across the country to receive this honor.

Blue Ribbon Schools are recognized for high levels of student achievement or for significant improvements in students' academic achievement. Willow Springs was named an Exemplary High Performing School. I am extremely proud of the hard work of the students, as well as the continued efforts of the faculty, parents, and community to ensure that students succeed and the achievement gap is closed. Willow Springs' students have scored at the top of national tests and assessments in reading and mathematics. Concentrated efforts on improving curriculum, instructional strategies, and assessment methods have clearly paid off.

This prestigious honor proves that every student can succeed and meet the high expectations that are set for them. I hope Willow Springs can serve as a model for other schools in my district and throughout the entire state of Missouri.

I look forward to the awards ceremony in November here in Washington, D.C. Again, I want to congratulate Willow Springs High School principal, Mrs. Jimalee James, and superintendent, Derrick Hutsell, for this great achievement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. L.J.
AND MRS. MELVA JEAN
HALBERT ON THE CELEBRATION
OF THEIR 60TH WEDDING ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Halbert as they celebrate 60 years of togetherness. During this period, they have been blessed to have three children; Debra Patrice Halbert Evans, Michael A. Halbert and Jerome Halbert (deceased). They have also been fortunate to have four grandchildren; Patrice Imani Evans, William Samuel Evans III, William Samuel Evans, Jr., and Debra, Paris Elizabeth Halbert, Michael A. Halbert and Kristen Nicole Halbert (deceased), Jerome Halbert (deceased), and Georgette Halbert.

The Halberts have a loving, committed and enduring marriage that has been an inspiration to all who have known and observed them. Both of the Halberts have been blessed to have the love of their families, brothers and sisters; Perry Halbert (deceased), Bessie Lenoir, Dessie Amos, Lillie Pruitt (deceased), Ora D. McGavock (deceased), Joyce Wilburn, Cozine Prince, Charles McGee (deceased), Verdell McGee (deceased), and Leedall McGee, throughout the history of their marriage. Both Mr. L.J. and Mrs. Melva Jean have been cause-orientated and have devoted much of their lives to civic involvement through organizations like Stone Temple Baptist Church, Austin Lions Club, Westside Business Improvement Association, Organization for a better Austin, Chicago Teachers Union, Menard Ave Block club and many other groups and organizations.

I am pleased to note that the love and devotion displayed by Mr. L.J. and Mrs. Melva Jean Halbert throughout their 60 years of marriage has been an inspiration to their nieces and nephews, in-laws, coworkers and all who know them. I extend my congratulations for 60 years and wish them many more.

RECOGNIZING ULAUNDA NUNN AS
HURLBURT AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION
CHAPTER 398 ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR
FOR 2013

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Ulaunda Nunn as the Hurlburt Air Force Association (AFA) Chapter 398 Elementary School Teacher of the Year for 2013. For 16 years, 12 of which spent teaching in Florida, Ms. Nunn has been an inspiration to her students, her colleagues, and the Northwest Florida community. I am honored to recognize her success and achievements.

Following in her grandmother's footsteps and boosted by her words of encouragement and those of her parents, Ms. Nunn immediately fell in love with teaching, when she took a side job as a substitute teacher following college. This passion naturally led her to change courses and pursue a career in education.

Currently a teacher at Bob Sikes Elementary School in Crestview, Florida, Ms. Nunn's passion and dedication has helped propel her students to become engaged and interested in the world of science through STEM education. Ms. Nunn's curriculum incorporates activities like rocket launches and a chopper-drop to analyze trajectories and learn about wings and rotation, respectively. As an "Engineers for America" Lead Teacher, Ms. Nunn is charged with assisting in the development of aerospace and engineering programs for all students and teachers at her school. With the support from the outside community, Ms. Nunn established the "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology" (FIRST) Lego Robotics Program at Bob Sikes Elementary. In fact, thanks to Ms. Nunn's leadership, her school qualified to compete in the Florida state-level robotics competition in both 2012 and 2013.

