

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

U.S. CHINA TRADE AGREEMENTS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, as President Obama meets with visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao, in the past decade, we've lost at least 2 million American industrial jobs to China. In 2010 alone, the trade deficit between the U.S. and China was \$252 billion dollars.

The fact is that Chinese workers are paid much lower wages than U.S. workers, which means their products are much cheaper to produce than if companies operating in China had to pay actual fair labor costs. Chinese workers endure a much lower standard of living than Americans do. They also lack any right to organize or petition their employers or government for better working conditions. They do not enjoy the same protections of their environment that masses of Americans have fought so hard for. We take these basic protections for granted because they are enshrined in our law.

We cannot seek to compete with the Chinese on their level by weakening environmental and worker protections in the hope that this will correct the economic imbalances between our two nations. Instead we must rewrite the U.S.-China trade agreements to include these essential worker and environmental protections.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF NAVY AVIATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Centennial of Naval Aviation and its service to the United States of America.

Throughout the last century, the men and women of the United States Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard who have heeded freedom's call have become America's front line of defense. Generation after generation of children from the Emerald Coast have watched our country's finest aviators overhead and dreamt of following in their footsteps. I am proud to say that the First Congressional District of Florida holds a special place in its heart for Naval Aviation and all who fly in their nation's defense.

Naval Air Station Pensacola, NAS Pensacola, welcomed its first aviation unit on January 20, 1914, less than 3 years after the Navy purchased its first planes. On December 7, 1917, Pensacola was designated as the first permanent U.S. Naval Air Station. It was America's sole Naval Air Station until World War I. In the ensuing years, tens of thousands

of America's finest Naval Aviators have trained at NAS Pensacola, including Neil Armstrong and Ted Williams. Today, all U.S. Naval Aviators begin their training at the Cradle of Naval Aviation.

From the first Naval Aviator, Lieutenant Theodore Ellyson, to the current class of flight students at NAS Pensacola, thousands of Naval Aviators have protected America's interests around the world and in outer space. Just like their predecessors from previous generations, today's students at NAS Pensacola go through rigorous training to serve on shore and at sea, at home and abroad, to protect the United States and support freedom wherever and whenever they are called. From combat patrols over Iraq and Afghanistan to relief missions in Haiti and around the world, Naval Aviation is a touchstone of America's naval might.

Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to recognize Naval Aviation for its contributions during its first 100 years and to honor it as it takes flight in the next 100 years.

REPEALING THE JOB-KILLING HEALTH CARE LAW ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 19, 2010

Mrs. BONO MACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reject the notion that Big Government Knows Best. Call me old fashioned, but I still believe Father Knows Best. My dad was a physician who cared deeply about his patients. Working together, they decided what treatment options made the most sense—not some bureaucrat who has a degree in political science or philosophy and punches a time clock.

That's the biggest problem with this law: It empowers the federal government . . . but not patients.

Let's start over. Let's take the best ideas from both parties and do it right this time. We agree: patients should not be denied insurance because of pre-existing conditions and our kids should be able to keep their family insurance until they're 26. But these kind of commonsense reforms don't require \$570 billion in new taxes.

Under the new law, Big Government does—what Big Government Knows Best—raise taxes. There's a Health Insurance Tax, the so-called Cadillac Tax, and a big increase in the Medicare Payroll Tax. There are also hidden taxes and costly mandates for not complying with Big Government Knows Best.

Enough already. Let's kick the bureaucrats out of the waiting room and call the doctor. Let's do what's really best for American patients. Start over.

CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. ALBERTO CARRILLO

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman MICHAEL HONDA to recognize the career and accomplishments of Mr. Alberto Carrillo, Sr., a dedicated employee of the Office of Human Relations of Santa Clara County.

Prior to our election to the House of Representatives, Congressman HONDA and I served on the Board of Supervisors for the County of Santa Clara and so we are well aware of the important work done by the County's Office of Human Relations. They work diligently with our extremely diverse community to build positive inter-group relations, to eliminate prejudice and discrimination and to foster the peaceful resolution of conflict.

Alberto has worked tirelessly advocating for civil and human rights in our community. Both with the County and in his capacity as a community activist and volunteer, he has worked toward building opportunities in housing, employment, education, business and government for Santa Clara County's diverse community.

His experiences outside of the County speak to his dedication. He began his career with the Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce, held leadership positions in the Mexican-American Political Association, and has served on many nonprofit boards of directors and advisory boards.

The Congress wishes Mr. Carrillo the very best as he continues this new chapter in his life in retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO THE JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM ON THE OCCASION OF THE PRIVATE NONPROFIT NATIONAL INSTITUTION'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHARING THE EXPERIENCES OF AMERICANS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN RECOGNITION OF ITS RECEIPT OF AMERICA'S HIGHEST HONOR FOR MUSEUMS

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Japanese American National Museum, the private nonprofit national institution dedicated to sharing the experiences of Americans of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Located in the historic Little Tokyo district of Downtown Los Angeles in the 34th Congressional District, I had the privilege of nominating the Japanese American National Museum for an especially prestigious honor. The Institute of Museums and Library Services bestowed upon the museum its National Medal in recognition of the museum's "extraordinary civic, educational, economic, environmental, and social contributions." The museum was one of only 10 institutions in 2010 to receive the institute's National Medal—America's highest honor for museums. The Japanese American National Museum is only the second museum located in California to be recognized with this national distinction.

The concept for the museum originated more than 25 years ago when members of the Japanese American community realized that their families' storied history was being lost to time. The families especially wanted to preserve for future generations the stories of the tremendous hardships endured by Japanese Americans during World War II. During this time, thousands of Japanese American families lost their homes, their businesses and most of what they owned when the United States Government unconsciously incarcerated them in detention camps.

Despite this injustice, many Japanese Americans responded to the military needs of our country during World War II with great patriotic fervor. The famed 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team—made up almost entirely of Japanese Americans—became the most decorated units for their size and length of service in the history of our Armed Forces. In addition, Japanese Americans who became members of the United States Military Intelligence Service during World War II saved thousands of American lives by using their Japanese-language skills to serve our country as translators, interrogators and code breakers in the Pacific Theatre.

In 1985, the museum was founded as an almost all-volunteer organization composed of 13 different committees and only one full-time staff member with no permanent site and no endowment. In 1992, the museum renovated an important historic building for their headquarters and then expanded to a modern Pavilion in 1999. Throughout this time, the Japanese American National Museum became the repository of the history of people of Japanese ancestry in the United States, collecting more than 80,000 artifacts, photographs, documents and ephemera (such as letters, posters, and newspaper articles) that help to preserve and share their stories with all Americans.

An average of 25,000 students annually make visits to the Japanese American National Museum, guided by volunteers who lived through much of this amazing history. Visitors to the museum learn about the commonalities of the Japanese American experience with that of other ethnic groups in our country as part of the museum's core exhibition entitled, "Common Ground: The Heart of Community."

The museum's new exhibition entitled, "Fighting for Democracy: Who is the 'We' in 'We, the People'?" features profiles of seven people of various backgrounds and ethnicities who actively supported the American war effort, but who also wanted our democracy to truly serve all the people in the post-World War II era. This exhibition has traveled to the National World War II Museum in New Orleans,

the National Archives and the Tuskegee National Institute Historic Site in Alabama.

The museum also organized a five-state educational project entitled, "Enduring Communities: The Japanese American Experience in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah." The 3-year project—which involved local institutions within each state—culminated with a national conference in Denver in 2008 attended by teachers, scholars and the people from the communities who lived this history.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the museum's 25th Anniversary and its receipt of the Institute of Museums and Library Services' National Medal, I ask my congressional colleagues to please join me and the residents of the 34th Congressional District in congratulating the Japanese American National Museum for its extraordinary achievements. I congratulate Museum President and CEO Akemi Kikumura Yano, the members of the museum's Board of Governors and Board of Trustees and all of the community members whose dedication to preserving the Japanese American story make the museum the local and national treasure that it is today. I wish the museum and everyone involved in its growth and educational mission many more years of continued success.

GOLDMAN SACHS: MAXIMUM
PROFIT, MINIMUM CONTRITION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, Goldman Sachs, the most profitable U.S. securities firm in history, is on a well-publicized public relations (PR) campaign to improve its image.

Goldman is hoping that this will help erase the negative appearance that lingers in the public's mind after it paid \$550 million to settle a Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) fraud suit last July. Since then, its stock has taken a beating.

But don't worry about Goldman. It's no secret that its strategy to reap billions in profits came in part by creating and selling high-risk mortgages in a form known as "collateralized debt obligations." This, while tens of thousands of families in Cleveland—and millions elsewhere—were losing their homes to foreclosure and their communities to decay and neglect. It's also well-known that Goldman had no ethical problem placing big bets against its own investment clients.

In 2008, Goldman took \$10 billion in below-market loans from the Federal Reserve, only to have the audacity to claim later that it didn't need that money after all. But those funds helped Goldman weather the financial crisis that they helped create. It's easy to claim now that they didn't need the help back when the financial system was nearly in ruins. But don't be fooled: it's still the same old Goldman, still as cunning and ruthless as ever when it comes to the pursuit of profits.

