

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MS. LORI MOSELEY

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2013*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month I rise today to honor Ms. Lori Moseley, an outstanding individual and someone who has continuously supported South Florida and the City of Miramar.

Ms. Moseley relocated to South Florida in 1978. Her civic involvement began when her children were school-aged and she volunteered in the classroom. This sparked a desire to work with and improve the education system. She joined the Parent Advisory Council at Fairway Elementary School, and was later elected as the South Area Advisory Chairperson. In recognition of her commitment to the community, she was awarded the Crystal Apple Award. Her dedication to improving education remained constant through her public service.

Ms. Moseley was first elected to office in 1995 as a Commissioner for the City of Miramar. She served in that role until 1999. In 1999, she was elected to her current office as Mayor of the City of Miramar. Since day one, Mayor Moseley has been a strong advocate for education and working to improve the City's image. During her term, the city's population tripled from 40,000 to over 120,000 residents. She has also improved and expanded roadway systems, mass transit, and community centers. Her public service was recognized in 2012 when she received the Women in Municipal Government Leadership Award.

Ms. Moseley's service continues with her membership in the Broward League of Cities (Past President), the Florida League of Cities (2nd Vice President), Florida League of Mayors (President), National League of Cities, and the US Conference of Mayors (Chair of the Women Mayors' Caucus).

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Lori Moseley for her continued service to South Florida and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BE-  
LOVED JIM C. BAILEY

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2013*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and service of Northwest Florida's beloved Jim C. Bailey, who passed away on March 19, 2013. Throughout his long and distinguished career in academia and civil service, Mr. Bailey served as a mentor and an inspiration to countless individuals throughout Northwest Florida. He was a great man and an unparalleled public servant.

Mr. Jim Bailey was born on March 24, 1933. He married the love of his life, Patsy McClellan Bailey. They spent 53 dedicated and loving years together and raised 2 daughters, Jamie and Jena.

Mr. Bailey worked for Monsanto Corporation for 31 years before beginning a 22-year career in public service. During his tenure as the Representative for Escambia County School Board District 1, Mr. Bailey's commitment to the citizens of Northwest Florida never wavered. For 13 of his 22 years as a member of the School Board, he served as Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Board. Mr. Bailey devoted himself wholeheartedly to his profession, and he played an important role in improving the school district.

Mr. Bailey's efforts and commitment to serving the people of Escambia County did not go unnoticed. He was honored with a Resolution on the floor of the Florida State Senate and was recognized by the Florida School Board Association for Outstanding Boardmanship. Perhaps the greatest recognition was the dedication of the Jim C. Bailey Park at Hellen Caro Elementary School and Jim C. Bailey Middle School, both located in Pensacola, Florida and named to honor his outstanding service to our community.

Northwest Florida, the Escambia County School Board, and the many students and teachers whose lives were touched by Mr. Bailey, mourn the loss of a man of devotion and unwavering compassion. His contributions and service to the community will forever be remembered.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the exemplary life of Mr. Jim C. Bailey. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers to his wife, Pat; daughters, Jamie and Jenna; grandchildren, Jimmy, Joshua, Anna, Claire and Adrian; and his entire family. He will be truly missed by all.

HONORING SISTER MAUREEN  
KELLEHER

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month I rise today to honor Ms. Maureen Kelleher, an outstanding individual and someone who has continuously supported the immigrant community in Southwest Florida.

Sister Kelleher is a consultant attorney to the Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice, and gives legal assistance and training to its immigration staff. Her law practice focuses on obtaining legal permanent residency for immigrants in the farming sector from Mexico, Guatemala, and Haiti. Her priorities also include representation of abused immigrant women and children, victims of crime, and applicants for temporary protective status.

After completing law school in 1984, Sister Kelleher worked in Immokalee for Florida

Rural Legal Services until 1996 when federal law prohibited its legal representation to clients who were neither U.S. citizens nor Legal Permanent Residents. Because many of her clients were applying for political asylum and were not yet legal permanent residents she, along with three other attorneys, began a new non-profit corporation, Florida Immigrant Advocacy Corporation. Today, the organization is known as Americans for Immigrant Justice and has grown to a staff of 38 individuals, with a budget of \$3.5 million. Since its inception in 1996 AI Justice has successfully closed 80,000 cases and has become a national trendsetter in the immigration field.