Ms. Nunn's commitment to excellence is evidenced by her pursuit of outside opportunities to broaden her own education and experiences in an effort to better serve her students. Ms. Nunn is an active member of myriad organizations, including the Air Force Association, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the Okaloosa County School District's Science and Technology committees, and a regular participant at the AFA Hurlburt Chapter's Teacher Workshops.

Northwest Florida has been blessed with an abundance of exemplary educators like Ms. Ulaunda Nunn. She has demonstrated her commitment to the success of each of her young students through her leadership and passion, and her efforts have helped to ensure a strong educational foundation for them, our Nation's future leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Ms. Ulaunda Nunn as the Hurlburt Air Force Association Chapter 398 Elementary School Teacher of the Year for 2013 and thank her for her commitment to service in Northwest Florida. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Ms. Nunn, and we wish her all the best for continued success.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SALVATORE A. CELLUCCI

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Salvatore A. Cellucci. Mr. Cellucci was an outstanding public servant and a valuable member of our community. He was a loving family man, coming from a large family of distinguished veterans. He truly understood the meaning of service to one's country.

Mr. Cellucci was an early pioneer in the Information Technology field. His keen intellect and expertise enabled our country to benefit from the early days of Electronic Data Processing, which is vital to the protection of our nation. Mr. Cellucci also worked with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Strategic Air Command, NORAD, the government of Puerto Rico, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. His leadership in the transformational deployment of advanced computer systems enabled government and military leaders to reach critical decisions faster and more effectively than previously thought possible.

Mr. Cellucci's professional accomplishments were only matched by his steadfast commitment to helping those less fortunate in our community. He participated in numerous organizations and activities to forge positive relationships between people of different religious faiths.

Mr. Speaker, Salvatore Cellucci is a role model for all of the people in the first Congressional District of New Jersey. His dedication to our country inspired many to serve our nation with distinction. I rise with the rest of South Jersey to honor Salvatore Cellucci for his outstanding commitment to his community. I offer Mr. Cellucci's family my condolences in their time of mourning; he will surely be missed.

IN HONOR OF TOM RAMSEUR

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the community service of retiring Stanly County Chamber President, Tom Ramseur.

Mr. Ramseur has served two counties in the 8th Congressional District of North Carolina as Chamber President for more than two decades. He served as President and CEO of the Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce from 1988 until 2001.

Mr. Ramseur then served as President and CEO of the Stanly County Chamber of Commerce from 2006 until his retirement this month.

I had the privilege of working with Mr. Ramseur while I was serving as District Director for Congressman Robin Hayes.

During a time in which Cabarrus County was hit hard by textile and manufacturing job losses, Mr. Ramseur helped bring business and community leaders together to spur the local economy and create jobs.

He recognized the importance of an economic-friendly environment that allows businesses to grow and hire people. The 8th district is fortunate to have hardworking men and women like Mr. Ramseur who are committed to strengthening our economy and bringing jobs home.

I'm proud to have worked with Mr. Ramseur over the years, and I know the folks in both Stanly and Cabarrus Counties are grateful for his service to their communities.

(From the Stanly News and Press, Sept. 18, 2013)

RAMSEUR PREPARES FOR EXIT AT STANLY
COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tom Ramseur is cleaning out his office at the Stanly County Chamber of Commerce and will cede his chair to his successor as he winds down his nearly eight years as the organization's president and CEO.

But he will not be packing up his enthusiasm for the Chamber or for the county it serves.

"The way I got involved in the Chamber several years ago was as a volunteer in Cabarrus County and I knew that side of it," Ramseur said.

He was involved in his family's business, which brought the real-life work experience into the mix.

"We sold our business and I was working for the parent company and I was asked to run the Chamber in Cabarrus County and it appealed to me and I saw both sides of being a volunteer and running the organization," Ramseur said.

His wife, Diane, is a native of Stanly County, which gave him knowledge of the area and he also had known Marianne Bright, who was the former president of the Chamber.

When he came to the Stanly Chamber, the board had just completed a planning retreat and had some goals.

