

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING REV. ABRAHAM  
REED, SR.

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rev. Abraham Reed, Sr., who is a remarkable civil and public servant.

Rev. Abraham Reed, Sr. was born on December 1, 1940, the third child of 10 children. He is a Civil Rights legend in the Jefferson and Claiborne County areas. Often when the movement did a boycott of a business in one county they would follow and boycott in neighboring counties.

Rev. Reed stated that he believed that he was used during the movement because he was not scared of anything, so he was the go-to man, when it was time for standing up to the Jim Crow society in Jefferson County.

Rev. Reed remembers that the movement started in 1965, when Mr. Charles Evers, another movement leader, would come into Fayette, MS to meet at Adams Chapel United Methodist Church in a mass meeting, then march to the Courthouse where demands of the people would be made. They wanted jobs in the stores and in the county offices and to have the same rights for good books for our children in their classrooms which would create the best opportunities for good jobs and education.

Rev. Reed remembers that it was well worth the marching, and the boycotting and the mass meetings, because after long hours and days of marching, many of their demands were met, resulting in two black ladies who were hired. Mrs. Doris White was hired at the Montgomery Store in 1966 and in that same year Mrs. Jeanie Enochs was hired at Hirsch's Store and these ladies worked at the stores for many years. And with continued success in the movement, another lady, Delorise Frye was hired as a Deputy Clerk in the Chancery Clerk's Office and worked there for many years.

Rev. Reed is a bricklayer by trade. He learned this trade from an elderly white man, Claude Brown. Rev. Reed was not participating in the movement to get a job for himself but because of his concern for others.

Rev. Reed stood guard over many of the most prominent civil rights workers at night and laid bricks by day. Oftentimes, while at Mr. Fernand Allen's house, he had to protect Mr. Allen, because he was the president of the NAACP. Therefore, Rev. Reed and others kept shifts because they were determined not to lose a great leader.

Rev. Reed laid the blocks to Mr. Allen's hotel that he was building, but when the MS Southern Bank at Port Gibson found out that Mr. Allen was active in the NAACP movement, the bank withdrew financing of \$20,000.00 and

the bank gave him 6 weeks to pay it back. Rev. Reed along with others participated in an emergency mass meeting and financial rally; and raised \$19,000.00 to cover this debt.

Rev. Reed often stood guard over other leaders of the NAACP as well as continued his trade of laying blocks all day. Often he picked up some worker's before they went on a job and the white folk came and enticed them to go to work with them, another bricklayer, would come by and try and get them to go to his job so that they would not get the building, that Rev. Reed was working on completed.

Rev. Reed enjoyed his work with the civil rights movement which was important work to him. He registered to vote in 1966 and assisted other blacks to register to vote. While doing this, others had to be called to assist in helping to register blacks because blacks were prevented from voting because they did not know how to fill out the forms or simply because of being black. But when help came, blacks were allowed to register and hundreds of blacks registered to vote.

Rev. Reed participated in registration drives and felt very proud when in 1969, a slate of black candidates ran for office in the City of Fayette and everyone that ran won.

Rev. Reed remembers the dangerous times during those years when blacks had to watch out for self and for others, yet he is proud to have been an active part of the movement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Rev. Abraham Reed, Sr. for his dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, on June 11, 2013, I missed rollcall votes No. 212 and 213. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall No. 212: "aye."

Rollcall No. 213: "aye."

CONGRATULATING THE YOUTH  
CONSERVATION CORPS ON THEIR  
29TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF  
OUTING

**HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding work of the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC), and congratulate

them on hosting their 29th annual charity golf outing.

Originally started in 1974, YCC provides education and job training programs to prepare young adults to join the workforce and be active members of their community. Its founding principles intertwine conservation, environmental consciousness, vocational training and practical development in order to provide students with the best possible experience.

YCC serves disadvantaged, unemployed and ex-offender young adults, helping them build a path to a brighter future. In the last decade, throughout Waukegan and the entire Tenth District community, YCC has broadened its reach and expanded its programs.

The success of YCC is a testament to the power of public-private partnerships, and demonstrates how much good we can accomplish when working together to empower the next generation.

I would also like to honor Walgreens, based in Illinois's Tenth District, for their longtime support of YCC and its mission. A strong YCC partner since 1981, Walgreens, over the past eight years, has helped create the largest-netting non-national charity golf outing in north-eastern Illinois to support these incredible programs. Their generosity completely funds YCC's Summer High School Program, in addition to much more.

The dedicated men and women who make up YCC, as well as its many supporters, deserve to have their important work honored, and I am proud to recognize them here today. I am also proud of each and every YCC graduate for having the courage to take hold of their future. I wish YCC only the best as they continue giving this chance to more and more kids.

### SWAP JURISDICTION CERTAINTY ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2013*

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I voted "yes" in error for the Swap Jurisdiction Certainty Act. As I stated in a dear colleague with fellow members, this bill will "undermine our financial regulators' efforts to regulate cross-border derivatives . . . putting our financial markets and economy at risk and undermining one of the most important provisions of Wall Street Reform." I stand firm with 124 of my colleagues who voted against this harmful legislation and will continue to fight for sensible policies that will prevent the kind of reckless gambling by our financial institutions that led us to the brink of economic catastrophe.

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# HONORING THE CAREER OF DAVE CHAPMAN

## HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dave Chapman of Peoria on his recent retirement on April 1st, 2013, after more than 40 years at Caterpillar.

Dave has been a true friend and advocate to working men and women throughout Illinois and truly cares for those less fortunate. Throughout his career he held a number of positions with the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), including President of UAW Local 974, representing more than 14,000 workers in the Peoria area.

As President of the Local UAW, a position he held for 13 years, Dave Chapman and his administration negotiated two consecutive six-year contracts with Caterpillar without a strike, something that had not happened before in UAW 974 history. His success has not been limited to just CAT, as he and his administration negotiated at least 15 contracts with other companies, all without any strikes taking place.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for Dave's contributions as a leader in his community and I again want to congratulate him on his well-earned retirement and wish him luck with his future endeavors.