Sister Kelleher has been consistently recognized for her work from various organizations. In 2001 she received the Florida Association of Women Lawyers Golden Achievement Award. In 2003 she was the recipient of the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce's Humanitarian of the Year award. She was also named woman attorney of the year in 2008 by the Collier Women's bar. Currently, she serves as a board member of both the Immokalee Housing and Family Services, and Florida Non-Profit Services.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Sister Maureen Kelleher for her continued service to Southwest Florida and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

IN SUPPORT OF SOLVANG'S DEC-  
LARATION OF CHILDHOOD CAN-  
CER AWARENESS WEEK AND IN  
RECOGNITION OF 20 YEARS OF  
SERVICE BY THE AMERICAN  
CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN  
AND KIDS CANCER CONNECTION

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2013*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20 years of service by the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection and to commemorate the designation of April 7–13 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Week" within the City of Solvang.

Each year more than 15,000 children are diagnosed with cancer. Far too many have been affected by this disease, and the emotional as well as financial toll it takes on families is significant. Through their unique and compassionate approach, Steven Firestein and his team at the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection have eased the burden of this disease for countless families.

Innovative partnerships and projects, like the Magical Caps for kids program and the Courageous Kid recognition award ceremonies, have improved the quality of life for thousands of children across the country. Moreover, the vital psychosocial services that

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American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide to children undergoing cancer treatment at Cottage Children's Hospital in Santa Barbara and at participating hospitals across the country are invaluable. A major part of helping these children is to raise awareness, which is exactly what the City of Solvang and the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection are doing.

I ask that you join me in honoring the tireless work of the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection in easing the suffering of children afflicted with this disease, and in supporting the City of Solvang for raising childhood cancer awareness.

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HONORING MS. GRACE O'DONNELL

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2013*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month I rise today to honor Ms. Grace O'Donnell, an outstanding individual and someone who has continuously supported the Miami community.

Ms. O'Donnell is currently serving as the Chair of the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women. In this position she is dedicated to advocating and working for, the issues and concerns that affect the diverse community of women in the county. She also sits on the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board, where she works to identify and relieve intergroup conflicts. A retired 36-year veteran of the Miami-Dade Police Department, Ms. O'Donnell left the force having served as its Major where she commanded the Special Victims Bureau.

Ms. O'Donnell has spent much of her time volunteering in the community. She has been an adult volunteer member of the Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida for 25 years, where she has been a troop leader for more than 15 years. In her position she often mentors girls of all age levels, is involved in community service projects, and serves as an event coordinator for her service unit. Outside of the Girl Scouts, Ms. O'Donnell is also a volunteer for Hands on Miami, the American Red Cross, and the Community Partnership for the Homeless.

Throughout the years, Ms. O'Donnell has been consistently recognized for her achievements. In 2005 she was named a Pioneer at the In the Company of Women reception for Women's History Month. She was also awarded the "Thanks Badge" by the Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida in 2006, and received recognition for her community service by the National Volunteer Week Committee of Dade County in 2007.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Grace O'Donnell for her continued service to the Miami community and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

EXPRESSING CONCERN ON RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AT THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2013*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share my concern about language adopted in a Senate amendment to H.R. 933 regarding political science research funded by the National Science Foundation.

The U.S. scientific enterprise is the envy of the world, and rightly so. The U.S. has been a world leader in science, technology, and innovation for decades and a large reason for that leadership has been the freedom and independence afforded our scientists to follow a line of inquiry wherever it may lead them. In fact, some of the most beneficial discoveries have been made researching topics that some might consider frivolous.

Consider that a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1955 to study the "Sex Life of the Screwworm" was criticized by members of Congress at the time. The research resulting from that grant allowed scientists to understand how to stop screwworms from breeding and thus from infecting cattle, which was a serious problem. It is estimated that this research saved the U.S. cattle industry \$20 billion, an enviable return on investment to say the least. Historically, when individual grants have been highlighted and held up for ridicule by politicians in this way, many of the grants turned out to have a good deal of value when viewed in retrospect.