"Chambers are run the same no matter where they are. They are membership-based and we needed to grow our membership," Ramseur said.

"We also, more importantly, needed to grow our sphere of influence because the Chamber needs to be relevant in each community."

Ramseur said that was somewhat of a problem with as many communities and municipalities spread out over such a large area.

"We needed to tell our story and be more of a county-wide chamber," he said.

"We needed to show how we could help people in Misenheimer, Locust, Stanfield and all the others. They needed them to know how we could help and we wanted to help."

He also said governmental affairs is a big part of what the Chamber has done.

"I understood how to work with governmental officials and building relationships and we had to do that," he said.

He said relationships, through no particular one's fault, had not been as good as they should have been with the county commission.

"It just needed to be enhanced," Ramseur said.

He said most people do not understand how the Chamber works.

"We're not funded by the government. We are a nonprofit run by a board of directors,

and the income is primarily through dues and special events," he said.

Ramseur said he can understand why the Chamber may be viewed by some as just a "social club."

"I have tried to eliminate that label," Ramsey said.

"We do have social events, and we have fun, but you might meet somebody who you can talk to about refinancing or other business subjects.

"Networking is important and can't all be done online. They have to get out of their comfort zone."

He mentions the success of the legislative breakfasts, which are designed to help local businesses have quality time with their representatives in Raleigh and Washington.

"We have 200 coming in to those events, and the representatives are telling us the other counties do not have that kind of attendance," Ramsey said.

"Those things happen because the Chamber makes it happen. It's no accident and there's a lot of hard work that goes into promoting those events."

"I also tell people to give us a try for a year. Come to some meetings. Go to some of the seminars we're doing with Stanly Community College. Come to some business after hours. Come to some of our events and you'll meet somebody."

He said the organization has been responsible with its funds and owns its own building and has no debt.

"I'm also proud we have now built a reserve fund and we had a successful membership drive last year with 220 new members," Ramsey said.

One of the programs Ramsey said he is proud of helping to establish is the Career Academy for Educators.

The program brings teachers in to meet with existing businesses and educates them as to what skills are currently needed to supply the county's industries and businesses.

"The problem is many times getting teachers, counselors, parents and students to make realistic decisions. Everybody wants to go to Chapel Hill. Many people don't know how to cope after high school and a four-year degree is not always a ticket to a job," he said.

"That is not to discourage anyone from pursuing that goal. It just may be some would be better prepared by entering the workforce first and this program helps in that regard."

If there was one magic moment during his years directing the Chamber, it happened in March 2009. "We found out Harris Teeter announced it would close its Albemarle location," Ramsey said.

"The manager said he thought the decision was final. I asked what we could do."

What happened is what Ramsey said needs to happen throughout the county when it comes to the economic betterment of the area. Come together.

"Everybody was on the phone with each other and Harris Teeter got more than 700 calls and emails within hours," he said.

"They announced the store would remain open within a few days. That's what happens when everyone works together."

He said there weren't many disappointments, but mentions the prolonged discussions between Alcoa and the county as "not very helpful."

"The Chamber did not take sides on the issue. Alcoa is still an active member of the

Chamber. We have an excellent relationship with the county. But the fact it hung on that long probably did not cast a good image on Stanly County," Ramsey said.

"The only time we ever got covered or noticed was when it had to do with that issue."

He said he was "very pleased when there was a settlement. I commend the two parties for settling that. What it means is we can move on to other issues that can make a difference such as education and recruiting businesses."

As Ramsey leaves his post, he does so with a busy schedule ahead for the next few weeks.

The Chamber will initiate the new class of Leadership Stanly and host its annual Business Expo, which is already successful by the number of participants who have signed to be there.

He will do that while guiding his successor, Kathy Almond, into her new role which begins officially Oct. 1.

Ramsey has no worries about the job Almond will do, taking into account her already being active with the Chamber and a superb board of directors.

"I will never be able to express how much I have appreciated the board and their support in all we've done," he said.

"They are volunteers and yet they are always there and do what needs to be done. With their support and enthusiasm, they have been great to work with.

