

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I want to state for the record that on December 2nd, I was unavoidably detained in my district and missed several rollcall votes. Had I been present I would have voted:

“aye”—rollcall Vote 612—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3547, the Space Launch Liability Indemnification Extension Act.

“aye”—rollcall Vote 613—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3588, the Community Fire Safety Act of 2013.

“aye”—rollcall Vote 614—On Approving the Journal.

HONORING LANDON HANSEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Landon Hansen. Landon is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 4008, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

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

HONORING THE LIFE OF DANIEL McPARLANE, TOWN DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN OF WEST SENECA

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Daniel Scott McParlane. Dan, as he was known to friends, was a devoted civil servant and local town Democratic Chairman in West Seneca, working tirelessly to create a better West Seneca and Western New York. He passed away tragically on November 27, 2013, at the young age of 33.

Dan was born in Buffalo on March 29, 1980. A bright, engaging young man, he was involved in community service even as a boy. Dan was in the Boy Scouts and held a job as a paperboy for the Buffalo News. Hailing from a strong Catholic family, he was an altar server at St. Martin of Tours church in South Buffalo.

As Dan grew older, he graduated from West Seneca West Senior High School, and earned a degree in Business Administration from Medaille College. In 2007, he was hired as an Erie County Sheriff's Deputy, and excelled at the physically and mentally demanding job. Dan worked in both the Holding Center in downtown Buffalo and the Erie County Correctional Facility in Alden. Dan was committed to his line of work, and had been recovering from injuries incurred while breaking up a fight among inmates at the Holding Center at the time of his passing.

Dan dedicated his time and talents to many civic, political, and ideological clubs. In addition to chairing the West Seneca Democratic Committee, he was the former chairman of the Erie County Young Democrats. Other groups that benefitted from Dan's good works include the Police Emerald Society of Buffalo, the West Seneca Civil and Patriotic Commission and the National Rifle Association.

A true civil servant, Dan drew inspiration from Presidents John F. Kennedy and Bill Clinton. He took pride in helping others whenever he could, and enjoyed hunting and cooking in his spare time. Dan loved to spend time with his family, especially his loving parents, Diane and James J. McParlane Jr., his brothers, James J. III and Sean, and his grandmother, Mary Krnjaich.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to honor my good friend Dan McParlane. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Dan's family, friends, and colleagues. His good works and selfless devotion to his neighbors will inspire many others to dedicate themselves to strengthening their communities.

HONORING MARGUERETE LUTER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marguerete Luter for her outstanding work with the Lupus Foundation of America, Greater Washington Chapter, for improving the lives of lupus patients and their families and friends.

Lupus is a life-altering disease and more widespread than most people realize. One out of every 200 Americans is affected, 90 percent of which are women. African Americans, Latinos, Asians, and Native Americans are all two to three times more likely to develop lupus, a disparity that remains unexplained. Lupus patients spend two to three times more

on medical care than those without the disease. That multiplier skyrockets to over six times if lupus affects the kidneys.

Lupus can damage any organ, including the skin, the lungs, the heart, the kidney and the brain. No organ is spared. The disease can cause seizures, strokes, heart attacks, miscarriages, and organ failure.

Lupus can be particularly difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are similar to those of many other illnesses, and major gaps exist in understanding the causes and consequences of the disease. More than half of all people with lupus experience symptoms four or more years and visit three or more doctors before obtaining a correct diagnosis. A lack of awareness of the disease contributes to many people dismissing early warning signs of lupus, which can have serious health risks and greatly impact a person's quality of life.

The Lupus Foundation of America, greater Washington chapter, was formed in 1974 to help those affected by lupus. The foundation is committed to improving the quality of life for lupus patients through education, community outreach, and research. It is through the financial support of members and the dedication of its volunteers that the Lupus Foundation is able to work with the thousands of lupus patients, their families and friends, and the medical community to work towards its eradication.

One of those dedicated volunteers is Marguerete Luter of Arlington County, who has been honored as the 2013 Pamela B. Greenberg Volunteer of the Year. Ms. Luter currently serves on the Board and is Immediate Past Board Chair. Over her more than six years on the LFA-DMV Board of Directors, Ms. Luter worked tirelessly to ensure the growth and sustainability of the organization. Her passion to help members of the lupus community is evident through her commitment and participation at chapter events, including the Lupus educational summits and Walk to End Lupus Now events.