Unfortunately, history has repeated itself in the past few years. Most recently, a Senate amendment attached to H.R. 933, the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013, would prevent the National Science Foundation (NSF) from conducting political science research unless the NSF director certified that the research promoted the national security or economic interests of the country. When introducing the language, the amendment's sponsor highlighted several individual grants as unnecessary.

I, myself, have a Ph.D. in political science, and was a professor of political science for several years before running for Congress. Opposition to NSF funding of political science research has typically been based on the assumption that the research findings have little or no beneficial impact for our nation. But this assumption is simply not true.

Political science research helps us understand many important topics that affect the everyday lives of millions of Americans at home and overseas, including why countries go to war and what can be done to promote civic engagement and voting among the general public. Recent political science research funded by NSF studied FDA approvals of products and produced recommendations for avoiding faulty approvals in the future. FDA officials were briefed on the results and the recommendations had implications ranging from the White House Office of Science and Technology policy to financial regulations made by the Federal Reserve System. Political science research also impacts research done in all other areas of social science.

NSF funding of political science research has averaged roughly \$11 million a year over the last 10 years. This represents less than 0.2% of the NSF's research funding, but it is the predominant source of research funding for political scientists in the United States.

For just a small investment this funding can help bring about research discoveries that change how we view our world. In 2009, Professor Elinor Ostrom, a political scientist, was awarded the Nobel Prize for her research about how people can successfully manage common property such as forests, fisheries, and oil fields. Federal funding for research like this can have substantially positive impacts on our daily lives.

Furthermore, the danger with an amendment like this is that the economic and national security value of research isn't always known at the outset. The director of the Department of Homeland Security's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office testified before the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee last year that social science research was vital to predicting the actions of terrorist cells. Much of the basic research this work relies on would have limited direct national security implications. Basic research in political science at the NSF on social movement theory and agency theory may have no direct connection at all to our national security interests, and yet unless we understand these basic underpinnings regarding how people behave, we can never effectively study the applications that do have direct security connections, such as predicting the actions of terrorist cells.

This amendment is also misguided in the way it adds red tape and bureaucracy to one of our nation's premier institutions for funding scientific research. Just as much money would be spent by the National Science Foundation, but by placing additional administrative burdens on research approval, fewer grants might be awarded due to the increased cost of review. At best, this amendment would be an unnecessary regulatory burden, at worst, it could negatively impact both our economic and national security interests despite its intentions.

I continue to believe that science works best when scientists, and not politicians, are deciding what scientific questions are worth pursuing. Legislative limitations on scientific inquiry should be made sparingly, if at all. I would urge all members to reject such restrictions on political science funding in the future.

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HONORING THE HONORABLE  
ROSEMARY BARKETT

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2013*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History Month I rise today to honor Judge Rosemary Barkett, an outstanding individual and someone who has continuously supported the Miami community.

Judge Barkett is currently serving as one of the twelve active judges on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, which reviews federal cases originating in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia. She was nominated by President Bill Clinton and received her appointment in 1994.

Judge Barkett earned her J.D. from the University of Florida Law School, where she became the first woman to be awarded the J. Hillis Miller Memorial Award as the outstanding senior graduate. After having practiced civil and trial law from 1971 to 1979, she was appointed to circuit court judge in the Fifteenth Judicial Court of Florida. After only 4 years she was elected as chief judge of the circuit, becoming the first woman chief judge in the State's history. Two short years later she was appointed to serve on the Florida Supreme Court, again marking the first time in the State's history that a woman had been named justice. Finally, in 1992 her colleagues chose her to become Florida's first woman chief justice.