Goldman hopes its PR money will be well-spent, and that the American people will forget the way it profited so handsomely, even off of the misery of others, including its own clients.

But many of us are paying attention, and we will remember.

TRIBUTE TO SARALAND MAYOR
KEN WILLIAMS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Saraland Mayor Ken Williams, a beloved and dedicated public servant to many in his community, who suddenly passed away on December 27, 2010 the age of 76.

Mayor Williams began his long and successful political career as city councilman in 1992 and served until 1996 when he ran for mayor of Saraland.

He was Saraland's longest serving mayor, in office for 14 years, and was widely respected for his steadfast dedication to preserving Saraland's small town quality of life, while helping his community become one of the fastest growing towns in South Alabama.

A native of Putnam, Alabama, Mayor Williams was a local businessman and resident before entering politics. He was a retired master plumber and owned a local sporting goods business for many years. Mayor Williams is credited with a number of significant enhancements for his community, most notably the establishment of Saraland's own school system. He also supported local job recruitment and the construction of Saraland's first baseball fields.

On behalf of the people of South Alabama, I offer my condolences to his wife of 50 years, Margaret; their son, Thomas Michael; brother, Patrick; grandchildren, Ashley Elmore, Brandi Williams, Joshua Williams; one great grandchild, Tyler Elmore; and extended family. You are all in our prayers.

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HEALTH CARE LAW ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, the Democrat health care law contains a number of provisions that will cripple our economy and stifle job creation. With the unemployment rate above 9 percent, the last thing we should do is implement policies that will hinder the ability of employers to expand their businesses and create jobs. Unfortunately, ObamaCare does just that by punishing employers who do not or cannot provide government-approved health insurance to employees.

Businesses of every size are already struggling with the strain of rising health care costs. By imposing higher costs on employers, this onerous mandate will lead to lower wages and fewer workers. In fact, a study by the National Federation of Independent Business estimates the employer mandate will destroy 1.6 million jobs with more than half of those job losses coming from small businesses—the nation's primary source for new jobs.

To get our economy back on track, it is vital that we repeal ObamaCare immediately, and enact commonsense policies that will lower health costs for families and small businesses and protect jobs.

TRIBUTE TO T. MASSEY BEDSOLE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life of Mr. T. Massey Bedsole, a dear friend and active supporter of higher education in the state of Alabama who recently passed away at the age of 93.

A 1939 graduate of the University of Alabama and a 1941 graduate of the University of Alabama law school, "Mr. Massey" answered his nation's call as a Navy aviator in the Pacific Theater, serving with distinction during World War II. After the war, he was discharged with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

A native of Grove Hill, Alabama, Massey Bedsole, was the proverbial pillar of the community in Mobile, Alabama, as both a leading attorney and outstanding businessman.

In 1946, "Mr. Massey" moved to Mobile where he joined the law firm that would become Hand, Arendall, Bedsole, Greaves and Johnson.

"Mr. Massey" served as an attorney for 60 years, also finding time to lend his considerable talents as president of the Mobile County Bar Association, director of the First National Bank of Mobile and director of the Alabama Power Company.

While a much respected legal mind and successful business executive, perhaps "Mr. Massey" made his greatest mark as a booster of higher education in Mobile and across the state of Alabama, as well as for his support of local charitable efforts.

For nearly four decades, "Mr. Massey" was a trustee at the University of Mobile where he was named chairman emeritus and honorary life trustee. For ten years, he also served his beloved alma mater, the University of Alabama, as trustee and then trustee emeritus.

He was also chairman of the J.L. Bedsole Charitable Foundation for over 30 years.

On behalf of the people of South Alabama, I extend condolences to his wife of more than 64 years, Martha; their son, Travis, and daughter Curry; as well as grandchildren, Preston, Edward, Ashley and Daniel; and their entire family. You are all in our prayers.

ASSAULT ON CAMP ASHRAF

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on January 7th of this year, residents of Camp Ashraf were attacked by Iranian agents and supporting Iraqi forces. Camp Ashraf houses over 3,400 supporters of Iran's opposition and are currently under the "protected persons" status in accordance with the Fourth Geneva Convention.

176 people, including 91 women were injured when the agents hurled stones, bottles, metal pieces and Molotov cocktails into the Camp. This barrage builds on a broader campaign against the people that were exiled from their homeland after calling for an end to the oppressive Iranian regime.

For the past 11 months, 180 loudspeakers have been installed beyond the fences of the

Camp that continuously play Iranian propaganda and messages that threaten the property, homes and lives of residents. To me, this presents a compelling reminder that the freedoms we enjoy are far from universal and there are those struggling for the same liberties. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to speak out against the Iranian and Iraqi forces involved in the assault on Camp Ashraf and remember those injured in the violence.

HONORING JOAN THAYER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Joan Thayer, who retired in January 2011 as the Assessor-Recorder of Marin County. Assessor Thayer's commitment to the highest quality of public service has benefited the people of Marin and strengthened the office she led for so many years.

Ms. Thayer began her life in public service over three decades ago in San Rafael, where she first served on the Dixie School Board from 1979 to 1983. She later ran for San Rafael City Council, becoming only the second Councilwoman in the city's history. In those roles, Ms. Thayer established a reputation as an intelligent public servant willing to take on difficult decisions and defend her views with a unique passion and integrity.

In 1994, Joan was elected to lead the office of County Assessor-Recorder, then one of only two such offices led by women in California's 58 counties. In the years that followed, she worked tirelessly to ensure that her office continued to serve the interests of Marin residents. She has been an advocate for the just and efficient property tax system our communities rely upon, and she has performed her duties with the utmost integrity and professionalism. Ms. Thayer was also a leader outside of Marin, serving as President of the California Assessors Association in 2003.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Joan Thayer for her service on behalf of Marin County, CA. Ms. Thayer has helped to build a successful and well-respected institution that embodies the strength of character she consistently brought to her work on behalf of the public.

HONORING EVIE DAVIS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, public service is a noble profession when done honestly and well. Those who work in government, serving the people, do so with pride of accomplishment in the knowledge that they are helping to make life easier for those they serve.

Evie Davis, the District Manager of the West Nyack Social Security office began her career with the Social Security Administration 40 years ago, in October of 1970, at the Northeastern Program Service.

She held a variety of positions of increasing responsibility, rising to District Manager of the

White Plains office in 1990. She served there for eleven years before moving across the Hudson River to her current position in Rockland County.

She has served on many committees and workshops in furtherance of helping the SSA better help its clients, including the workgroup on the Limited-English Speaking Population. She has also served on the Advisory Committee of the Offices for the Aging in both Westchester and Rockland Counties.

She has always prided herself on her service to the Social Security Administration and the people it serves, touching the lives of virtually all of America's families in one way or another. She derived great fulfillment from her role in managing and always strove to contribute to a satisfying work environment. For her dedication and her abilities she has received many awards, including the Associate Commissioner's Citation.

Evie and her husband Mark are about to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary. They have two sons, Eric and Jarrod, and twin baby granddaughters.

I congratulate Evie Davis for her 40 years of public service in helping people. She has earned our thanks and praise for the good work she has done for so many years in making our lives and the lives of those around us better and more fulfilling.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT HODGSON

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Robert Morton Hodgson, a respected long-time South Alabama business and community leader who recently passed away at the age of 83.

Robert Hodgson was a 1945 graduate of Baldwin County High School and a 1950 graduate of the University of Alabama.

A veteran of the Navy and the Air Force Reserve, Mr. Hodgson returned from his military service to Bay Minette, Alabama to help run the family business, Standard Oil.

Mr. Hodgson soon took the helm of another family business, Standard Furniture Manufacturing Company, where he served as executive vice president and chairman of the board. He guided the company, which at one time had 1,500 employees, for a half century.

In addition to his distinguished service as a successful businessman, Mr. Hodgson was an active booster of community service organizations, including chairman of the board and founder of Bayside Academy, chairman of the Alabama Sheriff's Youth Ranches, and chairman of the board of the Community Foundation of South Alabama, to name a few.

In 1991, he was named Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in Bay Minette, and in 2008 he was commended by the Alabama Legislature for extraordinary professional achievement and community service for Baldwin County, Alabama.

In 1997, Mr. Hodgson was honored by President Bill Clinton at a White House ceremony recognizing business executives from around the nation who were instrumental in developing hiring practices to transition welfare recipients to employment.

On behalf of the people of South Alabama, I wish to extend condolences to his wife of 57 years, Doris; their daughter, Kimberly; their son, Philip; as well as their grandchildren, Ann-Brooks and Sidney, and their entire family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

COMMEMORATING THE OPENING
OF THE PROPELLANTS NORTH
ADMINISTRATIVE AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY

HON. SANDY ADAMS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mrs. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the opening of the Propellants North Administrative and Maintenance Facility which is one of NASA's most environmentally friendly structures. At a ceremony today, attendees will celebrate the opening of this new facility to help NASA achieve its mission.