# THE WESTERN NEW YORK HISPANIC AMERICAN VETERANS' COMMITTEE

## HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Nation's Hispanic-American veterans with the unveiling of the Hispanic-American Veterans' Memorial. Dedicated to the service of past, present, and future veterans, the memorial honors the courageous sacrifices and immense contributions by the Hispanic-American community while defending our Nation.

Hispanic-Americans have a storied history in the armed forces. The legendary 65th Infantry Regiment, known as the "Borinqueneers," was the only segregated Hispanic-American branch in the history of our military. Established in 1899, the regiment made significant contributions to the American effort in World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. Locally, the Gabriel A. Rodriguez American Legion Post Number 1928 primarily serves and honors Hispanic-American veterans.

The Hispanic-American Veterans' Memorial is the first monument to Hispanic-American veterans in our region. Thanks to the efforts of countless individuals, including the Hispanic Heritage Foundation and the Western New York Hispanic American Veterans' Committee, these brave men and women will be memorialized permanently along the waterfront. Placed among many military memorials, the monument demonstrates the unity among our country's noble service men and women.

The memorial features boots, a rifle, and a helmet arranged in a battlefield cross to remember fallen heroes. The flags of twenty-two countries are engraved on an ellipse with a kneeling soldier and a female soldier, representing the twenty-one countries where most Hispanic-American veterans trace their roots, and the United States. Four hundred sixty personalized bricks symbolize the sacrifices and history of those who have fallen in battle, and allow public and private engagement with those who are memorialized.

It is with great pride that today I recognize the service of over one million Hispanic-American veterans with the unveiling of this memorial. I am immensely grateful for the commitment of the Hispanic Heritage Foundation and the Western New York Hispanic-American Veterans' Committee to telling the stories of these heroes. Their service to our region and our Nation is inspiring, and I am proud that Western New Yorkers now have a place to reflect on their legacy.

# RECOGNIZING ADAM ASHER DUKER

## HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Adam Asher Duker, who received a Fulbright grant to study the Reformation in Switzerland. The Fulbright program promotes cross-cultural understanding and unifies the world's brightest minds to embark on innovative research projects. Adam Duker was selected due to an impressive résumé of leadership and academic achievement maintained throughout his university and post-graduate career.

His passion and motivation certainly deepens our connection between cultures and fosters a stronger relationship between our countries. In Switzerland, Adam worked with the brightest Swiss academics to study the Reformation. As a graduate student at the University of Notre Dame, Adam's dissertation illustrates the viewpoint of Christians through the lens of the Hebrew bible, and explains Israelite identity transformation of Christian armies. His studies in Switzerland will surely navigate an uncharted course to shed light on a unique perspective of religious conflict in early modern Europe.

I am honored to recognize Adam Asher Duker's exemplary work ethic, intelligence, and accomplished research collected at home and abroad. On behalf of Indiana's Second District, I am proud to recognize Adam for his prestigious accomplishments and wish him luck toward future endeavors.

# HONORING MRS. LOIS GILES

## HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a wonderful woman from Colorado Springs. Mrs. Lois Giles, a mother of four, grandmother of eight and great grandmother

of five, has spent many years devoting her time to her community. She has set a record at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs by volunteering an incredible thirty-seven thousand hours in the Volunteer Service Department. Lois is loved by everyone she works with and is always eager to lend a helping hand. Rising at 3:45 a.m. four days per week she works from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. She has spent hours working on patient floors, in the business office and in the emergency room. Now, Lois helps greet people at the Hospital's north entrance front desk, looks up room numbers and provides telephone numbers and directions to rooms. The epitome of a selfless worker, she admits she's not striving to acquire more hours, rather she comes in each day just so she can help. She has been nominated twice for the Memorial Appreciation Award at the Hospital and won the award for her unwavering commitment to notify the hospital of an unsafe workplace situation.

Her late husband Howard also volunteered at the Hospital. Lois and Howard were married on Memorial Day 1941.

The Senior League and Senior Research Council of the Pikes Peak Region awarded Lois the Community Service Award for incredible service to the community and on behalf of senior citizens. Lois has been praised by her co-workers for her leadership, sense of responsibility and caring nature.

Lois deserves much recognition for her dedication to helping others and the incredible impact she had on her community and the countless lives she has touched.

# RECOGNIZING THE JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY 2013 STATE CHAMPION BASEBALL TEAM

## HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joliet Catholic Academy's baseball team for winning the third Illinois Class 3A state championship title.

Although they started this season slowly, losing their first three games, the team rallied late in the season to finish the season with a nine game winning streak to capture the Illinois state title. The JCA Hilltoppers' solid pitching and defense produced shutouts against five of Illinois' finest teams during the state tournament. Throughout the championship tournament, JCA outscored their opponents by an average of six runs per game, including a 5-0 win in the championship game over St. Francis High School. This outstanding finale came as a result of years of hard work by these young men and Coach Jared Voss and his staff, who have led the JCA Hilltoppers to two state championships in the past four seasons.

This victory is a reminder of how preparation, practice, and perseverance produce solid results, even when facing difficult challenges. Today, I am pleased to call on all my colleagues to join me in congratulating the young men of Joliet Catholic Academy on winning the state championship.

HONORING JOHN J. BRADY, ED.D.  
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RE-  
TIREMENT

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise today to join the many family, friends, colleagues, and community members who have gathered to congratulate Dr. John J. Brady on the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent of the Amity Regional school system after a thirty-four year career in public education.

Over the course of his career, and particularly in his nine-year tenure as Superintendent, John has shown both remarkable leadership and a unique dedication to our young people, ensuring that they had access to the best possible educational opportunities. When John came to Amity nine years ago, the District was facing serious financial challenges which, in turn, were causing declining confidence among faculty, students, and the three communities the school district serves. With his unique vision, principled leadership, and prudent financial direction, John worked with the Board of Education to turn Amity around.