"We have the best staff with Stephanie Gresham and Winona Vullo who always work hard to make everything we do successful as well as being there to help our members in any way they need us," he said.

His advice to Almond or to anyone else in the post is to keep focused on the main reason the Chamber exists.

"Just help people to find what they need and go the extra mile and everything else will be fine," Ramsey said.

Ramsey has some parting shots as to what he's learned and what the county should learn about the local economy.

"I think you need to keep the personal touch. Call people back. But you can't do everything," he said.

"I said I'd get by and see every member the first year. I found I couldn't. But I still try to communicate as much as possible."

He said he would put a personal note on each yearly fee announcement and one when it was received.

"The Chamber can't be all things to all people. My successor needs to always ask if it is something that is part of what the mission is and what we do," Ramsey said.

He said there are many people in the business of economic development and commends the county for funding a separate economic commission.

"(Economic Development Director) Paul Stratos can do the hard fast economic development. He understands the land use and utilities and you have to have someone doing all of that," he said.

"We shouldn't lose sight of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, where we have more and more people coming through here. People come from all over.

"I have no problem with the cities doing more in economic development on their own part as long as they try to coordinate their efforts."

"I encourage people to work together, but if a group can financially commit to have more work for the good of the county, who is

going to complain? We're going to get more jobs and that's the goal."

Ramsey has received praise from his Chamber colleagues for his leadership of the organization.

"Even during a down economy, under his leadership the Chamber has grown and thrived," Past Chamber Chairman Matt Smith said.

"He has also been very instrumental in making our chamber a strong voice in the community that works hard to bring people together and build a better business environment in Stanly County."

Current Chamber President Bill Lawhon echoed Smith's remarks.

"He has been good for our chamber, working extremely hard to bring our community of businesses together," Lawhon said."

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

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

Today, it is \$16,738,454,664,319.38. We've added \$6,110,493,368,388.71 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.1 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a Balanced Budget Amendment. We must stop this unconscionable accumulation of debt.

HONORING THE NON-DENOMINATION HOUSE OF PRAYER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Christian organization, The Non-Denomination House of Prayer.

The Non-Denomination House of Prayer was founded in 1948 by Pastor Charity Waffer in the historical city of Mound Bayou, Mississippi. Pastor Waffer was the first female pastor in the Mississippi Delta. As a pastoral pioneer she was instrumental in opening doors for women and youths through various church auxiliaries and functions. Her leadership guided many to various freedoms and liberties.

The current overseer is Dr. Earnestine Flowers which over sees other churches in Mississippi with the communities of Duncan, Batesville, Sardis, Oxford and in Chicago, Illinois. The Non-Denomination House of Prayer in the City of Mound Bayou current ministerial leaders are Pastor Willie Joe Flowers, Assistant Pastor Carl Henry, and Minister Martha Sanders. They have increased the church membership and have embarked on renovating and expanding their facilities in order to continue to be a blessing to its members,

community, and surrounding communities by being able to be a place of refuge to those who are hungry physically and spiritually and by offering comprehensive programs to meet the needs of others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Non-Denomination House of Prayer for their dedication in being a corner stone in the Mound Bayou Community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately on September 19, 2013, I missed rollcall vote No. 473 on H. Res. 352. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay".

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF TED MATHIS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize the life and service of Northwest Florida's beloved Ted Mathis. The passing of this kind-hearted man and dedicated public servant will undoubtedly be felt throughout the entire Northwest Florida community.

Mr. Mathis was born on February 5, 1932 in Bath, South Carolina. Following High School, he entered into the United States Navy, where he honorably served and quickly rose through the ranks. As a graduate with an engineering degree from the University of South Carolina and a retired Naval Officer, Mr. Mathis then joined NASA working in the field of research and development. While there, he supported the Scout Launch Vehicle Program and invented a cooling system for payloads. His career eventually brought him to Florida's great Gulf Coast region, where he and his family became part of the Crestview community. Mr. Mathis continued to support our Nation's Armed Forces as a civil service engineer at Eglin Air Force Base and became active in local government and a member of the First United Methodist Church. It became evident the dedication and love Mr. Mathis had for bettering the local community and the lives of those around him during his years in Northwest Florida, especially during his tenure as City Council Member and four terms as Mayor of Crestview.