Ms. Luter has been an instrumental asset to the planning of the Chapter's Annual Gala and Luncheon and I rise today to recognize all her hard work and dedication to such an important cause.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, on December 3, 2013, I was unavoidably detained and was not present for Rollcall vote Number 617, (H.R. 1204 The Aviation Security Stakeholder Participation Act of 2013). Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

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COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY FOR CHRISTMAS IN APRIL * PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Christmas in April * Prince George's County, as it marks its twenty-fifth anniversary.

Thanks to the leadership of founding Chair Cap Mona and the hard work and dedication of volunteers and sponsors, Christmas in April * Prince George's County has improved the lives of thousands of seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, and others in our community by providing rehabilitation and critical repairs to their homes.

With nearly 75,000 volunteers and many generous sponsors, Christmas in April has helped rehabilitate 2,253 homes in Prince George's County over the past twenty-five years. I'm always inspired to see our entire community come together not only to rebuild homes, but to rebuild lives and lift spirits.

I've been proud to join the community at sites each year since Christmas in April began this critical work in 1989 to see firsthand the difference it makes for our neighbors in need. When I visit the houses in April, I often tell the volunteers that at the end of the workday they will see the results of their labors and the smiles of gratitude on the faces of the individuals and families, and that is the compensation and inspiration gained through lending their helping hands. That is the real gift of Christmas in April.

Mr. Speaker, I'm inspired to see so many people in our communities come together each year to help their neighbors in need, and I thank them for their hard work and dedication to their community. I look forward to continuing to work together, and I am confident that Christmas in April will continue to carry out its mission of rebuilding homes and bringing communities together for at least another twenty-five years and beyond.

DEBT MANAGEMENT ACT (H.R. 3579)

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, Americans know the national debt needs to be addressed. The current debt stands at more than 17 trillion dollars and the CBO projects that under current laws the Federal debt would climb to 25 trillion dollars by 2023.

If we continue down this path, the nation will eventually face a painful economic reckoning. We can't afford to leave our country—and our children—with such unsustainable debt.

To address these needs, I introduced the Debt Management Act. This bill requires the Administration to justify debt limit increase requests with reports on the national debt and progress on deficit reduction.

By bringing greater transparency to the national debt and our structural deficit, the Debt Management Act establishes a more credible

and consistent process to address debt limit requests.

Having a clear policy framework to address the national debt would instill much-needed discipline into the debt limit process, increase confidence in the economy, and strengthen our nation's long-term fiscal stability.

I encourage my colleagues to co-sponsor the Debt Management Act.

HONORING CARSON DANT PFAFF

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Carson Dant Pfaff. Carson is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 303, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Carson has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Carson has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Carson attended Philmont Scout Reservation in 2012 and earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Carson has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Carson constructed four dog houses for the Friends of Parkville Animal Shelter in Parkville, Missouri.

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

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT KEEGAN RENDER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Keegan Render of Troop 123 in Indianola, Iowa for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained for more than a century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Keegan worked with the Knights of Columbus of St. Thomas Aquinas Church to clean and repaint the church's parking boundaries and garage. The work ethic Keegan has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates

the rewards of hard work, dedication and perseverance. It is an honor to represent Keegan and his family in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating him on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout, and I wish him continued success in the future.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY DIXON

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated and compassionate leader in emergency management, Mr. Larry Dixon of Morehead, upon his retirement from Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM).

With more than 20 years of experience as an Area Manager, including 30 presidential disaster declarations, Larry has earned the respect of his peers across the Commonwealth for his outstanding efforts to aid our communities during their darkest hours. He has guided projects in 13 counties, helped update disaster plans, trained officials, and assisted local first responders. Statewide, he served as the lead instructor for ten emergency management courses. He's the go-to guy. Yet, even with a wealth of knowledge and his tenacious ability to work through devastating circumstances, he'll tell you no storm proved more challenging than the March 2012 EF-3 tornado that ripped through West Liberty, Kentucky. Comforting families and friends in his neighboring county through the aftermath, Larry pressed forward to ensure relief efforts were prompt and thorough.

Larry has also gained recognition on the national stage. He never hesitated to lend a hand when hurricanes disrupted our southeastern seaboard, or when wildfires spread out of control in Montana. As a result of his excellence in emergency management, Larry was selected to join the Emergency Management System Compact Executive Task Force and helped craft national policy for sharing state resources during disasters.