Restoring integrity and rigor to the financial operations of the District as well as the confidence of the communities, students, and faculty, his commitment to educational excellence has made all the difference. Under John's tenure, a renewed emphasis was placed on the arts as an integral part of the educational experience, dedicating similar resources and focus as are given to their successful athletics program. Indeed, one of John's enduring legacies is the beautiful performing arts building that he not only advocated for, but brought in both on time and on budget. The building was recently dedicated in his honor and the John J. Brady Center for the Performing Arts will long stand as a reminder of his remarkable efforts on behalf of Amity, its faculty, and most importantly, its students.

Administrators and teachers play an important role in our communities. Our children spend a great deal of their childhood in school and it is the faculty and staff that they look to for guidance and support. I have often spoke of our nation's need for talented, creative educators ready to help our children learn and grow. Dedicating his career to education, as an educator and administrator, John has touched the lives of hundreds of our young people—creating a safe and nurturing environment in which they could realize their potential.

Tonight, as he celebrates his retirement, I am proud to stand today to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to John J. Brady for his more than three decades in public education and for all the many invaluable contributions he has made to the Amity Regional school district. I wish him and his family—son, Christopher, daughters, Caitlin and Marissa, and two year old granddaughter, Nora—all the best for many more years of health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING THE NCAA CHAM-  
PION DUKE UNIVERSITY MEN'S  
LACROSSE TEAM

### HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to rise today to congratulate the players, coaches, and staff of the Duke University men's lacrosse team for their victory in the 2013 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament.

Duke University has a long tradition of excellence in collegiate sports, including collegiate lacrosse. In April of 1938, the Duke Men's lacrosse team played its first game, defeating its arch-rivals at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill by a score of two to one. Since then, the team has reached 13 national championship games, winning an NCAA Championship in 2010 and now in 2013.

This year's Blue Devils team won nine out of ten games to close out the season, including a series of hard-fought, close victories in the NCAA tournament. This historic run included victories over Loyola 12–11 in double overtime, Notre Dame 12–11, and Cornell 16–14. To win the championship, the Blue Devils defeated a tough Syracuse team by a 16–10 margin, coming all the way back from a 5–0 deficit in the second quarter. Duke's Brendan Fowler won 20 out of 28 face-offs, while Jordan Wolf led the team with four goals, followed by Josh Offit and Josh Dionne with three each. I know other players made equally important contributions on the field, in practice, and in the classroom throughout the year, and it is in that spirit that I include below the full roster of this year's team, together with their hometowns and secondary schools, so that all will be recognized in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Special congratulations are also in order for Duke University's Coach, John Danowski, who has now led the team to two NCAA Championships. In his seven years as head coach, Coach Danowski has compiled an impressive 95–24 record, capturing five ACC regular season titles and four ACC tournament titles in addition to his two national championships. Coach Danowski has also mentored 37 All-Americans, 19 All-ACC selections, two Tewaaraton Trophy winners, two USILA Attackman of the Year award recipients, and 10 USILA Scholar All-America picks.

On behalf of my colleagues, I extend the House's congratulations to the Duke Blue Devils for their incredible season, and I look forward to welcoming them to Washington, D.C. and to the White House later this year.

#### DUKE BLUE DEVILS ROSTER 2012–13 SEASON

Head Coach: John Danowski

Assistant Coaches: Ron Caputo, Matt Danowski

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Joe Cinosky

#1—Kyle Turri, West Islip, N.Y. (West Islip)

#2—David Lawson, Westford, Mass. (Middlesex)

#3—Brendan Fowler, Wantagh, N.Y. (Chaminade)

#4—Dan Wigrizer, Villanova, Pa. (Haverford)

#5—Tanner Scott, Conestoga, Pa. (Conestoga)

#6—Will Haus, Palmyra, Pa. (Palmyra Area)

#7—Jake Tripucka, Boonton Township, N.J. (Mountain Lakes)

#8—Josh Dionne, Merrimack, N.H. (Avon Old Farms)

#9—Case Matheis, Darien, Conn. (Darien)

#10—Deemer Class, Baltimore, Md. (Loyola Blakefield)

#11—Eddie Loftus, Syosset, N.Y. (Syosset)

#12—Seamus Connelly, Duxbury, Mass. (Duxbury)

#13—Chris Hipps, Dallas, Texas (Highland Park)

#14—John Shaffer, Summit, N.J. (Delbarton)

#15—Myles Jones, Huntington, N.Y. (Walt Whitman)

#16—Kyle Keenan, Smithtown, N.Y. (Smithtown West)

#17—Dan DiMaria, Dix Hills, N.Y. (Harvard)

#18—Tommy Patterson, Chatham, N.J. (Delbarton)

#19—Christian Walsh, Baltimore, Md. (Deerfield Academy)

#20—Charlie Payton, Greenwich, Conn. (Lawrenceville School)

#21—Brian Dailey, Conestoga, Pa. (Conestoga)

#23—Dax Cohan, San Francisco, Calif. (St. Ignatius Prep)

#24—Henry Meyer, Newton, Mass. (Belmont Hill)

#25—Josh Offit, Bethesda, Md. (Landon School)

#26—Joe Kruey, Sudbury, Mass. (Phillips Academy Andover)

#27—Justin George, Baltimore, Md. (Gilman)

#28—Jimmy O'Neill, Huntington, N.Y. (Chaminade)

#29—Morgan Kirby, Morristown, N.J. (Lawrenceville)

#30—Chad Cohan, San Francisco, Calif. (Saint Ignatius College Prep)

#31—Jordan Wolf, Wynnewood, Pa. (Lower Merion)

#32—Greg DeLuca, Boonton Township, N.J. (Mountain Lakes)

#33—Jamie Ikeda, Berwyn, Pa. (Conestoga)

#34—Ben Krebs, Pleasanton, Calif. (Foothill)

#35—Jack Rowe, Vienna, Va. (James Madison)

#36—Ben Scharf, New York, N.Y. (Phillips Academy Andover)