Throughout the years, Judge Barkett has been consistently honored for her achievements. The recipient of seven honorary degrees from institutions of higher learning, she has also earned dozens of honors and awards from national and state professional, civic and charitable groups. Her contributions have also been uniquely recognized by the creation of the "Rosemary Barkett Outstanding Achievement Award", given each year to two outstanding lawyers by the Florida Association of Women Lawyers, and the "Rosemary Barkett Award" which is presented by the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers to a person who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to equal justice under law.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Honorable Judge Rosemary Barkett for her continued service to the Miami community and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

IN RECOGNITION OF POLICE CHIEF  
STEVE SWEENEY

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2013*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Police Chief Steve Sweeney, who is retiring this month after nearly 30 years of service to the City of Livermore. Chief Sweeney has served his community with excellence and has executed his role as a public servant with professionalism, fairness, and integrity since he joined the Livermore Police Department in 1984. Under his leadership, the department has remained fiscally stable and has maintained vital partnerships with outside agencies, schools, and community groups.

As a former prosecutor, I understand the importance of cultivating the public's trust and assistance in ensuring our communities remain safe places to live and work. Chief Sweeney's work has exemplified this model of service, as he has stressed accessibility and community outreach throughout his tenure. For example, he has overseen the expansion of the Livermore Police Department's Citizen's Academy, Youth Academy, and Neighborhood Watch programs.

Chief Sweeney graduated from Cal State University, East Bay before becoming a patrol officer and member of the SWAT team of Livermore in 1984. He steadily climbed the ranks and served as a detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and captain before becoming chief

of the department in 2007. Chief Sweeney played a key role in the merging of the Pleasanton and Livermore SWAT teams in 2011, which resulted in the formation of the new East County Tactical Team. Even after several years of budget cuts, Chief Sweeney's skilled management and leadership enabled the Livermore Police Department to hire seven new officers this past January and restore the department's Drug and Gang Task Force.

I want to thank Chief Sweeney for his decades of public service to Livermore and for helping to keep the East Bay a great place to live, work, and visit. After his retirement, he plans on staying in the town he has served for so many years and looks forward to spending time with his wife and three children. I wish him the best of luck as he begins this new chapter of his life.

HONORING MS. JANISSET RIVERO-  
GUTIERREZ

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2013*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History Month I rise today to honor Ms. Janisset Rivero-Gutierrez, an outstanding individual and someone who has been vital in the effort to bring about a democratic Cuba.

Ms. Rivero-Gutierrez was born in Camagüey, Cuba and left at the age of 14. She lived in Venezuela before moving to the United States, where she earned a bachelor's degree in communications and advertising from the Instituto Universitario de Nuevas Profesiones in Caracas. She is currently working on her master's degree in Spanish literature from Florida International University.

In 1994, Ms. Rivero-Gutierrez initiated Operation Boitel, a campaign involving travel to other countries in order to generate support for the opposition movement in Cuba. She continued to do work to bring about a democratic Cuba and in March of 2002 testified before the Inter-American Commission of the Organization of American States and presented a detailed report on human rights violations in Cuba. Similarly, in April of the same year she spoke before the United Nations Human Rights Commission, one of only two Cuban exiles who were able to testify.

Ms. Rivero-Gutierrez is a founding member of the Cuban Democratic Directorate, a non-governmental organization that supports human rights efforts in Cuba. She has worked extensively for this organization, and engages directly with opposition groups in Cuba, relaying their messages to the international community and co-author of Steps to Freedom, an annual report that documents the opposition movement's actions of protest against the totalitarian Cuban regime.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Janisset Rivero-Gutierrez for her continued support of human rights efforts in Cuba and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

SUPREME COURT HEARS A CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA'S "PROPOSITION 8" AND THE FEDERAL DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT

**HON. TIM HUELSKAMP**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2013*

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, this week the United States Supreme Court will hear arguments on two cases that are fundamental to the way our democratic society functions. Tuesday they will consider a challenge to California's "Proposition 8" prohibiting homosexual marriage in the state. And on Wednesday they will look at the federal Defense of Marriage Act.

In the midst of all the discussion and protest surrounding these arguments, I would encourage the Court to not be distracted from the fundamental issue before them—will the U.S. Supreme Court choose to radically redefine marriage, thus overturning the will of the American people as reflected in numerous votes by states, and by a vote of this body and signed into law by President Bill Clinton?