A loving and devoted family man, full of passion, generosity, and love for God and country, Mr. Mathis is remembered fondly by those he has served with throughout his life and those whose lives have been forever touched. We are truly blessed to have had such a great public servant dedicate his life to the people of Northwest Florida and our great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Ted Mathis. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers and sincerest condolences to his wife of

63 years, Joyce; children, Gaye Mathis Helms and husband, Dennis, Joy Mathis, Greg Mathis and wife, Evelyn, Karen Mathis, and Steve Mathis and wife, Deana; nine grandchildren, Christopher Mathis, Kyle Hyden, Keith Helms, Kasey Helms, Kelly Batson, Lindsey Johnson, Matthew Mathis, Landis Mathis-Booker and Erin Johnson; eight great-grandchildren; and the entire Mathis family. Mr. Mathis will truly be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

HONORING TYLER W. SHIPMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler W. Shipman. Tyler is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 249, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tyler has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Tyler has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Tyler has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Tyler performed needed work on the landscaping of the front office building at Weston Bend State Park near Weston, Missouri, adding decorative rock around the building and flagpole while also painting the railings and posts at the main gate.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Tyler W. Shipman for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO TEXAS PANHANDLE HONOR FLIGHT

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 102 veterans from Texas who visited Washington, D.C. last week with the Texas Panhandle Honor Flight. My wife, Sally, and I had the distinct pleasure of welcoming these heroes to the Capitol building.

The veterans on this flight were: Accurso, Charles; Anders, Troy; Ash, David; Austin, Carlos; Bailey, Bruce; Barbee, J.G.; Barron, Bobby; Berend, Raymond; Blackburn, Gerald; Blevins, Howard; Box, Kenneth; Burch, Darrell; Burgess, E.R.; Carter, Terry; Chadwick, James; Chester, Joe; Cobb, Steven; Cornelius, Gayle; Counsellar, William; Creek, James; Davis, Ervin; Denman, Roy; Dibala, Daniel; Dickerman, Lesley; Dill, Kenneth; Ebeling, Marshall; Enevoldsen, Jerome; Perez, Frank; Fisher, Robert; Fowler, Jimmy; Gamble, Rupert; Garcia, Edward; Garner, Olin; George, Aubrey; Gibson, Walter; Glosson, Paul; Graham, Lester; Greathouse, William; Henning, Gary; Hetrick, John; Higley, Richard;

Holland, Hugh; Holland, Otis; Holland, Buford; Horn, Olan; Irwen, Joe; James, Kelsey; Jenssen, Dan; Kirby, Freddy; Knuchel, Mike; Larned, James; Lewis, Herbert; Lynch, Earl; Macias, Valentin; Mann, Joe Bob; Mann, Bobby Joe; Martin, Gerald; McNally, Peter; Miller, Gene; Miller, Alton; Miller, Douglas; Moore, Jerry; Morton, Elwyn; Nurek, Steven; Ogle, Ronald; Parsons, Leonard; Peach, James; Penn, Billy; Pohlmeier, Gregory; Rakes, Edwin; Reed, James; Ricks, Don; Rider, Gary; Rider, Emery; Ridgway, Wendell; Riggins, Hubert; Ritter, Henry; Robinett, Thomas; Robinson, Jack; Robinson, Joe; Rogers, Garlon; Romo, Jesse; Roybal, Roberto; Smith, Stacey; Smith, Donald; Solis, J.W.; Spell, Dalton; Stoops, Richard; Todd, Kenneth; Tomme, Michael; Trosper, Oscar; Waller, Jack; Warren, Bobby; Werschky, Samuel; Werschky, Carlton; Wetsel, Todd; Whiteley, George; Willingham, Randall; Willis, Howard; Wilson, William; York, James; and Yosten, Gilbert.