The Propellants North Administrative and Maintenance Facility is located near launch complex 39 at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The facility will be used for spacecraft fueling support and to store cryogenic fuel transfer equipment. It will be NASA's first carbon-neutral facility producing enough energy onsite from renewable sources to offset what it requires to operate. This construction style will bring a cost savings to NASA, saving taxpayers money.

The facility was built using recycled concrete, bottles, aluminum cans, cardboard, white paper, wood, and steel. NASA's goal for the design and the construction of Propellant North Administrative and Maintenance Facility was to reach for the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design Platinum status, which is the highest rating a green building can achieve.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating NASA for building an environmentally friendly, economical, and efficient facility. The Propellant North Administrative and Maintenance Facility is a positive step for providing a cleaner environment for future generations and will bring cost savings to Florida taxpayers.

IN HONOR OF NATIONAL PENN
BANK'S ROYERSFORD BRANCH'S
25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate National Penn Bank's Royersford branch on its 25th anniversary and to honor this financial institution for its commitment to serving the community.

Since opening its doors in 1986, National Penn Bank's Royersford branch has provided outstanding financial services to the community through a tremendously dedicated group of banking professionals. The Royersford branch is a place where citizens have their financial goals and dreams realized and their hard-earned dollars protected.

Headquartered in Boyertown, Pennsylvania, National Penn operates 124 community banking offices in Pennsylvania and is an exemplary employer to its thousands of employees.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing National Penn Bank's Royersford branch for its valuable contributions to enhancing its community's quality of life in its quarter century of service.

RECOGNIZING THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY
OF HENRICO COUNTY, VIRGINIA

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 400th anniversary of Henrico County, Virginia. The City of Henricus was established by Sir Thomas Dale in September 1611 and was named in honor of Henry Frederick, Prince of Wales. Later in 1634, Henrico was designated as one of Virginia's first eight counties and at the time it included the counties of Albemarle, Amherst, Appomattox, Buckingham, Chesterfield, Cumberland, Fluvanna, Goochland, Nelson and Powhatan and the cities of Charlottesville, Colonial Heights and Richmond.

Henrico County was home to pioneer African-American educator and humanitarian Virginia Randolph, who founded the first public school vocational education program in the nation. She was born to former slaves and opened the Old Mountain Road School in 1892. The Virginia E. Randolph Community High School and the Virginia Randolph Special Education Center School, named in honor of Virginia Randolph, are located in Henrico County.

Today Henrico County is situated in Central Virginia and includes a third of the Richmond metropolitan area. Business in Henrico continues to thrive while local attractions and historical sites attract residents and visitors to the county. In 1927, Henrico County was honored when Charles A. Lindbergh landed the Spirit of St. Louis at the grand opening of Byrd Field. This airport, now known as the Richmond International Airport, serves more than 3.5 million travelers annually. The Richmond International Raceway, RIR, America's Premier Short Track, is also located in Henrico. Each year RIR hosts both the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series and NASCAR Nationwide Series.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the citizens of Henrico as they celebrate the county's anniversary and wishing them the best for their continued growth and success.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF OF POLICE
DONALD L. WAGNER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Chief of Police Donald L. Wagner upon his retirement from the Rocky River Police Department after 45 years of dedicated service.

Chief of Police Wagner was born in Lakewood, Ohio on May 13, 1942. He graduated from Rocky River High School in 1960 and earned a bachelor's degree from Ohio University in 1964.

Chief of Police Wagner began his career with the Rocky River Police Department on April 1, 1965. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1974, Lieutenant in 1980, Executive Staff Assistant to the Chief of Police in 1985 and finally to Chief of Police in 1995. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association and the Metropolitan Crime Clinic Association.

The life of a police officer is one of true selflessness and service, and Police Chief Wagner is no exception. Each day the brave men and women of law enforcement put their lives on the line for the good of their communities.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Chief of Police Donald L. Wagner for his exemplary service on behalf of his community. Chief of Police Wagner's dedication to making Rocky River a safer place to live and work is honorable and inspiring. I wish Chief of Police Wagner peace, health and happiness in all his future endeavors.

REPEALING THE JOB-KILLING
HEALTH CARE LAW ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2, a bill that would repeal the Healthcare Law.

In the United States, one of the richest countries in the world, nearly 50 million Americans lack health insurance, 13.5 percent of which are New Yorkers. Last year alone, New York City's hospitals spent 1.2 billion dollars in charity costs. Tragically, people who are either uninsured or underinsured often have to go without vital healthcare simply because they cannot afford it.

Every American has a human right to adequate physical and mental healthcare, and I believe that government has a responsibility to assist its citizens in securing quality healthcare.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which passed in the 111th Congress, does just that. It insures that Americans have access to quality healthcare. Repealing it would mean:

Insurance companies will once again be able to drop coverage for people when they get sick—exactly when coverage is needed most;

Children with pre-existing conditions will be denied coverage;

Insurance companies would again be able to impose devastating annual and lifetime caps;

Young people will no longer be able to stay on their parents' plans until age 26;

Pregnant women would be denied coverage simply because they are pregnant since pregnancy is considered a "pre-existing condition" and therefore a basis for denial of coverage;

And finally, seniors will face an increase in their prescription drug costs because they

would be thrown back into the Medicare Part D Donut Hole, which the healthcare reform law would have closed by 2020.

Let me share with you a letter that I received from one of my constituents in the 11th Congressional District of New York. Jonathan writes:

"I am a two-time cancer survivor, constantly worrying about being denied coverage because of my pre-existing condition. I'm not comfortable that corporations under the old rules would consider me "unprofitable". I think it's a disgrace that this problem has existed in our country. I, for one, will move to Canada or elsewhere if Healthcare Reform is repealed and I ever have a reoccurrence of my cancer. Meanwhile, I think it's every American's responsibility to not allow other people with pre-existing conditions to be denied coverage."

As Jonathan notes, this repeal would once again allow big insurance companies, who are only focused on profitability, to deny coverage to him and so many others with pre-existing conditions.

Are we going to allow Jonathan to be punished and denied coverage simply for being a cancer survivor? Repeal of this healthcare law would punish so many.

Healthcare is a fundamental human right, rather than a commodity, which is why I stand in strong opposition to repeal.

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the Rules of Procedure of the Committee on the Judiciary. They were adopted by the Committee on January 19, 2011.

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RULES OF PROCEDURE

RULE I.

The Rules of the House of Representatives are the rules of the Committee on the Judiciary and its Subcommittees with the following specific additions thereto.

RULE II. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(a) The regular meeting day of the Committee on the Judiciary for the conduct of its business shall be on Wednesday of each week while the House is in session.

(b) Additional meetings may be called by the Chairman and a regular meeting of the Committee may be dispensed with when, in the judgment of the Chairman, there is no need therefor.

(c) At least 3 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays when the House is not in session) before each scheduled Committee or Subcommittee meeting, each Member of the Committee or Subcommittee shall be furnished a list of the bill(s) and subject(s) to be considered and/or acted upon at the meeting. Bills or subjects not listed shall be subject to a point of order unless their consideration is agreed to by a two-thirds vote of the Committee or Subcommittee.

(d) In an emergency that does not reasonably allow for 3 days' notice, the Chairman may waive the 3-day notice requirement with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member.

(e) At least 48 hours prior to the commencement of a meeting for the markup of legislation, the text of such legislation shall be made publicly available in electronic form.

(f) To the maximum extent practicable, amendments to a measure or matter shall be submitted in writing or electronically to the designee of both the Chairman and Ranking Member at least 24 hours prior to the consideration of the measure or matter. The Chairman may use his discretion to give priority to amendments submitted in advance.

(g) Committee and Subcommittee meetings for the transaction of business, i.e. meetings other than those held for the purpose of taking testimony, shall be open to the public except when the Committee or Subcommittee determines by majority vote to close the meeting because disclosure of matters to be considered would endanger national security, would compromise sensitive law enforcement information, or would tend to defame, degrade or incriminate any person or otherwise would violate any law or rule of the House.

(h) Every motion made to the Committee and entertained by the Chairman shall be reduced to writing upon demand of any Member, and a copy made available to each Member present.

(i) For purposes of taking any action at a meeting of the full Committee or any Subcommittee thereof, a quorum shall be constituted by the presence of not less than one-third of the Members of the Committee or subcommittee, except that a full majority of the Members of the Committee or Subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for purposes of reporting a measure or recommendation from the Committee or Subcommittee, closing a meeting to the public, or authorizing the issuance of a subpoena.

(j)(1) Subject to subparagraph (2), the Chairman may postpone further proceedings when a record vote is ordered on the question of approving any measure or matter or adopting an amendment. The Chairman may

resume proceedings on a postponed request at any time.

(2) In exercising postponement authority under subparagraph (1), the Chairman shall take all reasonable steps necessary to notify Members on the resumption of proceedings on any postponed record vote.

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

(k) Transcripts of markups shall be recorded and may be published in the same manner as hearings before the Committee.

(1) Without further action of the Committee, the Chairman is directed to offer a motion under clause 1 of rule XXII of the Rules of the House of Representatives whenever the Chairman considers it appropriate.