For his remarkable work, Larry Dixon was honored as the Regional Response Manager of the Year and has been inducted into the Kentucky Emergency Management Association Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating and honoring a real hero during disasters in Kentucky, Mr. Larry Dixon on his retirement. I wish him and his wife, Tully, the very best in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, December 3, I missed a series of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on No. 615, No. 616, and No. 617.

CONGRATULATING DR. TOM TRIGG

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Tom Trigg, Superintendent, Blue Valley School District, Ms. Debbie Bond, Principal, and all of the members of the "Bulldog" community of Mission Trail Elementary School.

Mission Trail Elementary School's excellence in education has been noted time and again and now officially recognized as Mission Trail Elementary School has been named a 2013 Blue Ribbon School with further honors noting them as an "Exemplary High Performing School" by the U.S. Department of Education.

As an "Exemplary High Performing School" they have been acclaimed for their continued hard work and the results which they have achieved through that work.

This prestigious honor is received by less than 300 of the best schools across the Nation. I am proud to represent a school who achieves so highly, preparing tomorrow's generation to be the leaders in America and the world.

The diligence of students, teachers, administration, parents, and the community as a whole contributes to this great achievement. Mission Trail Elementary School truly is a model to be upheld for education throughout our Nation.

CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE
ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC
CONFERENCE

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, as the United States continues to improve relations with the Islamic world, partnership with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation has become indispensable in creating mutual respect and progressive reform that has served as a bulwark against extremism, conflict, and suffering around the world.

Comprised of 57 states, the OIC specifically has been identified by the previous and current U.S. administrations as a key partner in changing the dynamic between the U.S. and the worldwide Muslim community through ongoing cultural dialogue and extensive humanitarian efforts.

Joint initiatives between the U.S. and the OIC have helped to eradicate polio and promote maternal health in Mali, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Nigeria.

This partnership has also facilitated discussions on creating economic opportunity worldwide as a permanent solution to extremist recruitment endeavors, which continually seek out the most disadvantaged in society.

Interfaith and intercultural discourse focusing on promoting religious respect and the modernization of the Muslim world have provided the means to produce new, lasting foundations of cooperation, which will be fundamental in ensuring American interests and international stability in the future.

The continued support of the OIC and its efforts to promote peace, security, and fundamental rights should be of paramount importance in U.S. foreign policy.

It is through relationships such as these that the United States will remain a consistent engine of positive international change.

HOLY NAME JETS PONY
FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Holy Name Jets Pony Football Team from Dauphin County, Pennsylvania for winning the 2013 CFA Super Bowl Championship.

On Sunday, November 10, 2013 the players of the Holy Name Jets Pony Football Team were crowned the CFA Super Bowl Champions after defeating the Red Land Patriots 22-0. The CFA Football League consists of 30 football associations in Dauphin, Cumberland, Juniata, Perry, Adams, and York Counties. Led by Head Coach Tim Madden and Assistant Coaches Sean Fasick, Joe Mosey, Buck Nye, Dave Madeira, George Connor and Dean Shields, the Jets, made up of local middle school students, finished the regular season with an 8-1 record. Before their win in the Super Bowl, Holy Name defeated both the Paxton Panthers and the Harrisburg Broncos in play-off games.

Mr. Speaker, for their victory in the CFA Super Bowl Championship, I congratulate the coaches and players of the Holy Name Jets Pony Football Team and commend them for their hard work and dedication.

HONORING TYLER SCOTT KOCH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler Scott Koch. Tyler is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 303, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tyler has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Tyler has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Tyler attended Philmont Scout Reservation in 2012 and earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Tyler has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Tyler constructed a bridge for the Platte Falls Conservation Area in Platte County, Missouri.

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

RETIREMENT OF SUSAN SCANLAN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. I rise today to honor my dear friend Susan Scanlan upon her retirement as the president of the Women's Research and Education Institute (WREI) and chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO) at the end of this year. For four decades, Susan's leadership has brought together women's advocacy groups, helped expand women's roles in military combat, and shed light on gender disparities in the media, education, and the workforce.

A third generation Washingtonian, Susan has been advancing women's standing in government since joining the office of U.S. Representative Charlie Wilson (1972-1977), where she coauthored legislation to designate March as National Women's History Month and to admit women to the U.S. military service academies. In 1977, she helped found and direct the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, as well as the Caucus' research arm, the Women's Research and Education Institute. Following a seven year adventure in China with her husband Jared Cameron, Susan took over as president of WREI in 2000. A few years later Susan took on the additional role of chair of NCWO, a coalition of 240 progressive women's groups representing 12 million American women.