I urge the Supreme Court to uphold the will of the American people, support traditional marriage, and protect the democratic process by allowing the American people to express their will on this issue.

HONORING MS. CARLA DEAN

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2013*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History Month I rise today to honor Ms. Carla Dean, an outstanding individual and someone who has continuously supported the community in and around Collier County.

Ms. Dean is President and Founder of the Bladder Cancer Foundation of Florida, a non-profit organization committed to educating the public and medical community about bladder cancer for awareness, research and early detection. Professionally, Ms. Dean is a registered radiologic technologist with specialties in mammography and radiology. In her over 40 years of experience she has worked in a variety of management positions, including lead mammographer, lead medical coder for a large radiology group, and headed a nuclear medicine department.

Outside of her professional career, Ms. Dean is heavily active in the Collier County community. She has been a member of the Collier County Republican Executive Committee, CCREC, since 2000, serving as its chairman from 2004–2009. As chairman of the CCREC she helped revive Teenage Republicans, and instituted Republicans "After 5" social gatherings which allowed candidates, elected officials and others to meet socially. Ms. Dean also helped form the Collier Republican Club, which has proven to be one of the largest Republican organizations in Collier County.

While Ms. Dean remains active with the CCREC, she still finds the time to be active in the community elsewhere. She currently

serves as a Board Member of the Naples High School Band Boosters, and is the Director and Publicity Chairman of the Genealogical Society of Collier County. She was also a founding member of the Eagle Oak Ridge Homeowners Association, City of Naples.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Carla Dean for her continued service to Collier County and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON  
THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 19, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H. Con. Res. 25) establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023:

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to H. Con. Res. 25, the Ryan Republican Budget, and the coarse meanness it embodies. I rise today in defense of those who are the subject of this legislation's contempt. I rise today in support of the New Deal, the Great Society, and the programs that have pulled our people out of poverty and our Nation out of depression—the programs that Mr. RYAN's budget demolishes to pay for tax breaks to the already wealthy.

There is so much wrong with the Chairman's budget I do not know where to start. It attacks the poor, the working, and middle class; it guts programs that protect our seniors, our children, and our environment; it relies upon fuzzy math and budgetary tricks that are not befitting of federal legislation. It is quite simply a perfect distillation of the disdain its authors have for everyone who is not a millionaire.

Mr. RYAN's budget is one of the cruelest that has been introduced in the House of Representatives. It shifts Medicare to a voucher system, which virtually assures that many seniors will be unable to receive the care that they need. It destroys two million jobs with the same wrongheaded austerity measures that have Europe standing on the precipice of economic calamity. It hands a six-figure tax cut to millionaires. But then you see the other side of the Chairman's budget—the fantasist side. That is the side that imagines all those tax cuts will be paid for by eliminating deductions; the side that imagines that those deduction eliminations will not harm the middle class; the side that imagines that after a majority of Americans roundly rejected this "tax cuts now, tax revenues later" platform last fall, it is a good time to double down.

Earlier this week my friends across the aisle seemed to admit a hard to swallow fact: they are out of touch with Americans. The report that came out Monday suggested that Republicans need to reach out to a broader segment of society; that they need to court voters outside the insular world of the million dollar a year club. Given that a majority of Americans last fall cast their vote for a Democratic Presi-

dent, a Democratic Senator, and a Democratic Representative—I would tend to agree. But let me offer you some friendly advice about outreach—the answer is not to keep making the same base attacks on the poor we heard last summer and last fall. The answer is not to weaken Medicaid and TANF; the answer is not to weaken Social Security, or turn Medicare into a voucher system; and the answer is not to eviscerate all labor laws—as the Republican Study Committee budget would. The answer is none of the above—the answer is creating a budget that helps more than just the small crescent of the wealthy who make it into rooms where they can hear about how much better they are than 47% of Americans.