RULE III. HEARINGS

(a) The Committee Chairman or any Subcommittee Chairman shall make public announcement of the date, place, and subject matter of any hearing to be conducted by it on any measure or matter at least one week before the commencement of that hearing. If the Chairman of the Committee, or Subcommittee, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, determines there is good cause to begin the hearing sooner, or if the Committee or Subcommittee so determines by majority vote, a quorum being present for the transaction of business, the Chairman or Subcommittee Chairman shall make the announcement at the earliest possible date.

(b) Committee and Subcommittee hearings shall be open to the public except when the Committee or Subcommittee determines by majority vote to close the meeting because disclosure of matters to be considered would endanger national security, would compromise sensitive law enforcement information, or would tend to defame, degrade or incriminate any person or otherwise would violate any law or rule of the House.

(c) For purposes of taking testimony and receiving evidence before the Committee or any Subcommittee, a quorum shall be constituted by the presence of two Members.

(d) In the course of any hearing each Member shall be allowed five minutes for the interrogation of a witness until such time as each Member who so desires has had an opportunity to question the witness.

(e) The transcripts of those hearings conducted by the Committee which are decided to be printed shall be published in verbatim form, with the material requested for the record inserted at that place requested, or at the end of the record, as appropriate. Individuals, including Members of Congress, whose comments are to be published as part of a Committee document shall be given the opportunity to verify the accuracy of the transcription in advance of publication. Any requests by those Members, staff or witnesses to correct any errors other than errors in the transcription, or disputed errors in transcription, shall be appended to the record, and the appropriate place where the change is requested will be footnoted. Prior to approval by the Chairman of hearings conducted jointly with another congressional Committee, a memorandum of understanding shall be prepared which incorporates an agreement for the publication of the verbatim transcript.

RULE IV. BROADCASTING

Whenever a hearing or meeting conducted by the Committee or any Subcommittee is open to the public, those proceedings shall be open to coverage by television, radio and still photography except when the hearing or meeting is closed pursuant to the Committee Rules of Procedure.

RULE V. STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES

(a) The full Committee shall have jurisdiction over such matters as determined by the Chairman.

(b) There shall be five standing Subcommittees of the Committee on the Judiciary, with jurisdictions as follows:

The Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law shall have jurisdiction over the following subject matters: Administration of U.S. Courts, Federal Rules of Evidence, Civil and Appellate Procedure, judicial ethics, bankruptcy and commercial law, bankruptcy judgeships, administrative law, independent counsel, state taxation affecting interstate commerce, interstate compacts, other appropriate matters as referred by the Chairman, and relevant oversight.

The Subcommittee on the Constitution shall have jurisdiction over the following subject matters: constitutional amendments, constitutional rights, Federal civil rights, ethics in government, tort liability, including medical malpractice and product liability, legal reform generally, other appropriate matters as referred by the Chairman, and relevant oversight.

The Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition, and the Internet shall have jurisdiction over the following subject matters: copyright, patent, trademark law, information technology, antitrust matters, other appropriate matters as referred by the Chairman, and relevant oversight.

The Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security shall have jurisdiction over the following subject matters: Federal Criminal Code, drug enforcement, sentencing, parole and pardons, internal and homeland security, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, prisons, criminal law enforcement, and other appropriate matters as referred by the Chairman, and relevant oversight.

The Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement shall have jurisdiction over the following subject matters: immigration and naturalization, border security, admission of refugees, treaties, conventions and international agreements, claims against the United States, Federal charters of incorporation, private immigration and claims bills, non-border enforcement, other appropriate matters as referred by the Chairman, and relevant oversight.

(c) The Chairman of the Committee and Ranking Minority Member thereof shall be ex officio Members, but not voting Members, of each Subcommittee to which such Chairman or Ranking Minority Member has not been assigned by resolution of the Committee. Ex officio Members shall not be counted as present for purposes of constituting a quorum at any hearing or meeting of such Subcommittee.

RULE VI. POWERS AND DUTIES OF SUBCOMMITTEES

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

RULE VII. NON-LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

No report of the Committee or Subcommittee which does not accompany a measure or matter for consideration by the House shall be published unless all Members of the Committee or Subcommittee issuing the report shall have been apprised of such report and given the opportunity to give no-

tice of intention to file supplemental, additional, or dissenting views as part of the report. In no case shall the time in which to file such views be less than three calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays when the House is not in session).

RULE VIII. COMMITTEE RECORDS

The records of the Committee at the National Archives and Records Administration shall be made available for public use according to the Rules of the House. The Chairman shall notify the Ranking Minority Member of any decision to withhold a record otherwise available, and the matter shall be presented to the Committee for a determination on the written request of any Member of the Committee.

RULE IX. OFFICIAL COMMITTEE WEBSITE

(a) The Chairman shall maintain an official website on behalf of the Committee for the purpose of furthering the Committee's legislative and oversight responsibilities, including communicating information about the Committee's activities to Committee Members and other Members of the House.

(b) The Chairman shall make the record of the votes on any question on which a record vote is demanded in the full Committee available on the Committee's official website not later than 48 hours after such vote is taken. Such record shall identify or describe the amendment, motion, order, or other proposition, the name of each Member voting for and each Member voting against such amendment, motion, order, or proposition, and the names of the Members voting present.

(c) Not later than 24 hours after the adoption of any amendment to a measure or matter considered by the Committee or its Subcommittees, the Chairman shall make the text of each such amendment publicly available in electronic form.

(d) Not later than 3 days after the conclusion of a Committee meeting, the transcript of such meeting and the text of all amendments offered shall be made available on the Committee website.

(e) The Ranking Member is authorized to maintain a similar official website on behalf of the Committee Minority for the same purpose, including communicating information about the activities of the Minority to Committee Members and other Members of the House.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 10, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN HONOR OF LIEUTENANT
ROBERT G. SHARP

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Lieutenant Robert G. Sharp, upon his retirement from the Rocky River Police Department, following over 30 years of dedicated service.

Born in Berea, Ohio on December 20, 1952, Lt. Sharp was raised in the West Park area of Cleveland. A few years after Mr. Sharp graduated from John Marshall High School, he joined the Rocky River Police Department. He earned an associate degree in Law Enforcement in 1982 from Cuyahoga Community College and a bachelors degree in Technical Education in 1989 from the University of Akron.

Throughout the course of his career, Lt. Sharp received numerous commendations and special recognitions for his courage, lifesaving efforts, and dedication to those he served. In 1980, Mr. Sharp was promoted to Sergeant and later Lieutenant in 1984. He also served as the Commander of the Westshore S.W.A.T. Team from 1986 to 1996.

In addition to his outstanding career as a police officer, Lt. Sharp has been an active member of the community. He is a member of the Westpark Cleveland Historical Society, and in the past participated in the National Tactical Officer's Association as well as the Ohio Tactical Officer's Association.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Lieutenant Robert G. Sharp for his exemplary service on behalf of his community. At the age of 58, Lieutenant Sharp has served and protected the people of Rocky River with courage for 34 years.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL
ALLEN E. TACKETT, THE ADJUTANT
GENERAL, WEST VIRGINIA
NATIONAL GUARD

HON. NICK J. RAHALL, II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in recognition for one of West Virginia's most beloved sons, a genuine and proven leader, an American patriot, and my dear friend, Major General Allen Tackett.

Tomorrow, after 48 years of faithful service to our State and our Nation, General Tackett will step down as Commander of more than 6,000 West Virginia citizen soldiers and airmen. He will begin his retirement having earned the outstanding distinction of not only being the longest-serving adjutant general of the West Virginia National Guard, but also of being our Nation's longest-serving adjutant general.

In West Virginia, the men and women of our National Guard are held in high regard by their fellow citizens. Since 1995, through the leadership of General Tackett, they annually rank number one in the country for mission readiness. Whether it is a perilous flight mission in the depths of winter to rescue military personnel trapped in our deep, snow-covered mountains, or a mission to provide aid and comfort to fellow West Virginians ravaged by flood waters, or deployed to far corners of the world to protect our democracy and ensure peace around the globe, the West Virginia National Guard has answered the call, time and again.

From the Civil War that gave birth to my State, to present-day wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the record of service by so many patriotic West Virginians places our State in the top percentage of all Americans who have

donned America's uniform. As Mountaineers, we are incredibly proud of our record and extraordinary military leaders, like Major General Tackett, who rise from the ranks to train, lead, and mentor our soldiers and airmen with great honor, personal pride, commitment, and sacrifice, and an enduring passion for the freedoms in our democracy.

The American people owe an enormous debt of gratitude to our 362,192 men and women members of the National Guard, who in service to the United States, maintain the Guard's multi-mission role—providing nearly 33 percent of America's combat power globally—and, simultaneously and with great skill—serving their fellow citizens in defense of our homeland, in support of state and local civil authorities, and fulfilling emergency response needs.

For decades, there has been a significant evolution in the missions and capabilities of the National Guard. As General Tackett has so aptly stated, "Not since World War II has the Guard been so vital to our overseas mission, and not since the founding of our Nation has the Guard been so vital to the defense of our homeland."

For over 34 years, I have been privileged to represent the people of southern West Virginia, and it is with humbleness and sincerity that I say, from the home front to the front lines, our West Virginia National Guard is a model of the commitment to excellence and professional dedication to America's defense, thanks to the commitment, vision, and leadership of Major General Tackett.