I was honored to have the opportunity to visit with these veterans and the volunteers who traveled with them and show them around the Capitol building, which in many ways is the center of this democracy for which they fought. These men and women remind us all of the great sacrifices so many generations of Americans have made for our nation and the freedoms we hold so dearly. The service they rendered to our country can never be fully repaid, but I hope that their visit to Washington, D.C. was a reminder of the gratitude and respect we have for them.

Colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and their families for their exemplary dedication and service to this great nation. I want to extend a special thank you to the local communities, all of the volunteers, America Supports You Texas, and Mr. Larry Lewis for their extensive work in organizing this Honor Flight. This trip would not have been possible without all of the financial and emotional support from those people.

100TH VICTORY FOR COACH BOB CHRISTMAS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate North Hall Football Coach Bob Christmas on his 100th win.

The North Hall Football program is 57 years old. For the first 44 years of that program, the school accumulated only 118 wins. As a North Hall graduate, I was pleased to see Coach Christmas take over the Trojan football program in the year 2000. In just over 12 years, Coach Christmas has accumulated 4 regional titles, 2 semifinal appearances, and has taken the team to the state playoffs 8 times.

On September 13th, Coach Bob Christmas celebrated a milestone—his 100th win. This victory against the Jefferson High School Dragons means that Coach Christmas now holds 46 percent of the total football wins at the school.

Under Coach Bob Christmas, the reputation of the Trojan football program has gone from "it's just North Hall" to "we are North Hall!" Our community is proud of what Coach Christmas has done and continues to do, and I wish him continued success.

CONGRATULATING H-E-B

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

MR. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate and thank H-E-B for its 85 years of service to the State of Texas and the border communities I represent. This year marks their 85th anniversary of entry into the communities in the Río Grande Valley. Since 1928, H-E-B has provided local border communities with some of the best customer service and groceries at everyday low prices.

Because of the commitment of H-E-B to the communities along the border, the people in the Río Grande Valley have grown to consider H-E-B as their neighbor, and not just their local grocer. H-E-B has served our communities with fresh food, convenient services and has shown a commitment to education, hunger prevention, disaster relief, diversity, volunteerism and the environment for the past 85 years. During some of the most impactful hurricanes in history, H-E-B was the last store to shut its doors and the first to re-open, providing the community with much needed service and support.

The dedication that H-E-B has shown towards our communities is apparent through their actions. Most recently, through their sponsorship of the University of Texas Pan-American's (UTPA) Hispanic Engineering, Science and Technology Conference (HESTEC), H-E-B has once again demonstrated their commitment to our youth. Over the years, H-E-B has been a loyal sponsor of UTPA and HESTEC, because they understand the importance of developing a twenty-first century workforce. It is because of H-E-B, and all contributing sponsors, that HESTEC has been able to recruit more Latino students into careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and health related fields.

It is truly an honor for me to recognize H-E-B for all their efforts in the Río Grande Valley. I congratulate them on their 85th Anniversary celebration and thank them for their strong partnership with the University of Texas Pan American and HESTEC.

HONORING ADAM DICKMEYER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

MR. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Adam Dickmeyer. Adam is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1206, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Adam has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Adam has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Adam has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Adam Dickmeyer for his accom-

plishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING JAMES CASTELLANE

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

MR. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate James Castellane, one of Long Island's most formidable leaders and a dynamic advocate for working families, on this occasion of his retirement.

I am proud to call Jimmy a good friend and partner in expanding opportunity and raising the standard of living for working men and women across Long Island. Jimmy has dedicated his life to improving workplace conditions and ensuring that every worker has a chance to work at a quality, good paying job.

Jim joined his local insulator union, the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers, upon returning from the war in Vietnam. For the next forty years, Jim devoted his time working as an enthusiastic laborer, organizer and union leader.

In 2007, Jimmy became President of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Nassau and Suffolk Counties on Long Island. As President, Jimmy represented 36 local construction unions and over 55,000 workers.