If you want answers, take a look at the budgets put out by the Congressional Progressive Caucus' "Back to Work Budget" and the Congressional Black Caucus' "Pro-Growth, Pro-People, Pro-America Budget." If you want to show Americans that your party cares for those who are not already millionaires, you need to provide the answers they are asking for. Those answers involve federal investment in the programs critical to having Americans who are prepared in mind, body, and spirit to build a new economy for the next generation. Those answers address concerns about our educational system, our infrastructure, and the critical services that will make sure our children are prepared to lead the world in the 21st Century. Those answers understand that any changes to Social Security need to be made separate from the yearly budget process. Those budgets understand that Social Security is a multi-generational pact—not a "pay for" and that it should not be changed to reflect the whims of a particular wing of a particular party.

The answers that the American people are looking for reflect the fundamental proposition they voted for last fall—that those who have benefited the most from our society's bounty are blessed to have the most to give back.

The American people recently spoke to the Budget Committee Chairman, but sometimes I wonder if he was listening.

As much as you may wish that it is the answer to your political problems and the economic issues facing our country, the answer Americans are searching for does not involve continuing to repeal the Affordable Care Act again and again and again—you'll excuse me if I don't say "again" for each time my friends across the aisle have voted to repeal the ACA. It would seem a rather pointless exercise and it would take quite a while. While we may be tired of the gimmicks and the pointless political theatre, we are not too tired to defend a century of progress. You cannot exhaust the conviction of Americans that Social Security is a promise to our seniors; that Medicare should not be a voucher; that Medicaid should not be a block grant left to the states; and that children should not be left to fend for themselves. These repeated attempts to do so are wastes of our, and by extension, America's time.

I know sometimes it is tempting for my friends across the aisle to engage in name-calling and class warfare: implying that those who need federal services are lazy, laying about on hammocks. But not everyone is born into a family made wealthy through government infrastructure contracts. Some children are born to parents who simply are not prepared to provide all the skills and knowledge that our modern society requires of students,

workers, and citizens. That is where Medicaid and CHIP come in: ensuring that children grow up healthy. That is where food assistance comes in: ensuring that children are not too hungry to learn, too hungry to care about their future. That is where Head Start comes in: ensuring that children receive the early engagement critical to success.

When we consider the Chairman's budget—I want us to think what we would want for our own children if we were rendered unable to help them. I hope you will consider that question. What if it was my child who needed the programs I am cutting to give six-figure tax cuts to everyone who makes more than a million dollars a year? What if it was my child who was struck by a chronic ailment—but they could not get treatment? What if it were my child who needed the support I am now denying to other people's children? No, we would want them to have the services protected and improved in the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Progressive Caucus' budgets. Whether you care to admit it or not, no child who goes to sleep hungry or in pain, is comforted by the thought that millionaires have a few extra hundred thousand dollars in their banks.

So instead of Chairman RYAN's budget, which guts federal assistance to the poor and threatens to plunge us into a deep recession, I encourage all my colleagues to endorse the budgets offered by the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Progressive Caucus. These bills get Americans back to work; they invest in infrastructure improvements and repairs which necessity dictates must happen eventually. They know that the key to addressing our deficit is not cuts, but economic growth, that is why the Congressional Black Caucus adopts my Humphrey-Hawkins legislation, which puts every American who wants a job to work. And they provide trillions in deficit reduction over the next decade, but they do so through cuts and revenues that reflect a balanced approach. For example, they keep the Bush-era tax cuts for those making less than a quarter million dollars a year. And they treat the income of hedge fund billionaires just like they treat the income of a bus driver, something even President Ronald Reagan supported.

I want to praise these budgets for their focus on the future. In the great choice that we face as a Nation, they do not simply abdicate responsibility as H. Con. Res. 25 does. They do not simply shovel money to the wealthiest Americans in ruinous tax breaks that are all but assured to explode the deficit—instead, they invest. They invest in infrastructure across the nation; they invest in our youth, providing increase in Pell Grants and workforce training; they invest in our public servants, the men and women who teach our children, guard our streets, and pull us from burning buildings. And they actually pay for all that with specific proposals rather than accounting gimmicks.

Mr. Chair, let us end the division. Let us end the giveaways to those already lucky enough to make more than a million dollars a year. Let us come together—not just some, but all of us—and pass a budget—one that benefits not just some, but all of us. I urge all my colleagues to vote against H. Con. Res. 25, and for the CBC and CPC alternatives.