Therefore, it is my honor and great privilege to commend Major General Allen E. Tackett, the Adjutant General of the West Virginia National Guard: For his 48 years in service to our country; for his 25 years served in Special Forces units; for his vital contributions—with the force and voice of U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd—working to block the closing of the 130th Airlift Wing by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission in 2005; for his passion for education and creating hope and opportunity through his support for programs such as, the West Virginia National Guards' Tuition Assistance; and for his work with at-risk youths through the National Youth Challenge program.

Mr. Speaker, on occasion, Senator Byrd enjoyed comparing General Tackett's skills to those of the Carthaginian General, Hannibal. I agree with the Senator—when Allen Tackett tackles a problem, it is as if his opponents are facing a thunderous herd of raging bull elephants. Today, I join my fellow West Virginians in recognition and congratulatory acknowledgement of the great achievements of Major General Tackett as he begins this new chapter in his life with his beloved wife, Sallie.

A TRIBUTE TO CHIEF SAM L. SPIEGEL IN RECOGNITION OF HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO FOLSOM, CALIFORNIA

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor my friend, Chief Sam L. Spiegel, for the years

of service he has spent as chief of police and director of Emergency Services for the city of Folsom, California. Altogether, Chief Spiegel has a 39 year tenure in law enforcement in California.

Chief Spiegel holds a Master Degree in Management, a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice, his State teaching credential, and is a graduate of the P.O.S.T. Command College and the FBI National Academy. Sam began his law enforcement career as a police cadet with the Corona Police Department in November of 1971. He was trained as a schools cadet and dispatcher before becoming a reserve police officer in June of 1974. He was hired as a deputy sheriff with the Riverside County Sheriffs Department in December of 1974 and assigned to Lake Elsinore Station Patrol. In January of 1976, he returned to Corona Police Department as a reserve officer and was hired as a full time police officer in December 1976. During his tenure with Corona PD he was assigned as a traffic officer, commercial enforcement officer, detective, and was promoted to sergeant in 1983 and lieutenant in 1985. In both of these ranks, he held assignments in patrol, traffic, investigations, and administration. In April 1996 he was promoted to captain—holding that rank until March of 2001. In April of 2001 he was hired as Folsom's 15th chief of police. He held the position of chief with Folsom until his retirement on October 26, 2010.

Sam has also served in various other capacities, including as the chairman of the Law and Legislative Committee for the California Police Chiefs Association, past-president of the California Peace Officers Association, and former member of the California Homeland Security Public Safety Advisory Council. He continues to serve as a governor appointee to the State 9-1-1 Advisory Committee, the California Law Enforcement Telecommunication Advisory Committee and served 6 years as a member of the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training Advisory Committee.

It has been my pleasure to know Sam Spiegel and more importantly, to call him my friend. I am pleased to congratulate him upon his retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHARITABLE DRIVING TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2011

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Charitable Driving Tax Relief Act of 2011 to remove a serious disincentive to participation in charitable activities. Private charitable activity plays an important role in our society, and it is important that Congress not stand in the way by penalizing those who wish to offer their services to these groups.

Under current law, individuals that volunteer their time and energy by driving their personal vehicles on behalf of a charitable group can end up with an unpleasant surprise in the form of an unanticipated tax bill. Specifically, volunteer drivers receiving reimbursement for the use of their vehicle are taxed on these payments to the extent that they exceed 14 cents per mile. This treatment stands in stark con-

trast to the allowance for reimbursement for the business use of that same vehicle, 51 cents per mile in 2011.

The Charitable Driving Tax Relief Act will equalize the tax treatment of charitable reimbursements with those received for business driving because the point of the payment is essentially the same, that is, to cover the cost of operating a personal vehicle while performing an important service in the pursuit of a greater good.

To achieve this end, my legislation would exclude from gross income any reimbursement received for the use of a volunteer's car while assisting a charitable group, limited only by the cap the Internal Revenue Service sets regarding business driving. This treatment would be available only for services provided without compensation and drivers would be required to maintain sufficient records to substantiate the charitable use of their vehicles. Finally, this bill drops the requirement that charitable groups report these reimbursements to the IRS, removing an administrative and paperwork burden that detracts resources from a charity's larger purpose.

Each day, thousands of Americans lend a hand in providing transportation services to a multitude of organizations engaged in good works. These activities include assisting individuals with their routine grocery shopping, providing the use of a four-wheel drive vehicle to transport home-visit nurses during inclement weather, delivering meals as part of a holiday food drive, helping individuals to keep their medical appointments, and many more similar activities.

These volunteer drivers are donating their time and their talents, not their vehicles, and accepting reimbursement for the use of that car, incidental to their time and talent donation, is a reasonable act, which should not result in an additional tax liability. Today, when it comes to driving a personal vehicle, our tax code makes a distinction between business and charitable uses. This distinction is a mistake; it is a serious disincentive to charitable activities, and it should be corrected. I encourage my colleagues to support the continued efforts of our charity-minded constituents by cosponsoring the Charitable Driving Tax Relief Act of 2009.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT C.
MACAULEY

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the recent passing of a constituent, humanitarian, and friend, Robert C., Bob, Macauley, who recently passed away of natural causes at the age of 87.

In addition to being a beloved husband and father, Bob Macauley was a tremendous activist and patron. As a veteran, businessman, and philanthropist, Bob dedicated his life to helping others.

His first ventures into philanthropy began during the Vietnam war, with the founding of the Shoeshine Boys Foundation to support orphaned Vietnamese children. In 1975, he mortgaged his home to charter the first jet of what became known as Operation Babylift,

rescuing babies injured in a plane crash as Saigon fell. Bob then became involved in the Covenant House, which grew with his support and guidance from a small outpost in New York City to one of the largest privately funded childcare agencies in the U.S.

However, it was after meeting with Pope John Paul II that Bob fully realized the potential of his efforts. After raising \$1.5 million in aid for Poland at the Pope's request, Bob recognized that what he had done for Poland, he could do for people in need worldwide. This effort became AmeriCares, a humanitarian organization that has delivered more than \$10 billion in medicines, medical supplies, and aid around the world and across the United States. Bob served as CEO of the organization until 2002, and as chairman until his death.

Mr. Macauley has been widely recognized for his philanthropic endeavors. He was the recipient of many humanitarian awards, including the President's Volunteer Action Award, the Cross of Grand Officer of the Order of Malta, the Caring Award, the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Award, the FREDDIE Award, and the Jefferson Award for Lifetime Achievement, and has received honorary doctorates from Fairfield University, Siena College, Saint Michael's College, and Saint Lawrence University. He has been featured by ABC News as "Person of the Week," and has been the subject of numerous profiles by major media outlets such as NBC Today and People magazine. His biography, written by Bill Halamandaris, is entitled "His Name is Today."

Bob's activism and generosity to the global community should remind us all of what the actions of one person can do. While he did not work alone, we all have him to thank for making the world a better place. His charity should be admired and his citizenship should serve as a model for us all.

IN HONOR OF EXECUTIVE STAFF
ASSISTANT TERENCE P. HUDEC

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Mr. Terence P. Hudec, Executive Staff Assistant to the Chief of Police of Rocky River, upon his retirement from the Rocky River Police Department after more than 35 years of dedicated service.

Mr. Hudec was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1948. He graduated from Cathedral Latin High School in 1966 and earned a bachelors degree from John Carroll University in 1972.

Mr. Hudec began his career with the Rocky River Police Department on April 1, 1973. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1981, Lieutenant in 1986, and assigned to the position of Executive Staff Assistant to the Chief of Police in 1995.

The life of a police officer is one of true selflessness and service, and Officer Hudec is no exception. Each day the brave men and women of law enforcement put their lives on the line for the good of their communities.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Mr. Terence P. Hudec, Executive Staff Assistant to the Chief of Police, for his

exemplary service on behalf of his community. Mr. Hudec's dedication to making Rocky River a safer place to live and work is honorable and inspiring. I wish Executive Staff Assistant Hudec peace, health and happiness in all his future endeavors.

HONORING WILLIAM LOCKRIDGE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of William Lockridge, who tirelessly served the residents of the District of Columbia for 25 years.

A teacher by profession, William Lockridge devoted his life to improving education for the city's children and to community service for the people of the District of Columbia. He was a member of the D.C. State Board of Education and its longest serving member.

Although born in Tennessee, raised in Chicago, and educated at Tennessee State University, in Memphis, William Lockridge became a quintessential Washingtonian, eager for many varieties of community service, once serving as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, president of the Alabama Avenue Task Force, president of the Ward 8 Democrats, board member of the Neighborhood Planning Council, the Parent Teacher Student Association, and the Action to Rehabilitate Housing, as well as a member of the National Alliance of Black School Educators, the D.C. Democratic State Committee, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

William was ubiquitous in his devotion to his community, but education was his first love. His vision runs through the D.C. Public Schools, where he worked as a teacher, parent advocate for students with special needs, and a truancy officer over his 15-year career. But William Lockridge wanted to do more. He wanted to change the public schools. He immersed himself in accomplishing this mission as the Ward 8 D.C. School Board member and then as the D.C. State Board of Education member for Wards 7 and 8 until the day he died.