#37—Casey Carroll, Baldwin, N.Y. (Baldwin)

#38—Chris Coady, Winchester, Mass. (Buckingham Browne & Nichols)

#39—Luke Aaron, Great Falls, Va. (Deerfield Academy)

#41—Greg Rhodes, East Northport, N.Y. (Chaminade)

#42—Matt Kunkel, South Setauket, N.Y. (Ward Melville)

#43—Will Hendrickson, New York, N.Y. (Riverdale)

#44—Spencer Peterson, Encinitas, Calif. (La Costa Canyon)

#50—Reid Maxmin, Katonah, N.Y. (John Jay)

#55—Bill Connors, West Chester, Pa. (Malvern Prep)

#77—Henry Lobb, Narberth, Pa. (Malvern Prep)

#91—Luke Duprey, Concord, N.H. (Phillips Andover)

#97—Rowland Pettit, Fort Worth, Texas (Trinity Valley School)

# HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF JIM FOSTER FROM THE CITY CLUB OF CLEVELAND

## HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I have the distinct privilege of recognizing Jim Foster, who recently retired as Executive Director of the City Club of Cleveland. For twenty years, Mr. Foster provided strong and innovative leadership, building on the worldwide reputation of the City Club of Cleveland as "the citadel of free speech."

Jim Foster originally joined the City Club of Cleveland in 1993 as managing director and become executive director a year later. His involvement, however, was a continuation of a life and career spent in the Greater Cleveland community. Jim grew up in Shaker Heights, was an active member of the Air Force Reserve, and previously worked in city and county government.

As executive director, Jim continued the tradition of excellence of the City Club of Cleveland—the longest running continuous independent free speech forum in the country—in addressing the most salient issues while enacting necessary organizational changes to keep up, and ahead of, the time.

Displaying savvy leadership, Jim enhanced the club's media footprint on television and radio, secured the [www.cityclub.org](http://www.cityclub.org) web address and built a website. As social media expanded, Jim kept the organization in front, providing all their forums via live stream, podcast, and archived on the Club's YouTube channel.

Throughout his tenure, Jim displayed a fervent commitment to free speech and the collegial exchange of ideas by pursuing speakers of national prominence and profound influence on a variety of topics, including politics, business, education, and health care. Speakers from all vantage points were hosted and subjected to the challenging but fair questions for which the City Club Forums are well-known. Just recently I worked with Jim to help bring Minority Leader NANCY PELOSI to the City Club for a luncheon address that was extremely well received.

I can confidently say that Jim fulfilled the Club's mission of being an exemplar of a democratic community.

As he enters retirement, I thank Jim for his immense dedication and excellence in serving the community. His character and career accomplishments epitomize what democracy and citizenship are about.

I join the City Club of Cleveland, its board of directors, the greater community, and friends and family in wishing Jim health and happiness in the years ahead. It is my privilege to honor Jim Foster.

HONORING MR. CLARENCE  
SCUTTER

## HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Clarence Scutter, who is a remarkable civil and public servant.

Mr. Clarence Scutter is a lifetime resident of Port Gibson, MS. Having been raised in a single parent home by his mother, Georgia Scutter and grandmother, Alice Scutter, he is the eldest of three siblings.

Mr. Scutter graduated from Addison High School in 1962 and attended Alcorn State University. His goal of becoming a doctor was cut short by the death of his mother and later his grandmother. He was left with the responsibility of taking care of his younger sister and brother.

After his siblings reached adulthood, Mr. Scutter began his career: He served in the United States Army Reserve; he was Scoutmaster for a local boy scout troop; he was instrumental in helping to establish the first nutrition sites for the elderly in Claiborne County; he served as Chairman of the Claiborne County Committee on Aging; he was appointed to the Mississippi Council on Aging by Governor William Winter in 1981; he has served as President of the Richardson PTA and the Claiborne County PTA; and he served a number of years on the State PTA Board.

Mr. Scutter also has a compassion for sports; he served as an official with the Mississippi High School Activities Association, where he officiated football and basketball on the Junior High and High School levels; and with the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) where he officiated college basketball.

In 2004, Mr. Scutter was instrumental in applying for and being awarded a grant from the Association of Black Cardiology to promote healthcare awareness in Claiborne County and the surrounding areas. This grant introduced the "CHOICES" program to the community. It brought together four (4) local churches within the community with over 50 local residents who received training and became a Certified Health Promotion Specialists, volunteering to travel throughout the community providing health screenings for blood glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol and body mass index free of charge.

Mr. Scutter was employed with the United States Postal Service for 35 years, when he retired in 1999. He has served as County Coordinator for Congressman BENNIE THOMPSON for a number of years. Upon retirement he took on more challenges to impact his community. He is currently active in a variety of civic and cultural organizations including: MS Regional Housing Authority VI where he is a Commissioner for Claiborne County; Claiborne County Branch of the NAACP; Claiborne County PTSA; Citizens for Better Government Consulting Group; Claiborne County Retired Personnel Association and CEO for the Rural Community Development Corporation. His most prestigious award came in 1999 where he received the Outstanding Leadership Award from President Bill Clinton. He is currently an Alderman for the City of Port Gibson. He recently received the Community Service Award from the Alcorn State University Alumni Chapter.

Mr. Scutter is a member of the Christian Chapel Church in Port Gibson, MS where he serves as an Elder, Sunday School Teacher and Board Member.

Mr. Scutter is married to Bobbie "Doss" Scutter and they have 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Clarence Scutter for his

dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

# IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN J. MORELLI, RECIPIENT OF THE TOMB HONOR GUARD IDENTIFICATION BADGE AND BRONZE STAR, AS AWARDED BY THE UNITED STATES ARMY

## HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor John J. Morelli, who received the Tomb Honor Guard Identification Badge and Bronze Star of the United States Army. Mr. Morelli is also being honored by his town of Olyphant, Pennsylvania, and his name will be displayed on a historical marker to be dedicated there tomorrow morning, June 14.