HONORING MS. ANOLAN PONCE

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2013*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History Month I rise today to honor Ms. Anolan Ponce, an outstanding individual and someone who has been an inspiration in the South Florida community.

Ms. Ponce was born in Las Canas, Cuba and arrived in the United States in October of 1961. Her father, who had taken part in the Bay of Pigs invasion, had been imprisoned and insisted his family leave the country. The family settled in Miami and after graduating from high school, Anolan started working as a stenographer for Eastern Airlines. She eventually worked her way up to Senior Systems Engineer while obtaining her Bachelor's degree from Florida International University, and a Master's degree from the New York Institute of Technology.

Currently, Ms. Ponce is President and Owner of FAM and FAM-West Warehouse Corporations, companies which specialize in leasing their own commercial properties. In the past she also owned and managed Ponceana Travel, and ventured into construction by developing a warehouse complex in the Doral area. In the future, Ms. Ponce has plans for further commercial development of real estate in Miami-Dade County.

In addition to her professional work, Ms. Ponce is also an avid writer, and is currently finishing up her novel based on the true story of ten young men from her hometown in Cuba that were executed by the communist regime in 1961. She is also committed to democracy in Cuba through her work as a member of the Board of the U.S.-Cuba Democracy PAC. Annually she is responsible for organizing the PAC's seminal event, a concert in support of a Cuban Democracy. In addition to the PAC, Ms. Ponce is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Mothers Against Repression for Cuba, and serves on the Advisory Committee of the Cuban Memorial.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Anolan Ponce for her continued service to the Miami community and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

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**TRIBUTE TO DAVE LILLARD**
**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 25, 2013*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Des Moines Assistant Chief of Police Dave Lillard, and to express my appreciation for his commitment to the community in his years of service in law enforcement.

For the last 32 years, Mr. Lillard has served Des Moines honorably as a member of the Des Moines Police Department. Dave truly has been a versatile asset to the force, taking on roles in patrol, narcotics, tactical, gang and traffic units, in addition to internal affairs and the police academy. Since 2009, Dave has been the Assistant Chief of Police, and he was honored recently by Police Chief Judy Bradshaw with an Exemplary Service Award for his lifetime of achievement and invaluable contributions to the force.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Lillard has never wavered in his commitment to justice and security. Dave is a testament to the high quality of character instilled in Iowans, and the city of Des Moines owes him a great debt of gratitude for his service. While Mr. Lillard's leadership will be missed, he leaves behind a more secure community and a better trained and equipped police force that will continue to benefit from his service for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to represent Dave Lillard and all the people of Des Moines in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in thanking Mr. Lillard for his years of service and wishing him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

HONORING MS. MARY BARLEY

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History Month I rise today to honor Ms. Mary Barley, an outstanding individual and someone who has continuously supported South Florida and the Everglades.

Ms. Barley relocated to Florida in 1971 from Wisconsin. Shortly after arriving in our state she became an advocate for the Everglades and Florida Bay. Along with her husband George, who passed away in 1996, Ms. Barley spearheaded campaigns to build awareness around the Everglades and headed initiatives aimed at amending Florida's constitution to include the protection of it.

Ms. Barley has served as Chairperson and/or Vice Chairman of the Everglades Foundation since her husband's untimely death in 1995, and currently sits on its Board. She also holds the position of President of the Everglades Trust, and serves on the National Parks Conservation Association's Board of Trustees. She is a Board member of the World Wildlife Fund Marine Leadership Committee, and its National Council; the National Coalition for Marine Conservation; the Atlantic Salmon Federation; and the Sierra Club Foundation.

With her instrumental support Florida passed the Restoring the Everglades, An American Legacy Act, a bill which authorized \$8 billion towards the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. Ms. Barley, has consistently been recognized for her achievements and has received awards such as Audubon of Florida's "Lifetime Achievement Award," as well as its "Champion of the Everglades Award." Other awards include the Everglades Coalition's "Steward of the Everglades" award, and she was named a 1999 "Hero for the Planet" by Time Magazine.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Mary Barley for her continued service to South Florida and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.