Susan's most enduring legacy will continue long after her retirement through the women she has placed throughout the halls of Congress with WREI's congressional fellowship program. Over more than 30 years, this program has positioned more than 350 women on Capitol Hill, and Susan takes great pride in each one of them. Through meetings with women leaders in all fields, Susan has exposed these fellows to the important work already done and yet to be done on behalf of women in America and around the world. Her contributions to women's advancement and empowerment are felt throughout the sectors these fellows occupy, including state legislators and legislative staff, the business and nonprofit communities, and academia and think tanks.

My office and I have benefitted from her efforts to help women enter the legislative pipeline, including hosting fellows for 14 years. These women have brought their expertise and enthusiasm to my office in countless ways, such as advocating for women's rights in Afghanistan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, advancing legislation that would stop human trafficking and end obstetric fistula, and creating reports to make the public aware of how votes in Congress affect women. Like their classmates, the "Maloney Fellows" have gone on to work as women's advocates, academics, and architects of change both here in the nation's capital and around the country. In fact, two of my current staff came to me through Susan.

Through the Women's Research and Education Institute and the National Council of Women's Organizations, we have worked together on so many issues important to women, such as the Equal Rights Amendment, the National Women's History Museum,

and women's economic equality. We both know from our years working together that nothing happens with action, perseverance, and a little outrage. I know Susan will continue to use these attributes in her next endeavor. I treasure her friendship and her council.

Congratulations to Susan on her retirement. She has inspired those who have worked with her and been mentored by her. I wish Susan and Jared all the best.

INTRODUCING THE NATIONAL
COMMISSION ON EMPLOYMENT
AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT
OF 2013

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the National Commission on Employment and Economic Security Act of 2013.

This legislation makes necessary and vital investments in our nation's workforce and their families. It establishes a national commission to examine issues of economic and psychological insecurity within our workforce that have been caused by employment displacement. Furthermore, it will propose solutions, including recommendations for legislative and administrative action, to Congress and the President.

During the recession that began in December 2007 and in the subsequent months, more than 8.7 million jobs were lost. By October 2009, the unemployment rate had reached 10.0 percent, and roughly 15.4 million people were unemployed in our country. In Florida, the unemployment rate reached 11.4 percent in March 2010, and in some states, such as Rhode Island and South Carolina, the unemployment rate rose to just short of 12 percent, peaking at 11.9 percent in early 2010.

Luckily, we are on the road to recovery, and 7.5 million jobs have been created during 42 straight months of private-sector job growth across the country. Unemployment rates have fallen in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Our economy is recovering, but the need for this vital research is no less critical. This is highlighted by current projections from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), which estimate that the unemployment rate will not fall below 6 percent until the end of 2016, and will remain above 5 percent through 2023.

Mr. Speaker, when Americans lose their jobs and their incomes shrink, too often, they face the loss of their family's health insurance and, subsequent to the loss of income, even their housing. According to an American Psychological Association (APA) report from February 2013, money (69 percent), work (65 percent), and the economy (61 percent) remain the most frequently cited sources of stress for Americans.

The mental health of the American worker is integral as we continue down the road of economic recovery. Congress must face this problem head on and help those facing long-term unemployment, loss of health insurance, home foreclosure, increased levels of stress, and increased risk of mental illness.

I believe that we have a responsibility to provide the greatest possible assistance to our

nation's workforce, whose commitment to economic participation has been a defining feature of the cultural fabric of our country. This Commission will be instrumental in ensuring that we get our nation fully back on track, and I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM LEE
TROLAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. William Lee Trolan on the occasion of his retirement from the Office of the Sergeant at Arms on December 6, and to thank him for 35 years of dedicated service supporting and leading sensitive and classified national security programs.

Beginning in December 1978, and for the following six years, Mr. Trolan served as a commissioned U.S. Army officer defending our nation on the "frontiers of freedom," which included operational command of a nuclear missile site. For 19 years, he worked for several government agencies focusing on critical emergency management and national security programs, including response to nuclear weapons incidents. For the past nine years, he served as the Director of Continuity Planning for the U.S. House of Representatives where he developed plans and resources that dramatically improved Congressional planning and readiness as it relates to continuity of government operations.