When it came to the children he represented in the communities east of the Anacostia River, William Lockridge would brook no compromise. So resolute was his advocacy that children everywhere in the District, particularly children from families of modest income, benefitted immensely from his service.

Residents throughout the city were heartbroken when the trim, ever active William Lockridge fell suddenly and unexpectedly ill. From across the city, top officials and ordinary citizens alike flocked to the hospital and then to a vigil, where elected officials and residents spoke lovingly of William Lockridge, just below his hospital window.

The Lockridge brand of passionate dedication to public service cannot be bottled. His devotion to the city's children and to their education got its authenticity from a unique source deep within the man. His work for those who needed him most became a part of William's identity. The District of Columbia and its children were the beneficiaries.

Only William's own family, Wanda, his "queen," as he called his wife, his two children, Joy and Stephan, and his four grandchildren, outranked his love for the city's children. Not content to tell other people how to raise and educate their children, Lockridge led by example as a model family man who lived what he taught, beginning at home, where children first learn by simply looking at their parents.

William Lockridge left his beloved family and city far too soon, but he left them a complete and fulfilled life. He spent his productive life doing not only what gave his own life meaning. William Lockridge devoted his life to giving meaning to the lives of many others, especially the children of the District of Columbia. I ask the House to join me in honoring the worthy life of William Lockridge.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE "NO
TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION
ACT"—H.R. 3 "ACCEPTABLE
BIGOTRY"—PREJUDICE AGAINST
THE CHILD IN THE WOMB

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, yesterday an abortionist in Philadelphia—Dr. Kermit Gosnell—was arrested and charged in the death of a mother, and seven babies who were born alive but then killed by severing their spinal cords with a pair of scissors.

According to the Philadelphia CBS TV affiliate, the district attorney said that in one year alone, Dr. Gosnell made approximately \$1.8 million performing abortions.

The abortion industry, Mr. Speaker, is a multibillion dollar business.

Planned Parenthood boasts that in 2008 alone, their abortionists killed over 324,000 babies while raking in an approximately \$1 billion in fees and local, state and federal government subsidies.

The ugly truth is that abortionists often get filthy rich, not by healing or nurturing or curing—but by dismembering and decapitating the fragile bodies of unborn children; by starving the child in the womb with lethal agents like RU486 or by other means of chemical poisoning.

The ugly truth is that women are victimized by abortion—wounded and hurt physically and emotionally. Women deserve better than abortion.

The only thing the multibillion dollar abortion industry has produced in America—and worldwide—is victims: wounded women and over 52 million dead babies in the United States since 1973—more than six times the entire population of my home state of New Jersey.

The multibillion dollar abortion industry systematically dehumanizes the weakest and most vulnerable among us with catchy slogans, slick advertising, clever marketing, and aggressive lobbying.

They have made the unacceptable—to be prejudiced and bigoted against the child in the womb—acceptable to some.

This "acceptable bigotry" has been promoted for decades, despite breathtaking advances in fetal medicine including micro-surgery underscoring the fact that an unborn child

is a patient in need of care, just like anyone else, and despite that amazing window to the womb—ultrasound imaging.

In 1976, Dr. Willard Cates and Dr. David Grimes then with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) presented a paper to a Planned Parenthood meeting entitled “Abortion as a Treatment for Unintended Pregnancy: The Number Two Sexually Transmitted Disease.”

These two abortion doctors reduced the child in the womb to the equivalent of a parasite or disease to be vanquished. As far as I know, no one at Planned Parenthood objected to the dehumanizing language and obvious bigotry towards children.

The evidence of significant harm to women who abort increases each year.

Abortion hurts women’s health and puts future children subsequently born to women who aborted at significant risk. At least 102 studies show significant psychological harm, major depression and elevated suicide risk in women who abort.

The Times of London reported that, “[S]enior . . . psychiatrists say that new evidence has uncovered a clear link between abortion and mental illness in women with no previous history of psychological problems.” They found, “that women who have had abortions have twice the level of psychological problems and three times the level of depression as women who have given birth or who have never been pregnant . . .”

In 2006, a comprehensive New Zealand study found that 78.6 percent of the 15–18 year olds who had abortions displayed symptoms of major depression as compared to 31 percent of their peers. The study also found that 27 percent of the 21–25 year old women who had abortions had suicidal idealizations compared to eight percent of those who did not have an abortion.

Abortion isn’t safe for subsequent children born to women who have had an abortion. At least 113 studies show a significant association between abortion and subsequent premature births. For example a study by researchers Shah and Zoe showed a 36 percent increased risk for preterm birth after one abortion and a staggering 93 percent increased risk after two.

Similarly, the risk of subsequent children being born with low birth weight increases by 35 percent after one and 72 percent after two or more abortions. Another study shows the risk increases nine times after a woman has had three abortions.

What does this mean for her children? Preterm birth is the leading cause of infant mortality in the industrialized world after congenital anomalies. Preterm infants have a greater risk of suffering from chronic lung disease, sensory deficits, cerebral palsy, cognitive impairments and behavior problems. Low birth weight is similarly associated with neonatal mortality and morbidity.

Dr. Alveda King, niece of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whom we honored on Monday, has joined the growing coalition of women who deeply regret their abortions and are “Silent No More.” Out of deep personal pain and compassion for others, Dr. King, who had two abortions and the women of “Silent No More” challenge us to respect, protect and tangibly love both the mother and the child. The women of “Silent No More” give post-abortive women a safe place to grieve, and a roadmap for reconciliation.

This week, with the full and unequivocal support of Speaker BOEHNER and Majority Leader CANTOR, more than 150 Members and I will introduce the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act—a government wide prohibition on taxpayer subsidization for abortion and conscience protections with durable remedies.

Abortion is not health care. And polls show that taxpayers strongly oppose publically funded abortion—67 percent according to a recent Quinnipiac University poll.

Our new bill is designed to permanently end any U.S. government financial support for abortion whether it be direct funding or by tax credits or any other subsidy.

Regarding conscience rights—last year, Cathy DeCarlo, a nurse at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York was compelled—despite her strong moral and religious objections—to assist in a grisly D&E abortion which has been described by the U.S. Supreme Court as a procedure where the doctor uses forceps to tear apart the unborn child. D&E abortion is a gruesome act of child abuse.

Ms. DeCarlo sued—asserting her right to conscience had been violated under existing federal law. Her case was dismissed, however, due to the lack of prescribed remedies.

The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act protects conscience rights of individuals and institutions by empowering the courts with the authority to prevent and redress actual or threatened violations of conscience.

President Obama has said he wants abortion to be rare. Well, Mr. Obama, here is a bill for you. Even the Guttmacher Institute, the former research arm of Planned Parenthood, says that taxpayer funding bans are a proven abortion reduction method. According to Guttmacher, studies show that when abortion is not publically funded, abortions in the covered population are reduced by roughly 25 percent.

REMARKS ON JOHN F. KENNEDY

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, West Virginians still smiling?

It seems improbable that it could have been fifty years ago, that America’s youngest new leader, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, took center stage, here at the U.S. Capitol, to assume the Presidency. He delivered an inaugural address that ignited the hopes and energies of a generation that would, in large measure, take up his call to serve their country.

It was, of course, the good people of my home State of West Virginia, who launched the youthful Senator’s campaign for the presidency in the 1960 West Virginia Democratic Primary Election. In May of last year, the golden anniversary of the campaign was celebrated with exhibits, readings, talks, films, recording oral histories and other festivities to mark the pivotal turning point in Senator Kennedy’s campaign. In Logan, West Virginia, the courthouse square was christened ‘Kennedy Square.’ At Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, a course on the campaign has been taught for years. Plans have been discussed about pursuing a permanent exhibition in Logan, commemorating the

campaign, his Presidency and their impact on our State.

Many of my constituents have personal fond and lasting memories of the Kennedys’ visits during the campaign and then as President. I, myself, credit President Kennedy’s Inaugural Address with my earliest interest in pursuing public service.

The Kennedy voice was much more than a call to action, it was a blueprint for the future: the Peace Corps, VISTA, Appalachian Regional Commission, Head Start, Medicare and a slew of other efforts to level the playing field for Americans.

Though President Kennedy’s address was one of the shortest in history, it earned him lasting respect from untold generations of Americans and our allies around the World. I would suspect the humble, self deprecating President would demur at that comment. But, his ever present humor and wit was in good form at the June 1963 American University Law School graduation of our very own, Senator Robert C. Byrd, when Kennedy, himself, quipped about brevity as he began his remarks: President Anderson, members of the faculty, board of trustees, distinguished guests, my old colleague Senator Bob Byrd, who has earned his degree through many years of attending night law school while I am earning mine in the next thirty minutes, ladies and gentlemen. . . .