As President of the council during one of the worst economic crises in our country's history, Jim understood the importance of construction trades and the hardships faced by workers and fought tirelessly to create and save good paying construction jobs on Long Island.

As a veteran, Jim is familiar with the hardships that can come with returning home from war. He often partnered the Building and Construction Trades Council with local government agencies and businesses to ensure that every returning service man and woman had the opportunity to find quality employment.

Jim extended his passion for protecting workers' rights well beyond that of the construction trades as a member of the Executive Committee of the Long Island Federation of Labor. No matter what the industry, you could rest assured you would find Jim on the front line in defense of his fellow Long Islanders whenever workers' rights were threatened.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the First Congressional District of New York, I thank Jim Castellane for his service to our country and the many decades he has spent advancing the rights of workers on Long Island. On behalf of the people of the first congressional district of New York, I wish him the very best retirement and all the best in the years to come.

HONORING NICHOLAS JOSEPH VANBEBBER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

MR. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nicholas Joseph

VanBebber. Nicholas is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 96, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nicholas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Nicholas has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Nicholas has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project, which included providing necessary maintenance for his parish, including a drag of the diamond.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nicholas Joseph VanBebber for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PERMANENTE MEDICAL GROUP

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

MR. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of the Southern California Permanente Medical Group (SCPMG) of Kaiser Permanente.

The origins of the Southern California Permanente Medical Group began in 1942 when industrialist Henry J. Kaiser asked Dr. Sidney Garfield to establish a health care plan for workers at the Kaiser steel mill in Fontana, California. In 1945, the health organization opened enrollment to other residents of the Fontana area. A few years later, at the invitation of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen unions and the Retail Clerks Union Local 770, services were brought to the Los Angeles Harbor area. In 1953, the Southern California Permanente Medical Group's partnership was officially formed.

The Southern California Permanente Medical Group is an exclusive partner with the Kaiser Permanente health plan. From its modest beginnings more than 60 years ago, the Southern California Permanente Medical Group has grown to meet the changing economy and communities of Southern California. Today, approximately 7,000 SCPMG physicians care for more than 3.6 million Kaiser Permanente members in Southern California. These physicians proudly serve diverse communities speaking over 100 languages with culturally responsive care. SCPMG supports community partners through initiatives that reduce health care disparities and promote healthy eating. SCPMG physicians additionally contribute to the health of area residents through their personal volunteer work in local community clinics.

The Southern California Permanente Medical Group's presence can be noticed throughout Southern California's health care system. SCPMG physicians serve on the faculty of area medical schools and mentor graduate medical residents who train in Kaiser Foundation Hospitals' Graduate Medical Education rotations. The Association of American Medical

Colleges' most recent data revealed that the residency programs supervised by SCPMG physicians trained the second largest number of primary care physicians in the United States from 2006 to 2008. SCPMG physicians contribute to the development and dissemination of medical knowledge through their research and clinical trials. The Kaiser Permanente Southern California Department of Research and Evaluation, where SCPMG physicians carry out much of their research, received over \$36 million in research grants in 2011. That research may someday open the door to a cure for cancer or the prevention of birth defects. And, the SCPMG has been a leader in the use of technology, such as adopting electronic health records, to improve care, promote efficiency and prevent medical errors.

I salute the Southern California Permanente Medical Group on the occasion of its 60th anniversary, and I wish it continued success in its ongoing effort to serve the residents of Southern California with high quality, affordable and innovative care.

HONORING DAVID HENRY COMER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David Henry Comer. David is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 96, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years David has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, David has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project, which included constructing a pair of benches for his parish.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending David Henry Comer for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE X
UKRAINIAN WORLD CONGRESS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the X Ukrainian World Congress on its meeting which was held on August 20–22, 2013 in Lviv, Ukraine, with the participation of 208 delegates representing 27 countries. The delegation was joined by 350 guests who traveled from around the world, including all regions of Ukraine, to participate in the proceedings and learn about the work of the UWC. The X Ukrainian world congress provided an opportunity for participants to share accomplishments, exchange ideas and develop plans for the further consolidation of