Mr. Morelli, born January 18, 1918 to John and Lucy Morelli, began his distinguished life living in the rear of his family-owned shoe repair shop in Olyphant. During his early years, Mr. Morelli attended Olyphant High School and entered the United States Army at the age of twenty-two.

Mr. Morelli was stationed stateside during World War II where he was honored to guard the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. One of his other duties during this period of service included guarding German prisoners of war in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Morelli's career in the Army continued when he fought in the 3rd Infantry Division in Korea. During Mr. Morelli's first day of combat, the sergeant he was sent to replace was shot by enemy fire, prompting Mr. Morelli to expose himself as a target while trying to save the fallen soldier. This act of bravery earned Mr. Morelli the Bronze Star Medal.

Also highly notable are Mr. Morelli's nine and a half—albeit non-consecutive—years as Sergeant of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Mr. Morelli held this prestigious assignment, among the rarest in the Army, longer than any other soldier in history. Due to Mr. Morelli's outstanding service, he was awarded the Tomb Honor Guard Identification Badge, the second rarest military badge after the Astronaut Badge.

In recognition of Mr. Morelli's achievements in the Army, the historical marker will be dedicated tomorrow at the site of his father's former shoe repair shop in Olyphant. I add my congratulations and heartfelt thanks for exemplary service to our country on this momentous occasion.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent the week of June 3, 2013. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

Rollcall No. 184: "Yea," H.R. 1206—Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013;

Rollcall No. 185: "Yea," S. 622—Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013;

Rollcall No. 186: "Nay," Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule to H. Res. 243;

Rollcall No. 187: "Nay," H. Res. 243—Rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 2216 and H.R. 2217;

Rollcall No. 188: "No," Broun of Georgia Amendment;

Rollcall No. 189: "Aye," Amodei of Nevada Amendment;

Rollcall No. 190: "Aye," Moran of Virginia Amendment;

Rollcall No. 191: "No," King of Iowa Amendment;

Rollcall No. 192: "Aye," On Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.R. 2216;

Rollcall No. 193: "Yea," H.R. 2216—Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 2014;

Rollcall No. 194: "Aye," Moore of Wisconsin Amendment;

Rollcall No. 195: "Aye," Polis of Colorado Amendment;

Rollcall No. 196: "No," Heck of Nevada Amendment;

Rollcall No. 197: "Aye," Garcia of Florida Amendment;

Rollcall No. 198: "Aye," Deutch of Florida Amendment;

Rollcall No. 199: "Aye," Bishop of New York Amendment;

Rollcall No. 200: "Aye," Moran of Virginia Amendment;

Rollcall No. 201: "No," Garrett of New Jersey Amendment;

Rollcall No. 202: "No," Ryan of Ohio Amendment;

Rollcall No. 203: "Aye," Cassidy of Louisiana Amendment;

Rollcall No. 204: "No," Meadows of "No" North Carolina Amendment;

Rollcall No. 205: "No," Thompson of Mississippi Amendment;

Rollcall No. 206: "Aye," Runyan of New Jersey Amendment;

Rollcall No. 207: "Aye," Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico Amendment;

Rollcall No. 208: "No," King of Iowa Amendment;

Rollcall No. 209: "No," Blackburn (R) of Tennessee Amendment;

Rollcall No. 210: "Aye," On Motion to Recommit with Instructions H.R. 2217; and

Roll Call No. 211: "Nay," H.R. 2217—Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

## WOOD-PAWCATUCK WATERSHED PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2013*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Protection Act.

The measure would amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to authorize a study for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system. The catalog of lands and rivers that carry this designation would surely benefit from the inclusion of this watershed, an area identified as containing the last large forested track south of Boston. While a 300 square

mile area of land may not sound like a large area to some of my colleagues, open space in New England has come under increased pressure from development. Conducting a study with the potential of inducting into or including this watershed in the wild and scenic river system would significantly ease these development pressures.

In fact, the National Park Service has already conducted studies on this watershed. These past studies have identified the Wood and Pawcatuck Rivers as "unique and irreplaceable resources." But even today the level of flora, fauna, reptiles, fish, and mammals found within the Wood-Pawcatuck boundaries is staggering for this region of the country. It includes the New England Cottontail an animal listed under the Endangered Species Act. The range of the cottontail historically included most of New England and parts of New York, yet today the watershed is one of only five locations this species can be found.

The watershed is one of the few remaining relatively pristine natural areas along the northeast corridor between New York and Boston. In fact, forest and wetlands comprise 60 percent of this land, which helps maintain its high water quality. This landscape provides vast recreational opportunities: 57 miles of rivers, mostly flat-water paddling on the rivers; numerous streams in pristine forest for fishing native brook trout and stocked brown and rainbow trout; and five state management areas for hiking, biking, hunting, birding and natures studies.

My district is already home to another watershed that carries the wild and scenic designation, the Eightmile River. I have seen firsthand the importance associated with this status. A partnership between the Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee and the National Park Service has developed and carried out strategies for ensuring the watershed ecosystem is protected and enhanced for generations to come. The involvement at the federal, state, and local levels has been invaluable to this resource. Expanding these same opportunities to Wood-Pawcatuck is critical.

I would like to thank my friend and colleague, Congressman Jim Langevin of Rhode Island, for his leadership in introducing this bill and ushering it successfully through this chamber again this year. Lastly, I would like to recognize the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association who has promoted and protected the integrity of the lands and waters of the watershed since 1983. Their dedication to this invaluable natural treasure must be applauded.

I urge passage of this legislation and thank my colleagues for their support.

HONORING MICHAEL TAYLOR RIGGS

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Mr. Michael Taylor Riggs. Devoted son, brother, friend and colleague, Michael was taken from us too soon, on May 24, 2013. With his passing, we look to the outstanding quality of his life's work to address the global HIV/AIDS epidemic and the countless lives he touched and

saved over the course of his career in advocacy and public policy.