On behalf of the entire House community, I extend congratulations to Mr. Trolan for his outstanding contributions to the United States House of Representatives and to our country.

CONGRATULATING NICHOLAS
CAVAROCCHI SR.

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Nicholas Cavarocchi Sr., a tireless advocate for oral health research, on the occasion of his retirement from CRD Associates and as the principal consultant for the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) after 33 years.

Throughout his career, Nick has worked on every facet of health policy, from organizing an industry/patient coalition that led to the creation of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases at the National Institutes of Health to co-founding the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, the pre-eminent advocacy voice for supporting biomedical research. As a former senior health advisor to the House Appropriations Committee he worked to sustain NIH and Public Health Service programs that improve the health and well-being of millions of Americans.

As the lead consultant for the AADR, Nick worked to educate members of Congress about the value and importance of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Re-

search. Throughout the past 33 years much progress has been made as a result of NIDCR supported research, which helped reduce the burden of oral disease and led to better oral health for tens of millions of Americans. Through AADR, Nick helped to mobilize thousands of oral health researchers throughout the country, encouraging them to reach out to members of Congress and tell us about the tremendous strides that have already been made and the promise dental research holds for further advances against oral disease and other disorders.

Mr. Speaker, this month a longtime champion for oral health, and a friend, is closing a chapter and opening a new one. I wish Nick all the best in his retirement and in this new phase of his life.

HONORING KANOE CARDELL
NEWELL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kanoe Cardell Newell. Kanoe is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 303, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kanoe has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kanoe has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kanoe attended Philmont Scout Reservation in 2012 and earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Kanoe has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Kanoe constructed benches for a park in Gladstone, Missouri.

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

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

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

Today, it is \$17,223,254,862,815.39. We've added \$6,596,377,813,902.31 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I represent California's Central Coast—The Salad Bowl of the World. I know firsthand how important immigrant workers are and their vital contribution to our national economy.

If America does not have enough workers, America doesn't eat. And whether or not we like it, most of those farm workers are not America citizens. We must rely on immigrant labor to harvest our food and, when the system breaks down like during the government shut down, it threatens the livelihood of our nation's farmers as well as the availability of fresh produce in grocery stores nationwide.

The agricultural labor crisis threatens jobs on and off the farm. For every job created on a farm, many more non-farm support jobs are created in the supply chain of distribution. Yet California's farmers, who are responsible for billions of dollars of economic activity every year, continue to face significant barriers to finding a legal and stable workforce.

Furthermore, the current, broken immigration system is undermining American food security. Many Americans would be surprised to know how close we all came to not having fresh fruits and vegetables at Thanksgiving because the shutdown prevented farmers from getting legal access to the workers they need to harvest their crops.

For these reasons, as well as many others, I believe it is past time for the House of Representatives to act on broad and meaningful immigration reform.

As Members of Congress, it is our responsibility to enact immigration policies that are tough, fair and practical.

Real immigration reform establishes a system that turns those who are willing to work

hard and play by the rules into taxpayers, paying their fair share. We need a system that has commonsense rules for who and how many people we let in legally, so we don't flood the labor market in hard times, but that allows businesses to hire the workers they need.

It is time to move forward, not backward. Congress must work together to find middle ground that benefits both the temporary guest workers as well as the agricultural employers. Final legislation must create incentives for farm workers to continue to work in the industry so that the United States can continue to feed the world. I believe in a comprehensive approach to immigration reform that includes earned legal status. This approach is critical for our country, our families, and our economy.

I am concerned that some interim immigration reform proposals would create even more devastating labor shortages for growers and other industries that rely on immigrant labor. It is short-sighted to think mandatory worker verification methods, like E-Verify, are the sole solution to our country's illegal immigration issues. Further, we should not impose additional barriers to legal workers who are willing to work hard and play by the rules. It would risk the economic vitality of the entire American agricultural industry and fail to accomplish true immigration reform.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House toward the goal of enacting a comprehensive approach to our nation's immigration problems, including a strong and balanced solution for the agricultural sector.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint commit-

tees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED**DECEMBER 11**

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine protecting seniors from medication labeling mistakes.

SD-562

DECEMBER 12

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

Business meeting to consider an original bill to repeal the Sustainable Growth Rate system and to consider health care extenders.

SD-215

DECEMBER 18

2:15 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine the future of long-term care policy, focusing on continuing the conversation.

SD-562