the 20 million strong Ukrainian Diaspora. Among the guests were also representatives of Ukrainians' governing authorities and leaders of the opposition. The X Ukrainian world Congress, which was dedicated to the memory of the victims of Holodomor of 1932–33 on the 80th anniversary of this genocide, began on 20 August with a procession and memorial service at the Taras Shevchenko monument in the city's main square. The opening ceremony that same evening was held before a packed audience at the solomiya Krushchynska Lviv National Academic Theatre of Opera Ballet during which Ukrainian World Congress President Eugene Czolli gave the keynote address. Three themes relevant to the global Ukrainian community were the focus of round table discussion. They included Euro-integration securing Ukrainians' independence and furthering its democratization, a global Ukrainian community promoting common interest and Holodomor 1932–33 the truth prevails.

Delegates elected the following members of the Ukrainian World Congress Executive Committee: Eugene Czolli President—Canada, Jaroslava Hartyanyi 1st Vice President—Hungary, Orysia Shushaku 2nd Vice President—France, Stefan Romania Secretary General—Australia, Bohdan Watral Financial officer—USA, and Wnon Potocny Treasurer—Canada.

On behalf of the Ukrainian diaspora, the Ukrainian World Congress expressed gratitude to the citizens of Lviv for their hospitality, the Ukrainian World Congress expressed a special thank you to the chair of Lviv regional administration Victor Shemchuk, the rector of the National University Lviv Polytechnic, Yuri Bodale and Director of the International Institute for Education, Culture and Diaspora Relations, Lviv, Polytechnic, Iryana Kluchovaska.

I commend the Ukrainian World Congress for its continuous development of unity and cohesiveness of Ukrainians throughout the Diaspora. I am also pleased to know and congratulate a member of the community that I represent in Congress, Mr. Bohdan Watral on his election as Financial Officer for the X Ukrainian World Congress.

HONORING RILEY THOMAS NIBLE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Riley Thomas Nible. Riley is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 96, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Riley has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Riley has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Riley has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project, which included constructing bookshelves for his church.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Riley Thomas Nible for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 30

Time to be announced

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Stevan Eaton Bunnell, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, and Suzanne Eleanor Spaulding, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

S-216

OCTOBER 1

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 812, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to take actions to implement the Agreement between the United States of America and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico, and H.R. 1613, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the proper Federal management and oversight of transboundary hydrocarbon reservoirs.

SD-366

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on fundamentals of a functioning private label mortgage backed securities market.

SD-538

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine government clearances and background checks, focusing on the Navy Yard tragedy.

SD-342

12 noon

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. Res. 227, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the heroic rescue of Danish Jews during the Second World War by the Danish people, S. Res. 213, expressing support for the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy in Venezuela and condemning violence

and intimidation against the country's political opposition, S. 1545, to extend authorities related to global HIV/AIDS and to promote oversight of United States programs, and the nomination of Caroline Kennedy, of New York, to be Ambassador to Japan, Department of State.

S-116

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

OCTOBER 2

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine natural resource adaptation, focusing on protecting ecosystems and economies.

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2013", an original bill entitled, "CHIMP Act Amendments of 2013", H.R. 2094, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements), an original bill entitled, "Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2013", and the nominations of Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, and James Cole, Jr., of New York, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Education, and Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a

Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Beth F. Cobert, of California, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Tony Hammond, of Missouri, and Nanci E. Langley, of Hawaii, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine continued oversight of the "Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act".

SD-226

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Economic Policy

To hold hearings to examine rebuilding American manufacturing.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the "America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science Act" (America COMPETES), focusing on scientific research and the United States economy.

SR-253

OCTOBER 3

10 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine threats to the homeland.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Walter Brewster, Jr., of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, and Carlos Roberto Moreno, of California, to be Ambassador to Belize, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

OCTOBER 8

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the impact of sequestration on the national defense; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

OCTOBER 10

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael D. Lumpkin, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Jamie Michael Morin, of Michigan, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, and Jo Ann Rooney, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50