Born on November 10, 1970, Mr. Riggs descended from a long line of Navajo clans and grew up on the Navajo Nation in a remote area of northern Arizona. After starting out as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) at a hospital in Tuba City, AZ, Mr. Riggs began attending Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. In the early 1990s, while studying and working part-time at the Northern Arizona Area Health Education Center (AHEC), Mr. Riggs' passion for education, policy development and disease prevention took flight. His bold idea to form an HIV/AIDS prevention outreach program targeted at Native American men was unconventional for the time, but won the support and respect of his colleagues.

After enduring a family tragedy, Mr. Riggs began anew in Berkeley, California, where he found a position in the District Office of my predecessor and mentor, Congressman Ron Dellums. Mr. Riggs' constituent work invigorated and expanded his focus on HIV/AIDS prevention. By the time he became a member of my staff, Mr. Riggs had developed a prolific knowledge base on the issue and soon joined my Washington, D.C. staff as a trusted policy advisor.

His wise counsel and ceaseless dedication helped me form the platform of global HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention that, today, has expanded the availability of life-extending drugs to those living in poverty in Africa, the Caribbean and other impoverished areas around the world.

Mr. Riggs was instrumental in helping me and my colleagues create and pass the Global AIDS and Tuberculosis Relief Act of 2000, which significantly expanded the U.S. commitment to fight HIV/AIDS worldwide and which created the framework for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Passage of this landmark legislation, which eventually led to the creation in 2003 and reauthorization in 2008 of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), is a tremendous part of Mr. Riggs' professional legacy. Within days of Michael's death, PEPFAR celebrated its 10th anniversary—having directly supported life-saving antiretroviral treatment for nearly 5.1 million men, women and children worldwide.

He later continued this groundbreaking work with the United Nations' World Health Organization, the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights Foundation and the Global AIDS Alliance. A sought-after speaker and panelist, Mr. Riggs' travels brought him across the globe and he was known for his uncanny ability to connect key stakeholders. Despite the difficult nature of the work, he was known to lift others up with his kindness, his unflagging energy and his generous sense of humor. Most recently, he returned to enjoy his roots and bolster his community back in northern Arizona.

On a personal note, Michael began working with me in my District Office when I was first elected in 1998. He was my very first District Scheduler. His sense of judgment and constituent priorities were always reflected in my schedule. I immediately knew that I wanted someone of his intellect and passion to come to Washington to work with me to address my priority issues, such as HIV and AIDS. I quickly learned that I did not need to direct Michael.

He directed me, my staff, the country and the world, saving millions of lives in the process. For this, we are all deeply grateful.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual and a pioneering global health advocate, Mr. Michael Taylor Riggs. His invaluable service to the world will live on in the endless legacy of his life's work. I offer my sincerest condolences to his many loved ones, friends and colleagues. He will be deeply missed.

HONORING M. JUANITA SCOTT

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Ms. M. (Mildred) Juanita Scott.

Ms. Scott is the 6th child of 9 to William Scott and Mattie L. Taylor Scott Pace. She was born, raised and currently lives in Sunflower County, Mississippi.

Ms. Scott received her early education at First Church/School Kinlock, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Ratcliff and later attended Sunflower County Baptist Association School under the leadership of Mr. N. A. Brantley, later named Carver Elementary School. She left Carver School in the 7th and graduated from the 8th grade at Magnolia Elementary, in Memphis, Tennessee, under the guidance of Mrs. Harry Mae Simon; attended Booker T. Washington High School, in Memphis, Tennessee, and graduated June 1958 with honors, under the guidance of Blair T. Hunt; attended Coahoma Jr. College and received an AA Degree in Library Science, with honors; she furthered her education at Delta State University, in Cleveland, Mississippi; and earned a special training certificate at Southern University, in Early Childhood Education, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Ms. Scott is one of the first pioneers of Child Development Group of Mississippi (CDGM), in Sunflower County and helped type the proposal for the Association Community of Sunflower County under the Directorship of Mrs. Cora Flemings and Mr. Frank Glover.

Ms. Scott worked with Fannie Lou Hamer helping people to vote in Sunflower County. She also served on the Bi-Racial Committee helping to integrate schools in Indianola. Her home was one of several homes who housed individual Freedom Workers who lived in Indianola. Moreover, Ms. Scott helped to boycott Indianola under the leadership of Willie Spurlock to see that blacks could be hired in banks, department stores and public facilities as cashiers in Indianola. She ended up being jailed because at that time, blacks could not use public library facilities. Authorities removed tables and chairs so blacks could not sit down at the Seymour Henry M. Library Facility.

Ms. Scott is a member of Bethlehem #2 Missionary Baptist Church, where she currently serves as church secretary/treasurer and Sunday school teacher. She is involved in many other activities/organizations like: being the secretary of the Sunflower County chapter of the NAACP; serving as the first black woman chairperson for Sunflower County Democratic Executive Committee; coordinated

President Barack Obama's campaign literature for Sunflower County in 2008 and 2012; served as den mother for over 32 cub scouts, from 1970 to 1985; she is pictured with an article in the book "Life and Death in the Delta" by Kim Lacy Rogers; she is a pioneer Civil Rights Worker in her town, county, and state; is presently employed part-time with the Bolivar County Community Action Agency; and worked 46 years as Administrative Assistant/Finance Department with this agency.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. M. Juanita Scott for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

#### EXPANDED BACKGROUND CHECKS ON GUN PURCHASES

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it has now been six months since the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut—Six full months since Adam Lanza murdered six adults and twenty children in cold blood, devastated a small-town community, and broke millions of hearts all across America. And yet, the families of Newtown who lost loved ones and who are here today—and families all across America—are still waiting for us to act. Still, this House has taken no action.

Even though an overwhelming majority of Americans support background checks, the bipartisan King-Thompson bill to expand background checks on gun purchases, which has 180 co-sponsors, has not received a vote in this House. This is shameful.

Meanwhile, we have the highest rate of gun deaths per year in the industrialized world. 30,000 deaths and almost 75,000 injuries are caused by guns every year. An average of eight children and teens are killed by guns in America, every single day.