In 1963, it was a rainy day in Charleston, West Virginia, when President Kennedy attended our State’s Centennial celebration. He opened his comments with these remarks, “While the Sun doesn’t always shine in West Virginia, the people always do.” President Kennedy’s words fifty years ago still ring through our hills and manifest themselves through many avenues, enriching our lives with his federal initiatives, calling young and old alike to give of themselves for their fellow citizens, and bringing a smile to all those who remember or are just learning of the West Virginia Kennedy legacy.

I hope the Kennedy Inaugural Address will be read in classrooms and community centers and town squares to celebrate this anniversary, and that, we together, work to fulfill the challenges it presents every American Citizen. Let us go forward with his words firmly in our resolve, “knowing that here on earth God’s work must truly be our own.”

STATEMENT COMMENDING STAN ISRAEL FOR 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO SEIU

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to recognize the retirement of my good friend Stan Israel, Executive Vice President of SEIU District 1199—New England. For 35 years, Stan has spearheaded efforts to organize health workers, and his hard work has consistently won justice at the worksite for laborers of all skill levels and backgrounds.

Stan began by organizing non-union health employees at nursing homes and hospitals in New York into Local 1199. While leading contract negotiations on behalf of the workers, he also advocated for fundamental reforms: adequate staffing levels, safe workplaces, and

well-defined job responsibilities. His success earned him a promotion to the 1199 New England headquarters in Connecticut, where he served briefly before coming to Rhode Island in the summer of 1983.

Since his arrival, Stan has fought tirelessly to ensure that Rhode Island healthcare workers are the most fairly treated in the country. He has earned a reputation as a tough but fair negotiator and as a champion of employees throughout the entire healthcare system. Stan has also collaborated with management for the benefit of his members, most notably with a \$650,000 grant from the Federal Government to fund professional growth programs.

Stan has been a leader in lobbying the Rhode Island Legislature to pass just workplace protection laws. During his tenure, Rhode Island enacted the Hospital Conversion Act, which protects workers when hospitals are sold or merged, and the Safe Patient Handling Act, which bans mandatory overtime for nurses. The infrastructure he has developed at Local 1199 leaves it well poised to continue fighting for employees in the coming years.

A true public servant, Stan has selflessly volunteered throughout his time in the state. A settler trustee of the New England Employees Welfare Fund, he played a pivotal role in creating and developing the fund, which oversees the health insurance plans of thousands of healthcare workers and their families. He is the President of the Rhode Island SEIU State Council, Vice President of the Rhode Island AFL-CIO, and a founding board member of Ocean State Action, a leading state advocacy group.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that the Ocean State is home to many devotees of justice, and Stan Israel is one of the best among them. I would be remiss not to mention his lovely wife, Cynthia, and children, Caitlin and John, whose support has been integral in his many lasting accomplishments, and I join with them and all those whose lives he has worked to improve in wishing Stan the best in his retirement.

IN HONOR OF INEZ
KILLINGSWORTH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Ms. Inez Killingsworth, founder of Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People (ESOP), as she is recognized by ESOP for her multitude of achievements. Ms. Killingsworth has a long history of standing up for the rights of the people of her community, refusing to let their needs be ignored.

Ms. Killingsworth founded the East Side Organizing Project in 1993 as a means to address the unsafe conditions of her Union-Miles neighborhood. During the early 1990s, ESOP, under Ms. Killingsworth's leadership, began to rally against the lack of credit available to African Americans in the community. When predatory lending in the area increased and more and more community members were facing mortgage payments they could no longer afford, ESOP turned its focus to addressing this growing problem. ESOP became a statewide venture in 2008, when it opened 10 offices

throughout the state of Ohio. The organization was then renamed Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People. ESOP acts as a foreclosure counseling agency. Through tactics varying from protesting banks to negotiating agreements between lenders and borrowers to taking financial executives on tours of the collapsing neighborhoods that are in peril due to predatory lending, ESOP has helped thousands of families in Ohio avoid losing their homes. In 2009, 80% of ESOP clients received favorable loan modifications.

In 2010, Ms. Killingsworth received a Purpose Prize from the San Francisco think tank Civic Ventures. This prize is awarded annually to ten Americans over the age of 60 who are changing the world in the second half of their lives. The award comes with a \$100,000 prize, part of which Ms. Killingsworth intends to use to create a program to help newly released felons find work. She also intends to address problems in other areas, such as the lack of healthy food choices in poor, urban neighborhoods.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Ms. Inez Killingsworth for her unwavering dedication to solving difficult challenges faced by the people of Ohio. She has been a role model in her community, relentlessly fighting for justice. I wish Ms. Killingsworth peace, health and happiness in all her future endeavors.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the contributions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

CITES was created in 1973 to ensure that international trade in wild plants and animals does not threaten their survival. Launched with a few signatory nations, CITES has now 175 parties that have an international obligation and responsibility to protect our planet's endangered animals and plants. Nearly 5,000 species of animals and 28,000 species of plants are protected by the convention against over-exploitation through international trade. Adherence to these protective measures has benefited the conservation of animals and plants worldwide.

Unfortunately, more and more species are at risk of extinction and international trade, both legal and illegal, which has exacerbated the dangers. International wildlife trade is estimated to be worth billions of dollars per year and to include hundreds of millions of live plants and animals and derived products such as food products, leather and fur, ornamentals, medicinal, and timber. Such high levels of exploitation of and trade in wild animals and plants, together with other factors

such as habitat loss, are capable of bringing some species close to extinction.

Every two to three years, the parties of CITES meet at the Conference of the Parties to review the status of species in danger of extinction and establish trade restrictions. The 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties was held in March 2010. Several proposals were submitted during the summit, some of them ensuring better protections for endangered species, others trying to downlist species and re-open trade. While proposals to downlist elephant populations in Tanzania and Zambia were successfully defeated, several proposals to establish stronger protections for the polar bear, eight sharks, the bluefin tuna and other species were unfortunately rejected. I am saddened to see that economic interests have prevailed over species conservation, risking to bring species close to extinction. This is unacceptable.

My resolution will recognize the important contributions the convention has made in regulating international trade in endangered species and protecting endangered species worldwide. It will also applaud the convention's leadership in protecting elephants in Tanzania and Zambia. Lastly, the resolution will urge all parties to the convention to collaborate effectively to curb excessive exploitation of species for international trade and to adopt stronger protections for several endangered species at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2013.

Mr. Speaker, the United States has a moral obligation to protect endangered species and their natural habitat. Wild animals are a very important part of our commonly held natural resources and contribute to the diversity and stability of our environment. We must continue to maintain a balanced and healthy ecosystem that allows for the coexistence of both human beings and the world's most incredible species. It is essential to work with the international community to ensure the survival of these species. I believe that the stakes are too high to let national interests and differences hinder the future of our planet.

I urge my colleagues to join me in protecting wildlife and promoting environmental conservation across the globe by supporting this important resolution.

REPEALING THE JOB-KILLING
HEALTH CARE LAW ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that passed in 2010 is the law of the land. It extends historic protections to millions of Americans, ensuring access to quality health care. I voted for this law and I am grateful for the support I received from my constituents in Minnesota's fourth district for my work on reforming our nation's broken health care system.

Access to quality health care is essential for all Americans. I firmly believe health care should be a right for our citizens, not a privilege or a luxury only for the most fortunate who can afford it. I am committed to working

to ensure all Americans have the health protections they need and access to the quality health care they deserve. The health reform law we have in place does this.

Today the U.S. House is debating the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. The Republican-Tea Party majority officially titled the bill before us, H.R. 2, the "Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act." They use the word "killing" five times in a bill that isn't even two pages long. Not only is the bill's title offensive and disrespectful, it is untrue. The fact is the health reform law does not kill jobs, its patient protections save lives and create jobs. More than 200,000 health care related jobs have been created since the law passed in March of last year.

This Tea Party Republican bill strips away patient protections for children, seniors, and adults with pre-existing medical conditions. It replaces tough legal protections for patients with a uniquely Republican solution—nothing. Republicans strip away protections for millions of Americans, add \$230 billion to the federal budget deficit according to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, and restore a broken health care system which empowers insurance companies, not patients.

I want Minnesotans to know exactly what repealing the existing health reform law would do. If this Republican bill were to become law it would mean:

Stripping 32 millions of Americans of health insurance and new consumer protections;

Allowing insurers to deny coverage to children with pre-existing conditions, apply restrictive lifetime coverage limits, impose cost sharing on preventative care, and retroactively cancel a policy when an individual gets sick; Eliminating tax credits for as many as 99,000 Minnesota small businesses providing their employees health insurance;

Refusing 11,400 young adults in Minnesota the option to remain on their parents' health insurance until they turn 26;

Maintaining a perverse payment system that rewards providers for the volume of services delivered, rather than the quality of those services;

Jeopardizing the early retiree health coverage provided by 210 Minnesota employers and unions currently receiving financial assistance through the "The Early Retiree Reinsurance Program"; and

Risking the Medicare benefits and prescription drug coverage seniors and people with disabilities depend on to meet their health needs.

H.R. 2 is more than political posturing. It is legislation that sends a clear message to the American people: Republicans care more about protecting insurance company profits than protecting the rights of patients. I will oppose this bill and I will oppose and battle against every effort made in the 112th Congress to defund, sidetrack, or stall the full implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

I am not alone in opposing H.R. 2. Hundreds of national organizations and dozens of Minnesota groups oppose this blatantly partisan effort to repeal health reform. Here are a few excerpts from letters I received over the past few days.

The Minnesota Medical Association: "the MMA opposes efforts to repeal the ACA (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) and urges you to vote against it."

Catholic Hospital Association of Minnesota: "I strongly urge you to maintain support for ef-

forts to improve and strengthen our nation's health care system by opposing the legislation before the House to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA)."

Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota: "We strongly encourage you to vote against repeal of the ACA and work toward ensuring that implementation includes the needs of people with epilepsy and other chronic health conditions."

Minnesota Hospital Association: "On behalf of the 148 hospital and 17 health system members of the Minnesota Hospital Association, I am writing to express our opposition to legislation that would repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA)."

Today, as the debate on this ill conceived and mean-spirited bill is taking place, I received the following message from a consortium of small business leaders from across the country:

The House of Representative's introduction of a bill to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is an affront to our nation's small business community.

The country's 28 million small businesses stand to benefit greatly from many provisions of the new healthcare law, particularly the tax credits and health insurance exchanges. These two provisions will help drive down costs and offer small business owners more choices when purchasing insurance. These critical provisions and many others would be abolished if the Affordable Care Act is repealed.

This would be a huge setback to entrepreneurs who need solutions to the broken healthcare system, not a continuation of it. America's 22 million self-employed would also suffer, as a repeal of the ACA would deny them the opportunity to pool together and purchase insurance at an affordable price through state exchanges.

It is important to remember that the Republican's dangerous and destructive health repeal agenda can only work if Americans are silent and passive, allowing live-saving rights and protections to be stripped away. Repeal will not happen today, even if this bill is passed, but over the course of the next two years Republicans and their corporate benefactors will use every legal and political channel available to deny citizens their health care rights. They will not stop.

But I will not stop either. I will not stop fighting for the health care rights for all Americans.

I urge all Minnesotans and all Americans to stand up and join me in the fight to protect the historic patient rights all citizens have gained through the Affordable Care Act and that starts with a vote against H.R. 2.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately due to massive flight delays, I was not able to be in Washington, DC on Tuesday January 18, 2011 to vote on H.R. 292 and wished to express my intentions had I been in Washington, DC.

Unfortunately, as American Airlines flight 3879 was boarding, the airline decided to hold

the flight on the tarmac during a de-icing process of several other planes. My flight remained on the ground for well over two hours past its scheduled departure time of 3:10 CST. The plane eventually took off at 5:44 CST and did not arrive in Washington until 8:21 p.m. EST.

Had I been present to vote on Rollcall No. 12, to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 292, the Stop the OverPrinting (STOP) Act, I would have voted "yes".

IN HONOR OF LIEUTENANT BRUCE F. GUNSCH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Lieutenant Bruce F. Gunsch upon his retirement from the Rocky River Police Department after more than 30 years of dedicated service.

Lieutenant Bruce F. Gunsch was born in Lakewood, Ohio on April 23, 1949. After graduating from St. Edward High School in 1967, Mr. Gunsch served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1971, achieving the rank of Sergeant. He earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Cleveland State University in 1976.

Lieutenant Gunsch began his career with the Rocky River Police Department on February 14, 1977. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1984 and Lieutenant in 1987.

The life of a police officer is one of true selflessness and service, and Lieutenant Gunsch is no exception. Each day the brave men and women of law enforcement put their lives on the line for the good of their communities.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Lieutenant Bruce F. Gunsch for his exemplary service on behalf of his community. Lieutenant Gunsch's dedication to making Rocky River a safer place to live and work is honorable and inspiring. At the age of 61, Lieutenant Sharp has served and protected the people of Rocky River with courage for 34 years. We thank him for his service and wish him health and happiness.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH E. TELLES

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Battalion Chief Joseph E. Telles for his 25 years of service with the San Bruno Fire Department. He was a past president of the San Mateo County Operations Committee and a member of the San Mateo County Communications/Technology Committee. Joe also served as the Fire Departments Liaison to the Bay Area Rapid Transit.

Joe started his career as a Firefighter in 1985 at the age of 25. He was promoted to Fire Captain in 2002 and to Battalion Chief in 2004.

During the 2009 Shu-Lightening wildland fire incident in the Shasta Trinity Forest, Joe was

the Strike Team Leader, demonstrating—as he has throughout his career—his extraordinary leadership and organizational skills.

Joe has been successful in securing many grants to help the fire department obtain vital equipment, such as self-contained breathing apparatus, EMS jackets, wildland shelters, truck rescue equipment, and portable radios.

The biggest accomplishment for a fire fighter is to not have anyone killed or seriously injured. Joe has a proud record of that accomplishment, even though he has fought a large number of big fires. Among them was a church fire in San Bruno that almost cost him his own life and the Salami fire in South San Francisco. In that fire Joe made what he calls “the best decision of his life.” He ordered 20 fire fighters out of the building right before its roof collapsed.

By far the biggest fire Joe and numerous fire fighters ever had to face was the “Glenview Incident,” the horrendous PG&E natural gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno on September 9, 2010 that killed 8 people and destroyed 37 homes. Due to the outstanding heroism of Joe and his colleagues, countless lives were saved. He was part of a world class emergency response team that prevented the disaster from reaching unimaginable proportions.

Joe has been married to his wife Cindy for as long as he has been Battalion Chief. They are the proud parents of three children, Jacquelyn, Joey and Wesley.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the members of this body to join me in honoring Joe Telles upon his retirement for his dedication to public service at the City of San Bruno Fire Department.

AFGHANISTAN WAR

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, Afghanistan continues to sink deeper into political crisis.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai's legitimacy and effectiveness as a leader is again being tested by the winners of last September's parliamentary elections. More than 200 parliamentarians have agreed to conduct a parliamentary session this weekend despite calls by President Karzai to delay the opening session due to complaints of fraud during par-

liamentary elections. Karzai appointed a special court to examine charges of fraud despite unanswered questions of massive fraud in his own reelection in 2009.

A May 2009 report by the United Nations, UN, estimates that the majority of the Afghan population lives in poverty, despite the country having received almost 40 billion in aid between 2002 and 2009. The report blames widespread corruption and abuse of power as a main cause of Afghan suffering, leaving ordinary people without even the most basic services.

If we accept the premise that we need to be in Afghanistan until corruption falls by the wayside, we will be in Afghanistan forever. We cannot afford to continue pouring billions of dollars in Afghanistan to prop up a hopelessly corrupt Afghan central government. It is time to end this war.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES P. FOX

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor James P. Fox for his public service as district attorney of San Mateo County for 27 years. Jim was first elected in 1982 and then re-elected every four years since without opposition.

I first worked with Jim when I served on the Board of Supervisors. Even then, he was known as the “Silver Fox” for the luxurious topping of silver on his head. During my time in the California Legislature, I received many calls from Jim who often offered suggestions regarding legislation. We worked closely together on strengthening California's laws so that non-paying obligor parents would pay up what was owed. He once told me he saw a local realtor depicted as a family man in an advertisement with his new wife and their children on a beach, all the while failing to support his former wife and their children. Jim wasn't afraid to name names. The realtor paid up.

Jim courageously opposed the Three Strikes Initiative. He is a district attorney who has the courage to favor punishment when appropriate and who also favors treatment and deterrence through crime prevention. Jim is tough as nails but also thoughtful—a true pub-

lic servant. He decided at an early age to dedicate his career to the law. In third grade, home sick with pneumonia, he watched the McCarthy hearings on television and declared he would be an attorney.

Jim received his Bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of San Francisco in 1966 and his law degree from the University of San Francisco in 1969. In 1970 he started as a deputy district attorney for the San Mateo County District Attorney's office for four years before entering private practice for seven years in addition to serving as the city attorney of Half Moon Bay.

His dedication to public service has been outstanding. He has found time and energy to be a member of a number of commissions and committees, including the California Bar Association's Commission on Judicial Nominations Evaluations, the Criminal Law Advisory Committee, the Court Profiles Committee and the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Cameras in the Courtroom. He is a past president of the California District Attorneys' Association and a past vice president of the National District Attorneys' Association. Jim has been appointed twice to the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

Additionally, Jim has been very active in civic affairs. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of Mercy High School in Burlingame, the Board of Directors of Notre Dame High School in Belmont and Junipero Serra High School in San Mateo and as a member of the San Mateo County Children and Family First Commission, now named First Five.

With all of these volunteer positions, Jim still finds time to pursue his culinary passion. His chocolate fudge is legendary. If you have attended county events with Jim, you may have encountered these delicious confections labeled with his signature golden sticker depicting a fox and proclaiming: “County of San Mateo, FOX FUDGE (not produced at government expense).”

Jim's wonderful sense of humor and easy smile endear him to his colleagues, friends and his family. He and his wife Bonnie of 42 years are the proud parents of three and grandparents of seven.

Mr. Speaker, it is right to honor James P. Fox for his tireless dedication to the public upon the occasion of his retirement on December 31, 2010, after seven terms as the District Attorney of San Mateo County.