What are we waiting for? We have to find ways to move forward in a commonsense and responsible fashion to prevent gun violence in America. This is something the American people overwhelmingly support, and something the American people expect from us as their elected representatives.

In fact, the American people have already waited too long. Six months have gone by since Sandy Hook, and all the while more men, women, and children have been victims of gun violence on our streets and in cities all across the country. Just this week, a gun man killed six people in a shooting spree in Santa Monica.

It is time—now—to pass a stronger, more comprehensive system of criminal background checks for gun purchasers. It is time—now—to make gun trafficking a federal crime. It is time—now—to allow scientific research into how to mitigate gun violence. It is time—now—to ensure better access to quality mental health care for those in need.

There is no good reason for inaction. Not one. We know for a fact that commonsense, responsible policies like these make a difference. In fact, one recent study found that the ten states with the weakest gun laws collectively suffer from a level of gun violence that is more than twice as high than the ten states with the strongest gun laws.

In my state of Connecticut, the Assembly and Governor Malloy have stepped up to the plate, passing a comprehensive gun violence prevention bill that strengthens gun laws throughout our state. We should follow their example. At the very least, these commonsense proposals should get a vote in the House.

The longer we keep waiting, the more innocent victims will die, the more senseless tragedies we will have to endure. It is time to pass the common-sense, constructive measures that help prevent tragedies like Sandy Hook and the thousands of gun deaths we see every year across this country. Six months after Newtown, it is time for this House to show some leadership.

#### RECOGNIZING DON BRUNELL FOR HIS NEARLY 30 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON BUSINESS

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to rise today to recognize my good friend Don C. Brunell, who has been a champion of business in Washington state for nearly 30 years, with an exceptional record of achievement at the Association of Washington Business, the fourth largest state chamber of commerce in the U.S.

Don Brunell came to the Evergreen State in 1978 from his native state of Montana to work in the forest products industry for Crown Zellerbach, combining his love of the outdoors with his interests in politics and business.

In 1981, Don was appointed to the Association of Washington Business Executive Committee and chaired the Association's Natural Resources and Environment Council until, in 1986, Don was appointed vice chairman of government affairs for AWB, and, a year later, president of AWB.

That's how we all know him, as the steady hand and leader of our business community. He has grown the organization from under 1,000 members to what is now the state's largest business advocacy organization with more than 8,000 private employers of all industries and sizes.

Under Don Brunell's 28 years of leadership, the Association of Washington Business has been designated as the state's manufacturing association by the National Association of Manufacturing and is twice recognized by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as an Accredited Chamber with Distinction, and is currently one of just four state chambers "accredited with distinction".

But maybe his most enduring legacy is his extensive work with Washington Business Week and through the Don C. Brunell Scholarship that has helped encourage generations of high school students with an interest in business to achieve their entrepreneurial goals.

In his role as AWB President, Don Brunell has had the honor of working with five Washington governors, including Govs. Gardner, Lowry, Locke, Gregoire and Inslee, as well as the leaderships of Speakers Ehlers, King, Ebersole, Ballard, and Chopp. For hundreds of legislators, Don was the voice of experience,

always looking out to protect our wonderful free enterprise system.

I want to particularly note that each Christmas since 1988, the holidays for many rural families in Washington have been a bit brighter—and the Legislative Building a bit more festive—since Don Brunell founded the Holiday Kids' Tree Program, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for needy families around the state and establishing the community tradition of a tree lighting each December in the state capitol.

Throughout his distinguished career, Don has maintained his strong belief in family, as evidenced by his marriage of 42 years to wife Jeri, children Jennifer, Carey, Erin, Don, Dan and Colleen and his 14 grandchildren; and Don has also remained committed to those serving in the U.S. armed forces, himself a veteran with 23 years of service in the U.S. Army, Montana and Washington Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve as a special forces, infantry and public affairs officer.

It is bittersweet to see such a distinguished career draw to a close, but I must acknowledge Don will retire from AWB in January 2014, making the legislative session that is drawing to a close in Washington state the last one with Don as president of the state's largest and oldest business association.

Future legislators and business leaders should draw inspiration from his steadfastness and dedication to the cause of freedom and free enterprise that was a constant during his long and honorable career.

THE MCCOLLUM AMENDMENT TO  
THE FY14 DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS  
BILL PROHIBITING FUNDS  
FOR CIA LETHAL DRONE  
STRIKES

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, yesterday in the House Appropriations Committee I offered an amendment to the fiscal year 2014 defense appropriations bill regarding lethal drone strikes. The amendment stated:

None of the funds made available by this Act may be used for weapons strikes or lethal action using unmanned aerial vehicles unless conducted by a member of the Armed Forces under the authority provided pursuant to Title 10, United States Code.

The amendment was defeated in committee on a voice vote and my request for a recorded vote was denied by the committee. It is my intention to offer this same amendment on the floor of the House in the coming weeks when the defense appropriations bill is debated by the full House.

My statement (as prepared for delivery in committee) is as follows:

Full Appropriations Committee Statement on the McCollum Amendment:

Mr. Chairman, within the classified portion of this bill hundreds of millions of dollars, perhaps billions, are appropriated for a targeted killing program operated by the Central Intelligence Agency.

The CIA operates a fleet of weaponized drones armed with laser guided Hellfire mis-

siles. They conduct lethal air strikes against targets in Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia. The program's targets are identified terrorists or they are unidentified individuals targeted and killed based on a pattern of behavior.

My amendment places sole responsibility for conducting lethal military action using weaponized drones in the hands of the Department of Defense conducted by members of the Armed Forces under the authority of Title 10 of the U.S. Code.

The CIA's use of drones to conduct surveillance and intelligence gathering in support of Defense Department lethal action continues under my amendment.

Some of our colleagues do not believe that the Pentagon is not up to the task of carrying out this responsibility. I disagree with that.

The Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) is conducting drone strikes now. The Air Force and the Army possess and operate weaponized drones. They operate within a clear chain of command and legal accountability. Lethal military operations using sophisticated weapons systems should be in the hands of the Secretary of Defense and military commanders who are accountable to Congress.

CIA strikes have been effective. Terrorists have been killed. But they are not secret. The whole world knows these are CIA strikes operating on behalf of the American people, without transparency, accountability or oversight.

In fact, CIA Director John Brennan has actually agree with this amendment. During his Senate confirmation hearing he stated, "The CIA should not be doing traditional military activities and operations."

There are costs associated with these targeted killings. Hundreds of innocent civilians have been killed. There are legal questions, human rights concerns, foreign policy implications and ultimately moral issues.

You could dismiss all of these concerns because the program is killing terrorists.

But in the near future, as armed drone technology proliferates, if we dismiss these concerns I can guarantee you that China, Iran, Russia and other nations will also dismiss these concerns when they are capable of conducting targeted killings. Why, because we are setting the example.

If we want other countries to use these technologies responsibly, then we must use them responsibly. What's at stake is our country's moral authority.

The Obama Administration is not leading on this issue of ensuring transparency, accountability and oversight. The president claims these CIA strikes are within "clear guidelines, oversight and accountability" that his administration determined all by itself—without input or even the consideration of Congress.

And Congress has done less. In fact Congress has done nothing except write a black check that allows a paramilitary force of CIA officers and civilian contractors to kill suspected terrorists and anyone else unlucky enough to be in the vicinity—including women and children—using one of the most sophisticated weapons platforms in our military arsenal.

For this Congress and this committee to passively allow the CIA to fire laser guided missiles at human targets in countries in which we are not at war without demanding oversight or accountability is a complete abdication of our sworn obligation to the Constitution and our citizens.

This is not intelligence gathering, these are military operations that should be conducted by our Armed Forces and with direct oversight by Congress.

Our country is at war with Al-Qaeda and its terrorist affiliates. I trust the members of our Armed Forces to do their job, defeat the enemy, and protect our nation. The drone strike program is a military program and Congress should demand that it be conducted within the same legal framework as any other military operation during a time of war.

McCollum statement at the close of debate on the amendment:

It is no surprise the White House opposes this amendment. The executive branch wants to maintain its CIA drone program and its target list without congressional oversight, without transparency or accountability.

It is absolutely appropriate and responsible for this committee to make the Department of Defense solely responsible for military operations using armed drone program. Doing so does not diminish our military capacity, it in fact it strengthens the program with regard to international law and accountability to Congress and the American people.

Right now the CIA is running an assassination program and the world is watching.

Soon China, Russia and Iran will have the same capability and will use the CIA's standard of killing anyone profiled as an enemy.

It is time Congress demands transparency, accountability, and oversight to a program that has killed thousands of people—including innocent civilians.

THANKING GERALD "JERRY" BENNETT  
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Mr. Gerald E. Bennett for over 43 years of outstanding service to the United States House of Representatives.

Jerry is retiring this week as Chief Logistics Officer of Logistics and Support, with more than four decades of House experience. He first started working for the House of Representatives in 1969 as part of a summer employment program under the Office of the Doorkeeper. From folding Member mailings to distributing paychecks, he provided a number of important services. Over the years, he moved up the ranks, holding positions as a Maintenance Supervisor, Assistant Deputy Director, Manager, and Director of Logistics. He then served as Assistant Chief Administrative Officer and Assets, Furnishings, and Logistics Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, before becoming the Chief Logistics Officer of Logistics and Support.

Throughout his career, Jerry's thoughtfulness and positive attitude has earned him the respect and confidence of countless employees. It is not unusual to see Jerry lending a listening ear or providing sound guidance to an employee. His caring and encouraging nature is valued by this institution and its employees.

Jerry has often said that he always felt a powerful sense of purpose and a role in something deeply important. His commitment to



public service extends into his community, where he serves as a deacon in his church, uses his vacation to chaperone youth trips, and donates his time to coaching soccer. His devotion to faith and family is recognizable to all who have had the privilege to know Jerry and work beside him. He attributes much of his success to his wife, Karen, his children, and his eight grandchildren, who have always been fully supportive of his career. Jerry once claimed: "I don't come to work to work. I love what I do."

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I congratulate Jerry on his retirement and thank him for his dedication and outstanding contributions to the institution. I wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

#### HONORING CATHY KIMBROUGH

##### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mrs. Cathy Kimbrough.

Mrs. Kimbrough has served adults and children in numerous capacities. Some of the service areas include: reading instructor, while in Germany; General College reading instructor at Alcorn State University; and self-contained and inclusion teacher in the Attala County School District.

Mrs. Kimbrough has served her community as local president of the Attala County Association of Educators and has also served on the Board of Directors for the Boys' and Girls' Club in Kosciusko/Attala County.

Mrs. Kimbrough is a member of the following organizations: Order of the Eastern Star, National Council of Negro Women, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She is also a member of Pleasant Hill M.B. Church, pastured by Rev. Osie C. Grays.

Mrs. Kimbrough earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Jackson State University. She was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Alpha Beta Alpha Library Science Fraternity.

Mrs. Kimbrough is married to Mr. Henry Kimbrough and has four children: Jerry Jr. (Erica), Essence Crystal (Theodore), Sonja Merrie', and Joyanne' Faith; six grandchildren—Deontrez Jerrick, Jersia, Kamiah, Kayla and Shytianna. She enjoys creating song lyrics, writing poetry, reading and fishing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Cathy Kimbrough for her dedication to serving others in Attala County.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall vote numbers 214, 215, and 216. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote number 214 and "yes" on rollcall vote numbers 215 and 216.

#### RECOGNIZING THE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF JOSEPH CALABRESE, MD

##### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the outstanding accomplishments of Doctor Joseph Calabrese, professor of psychiatry at Case Western Reserve University and director of the Mood Disorders Program at University Hospitals Case Medical Center in Cleveland. Doctor Calabrese recently gained international acclaim when he was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the European Bipolar Forum at its annual meeting in Seville, Spain.

The accolades are well deserved—and I speak from personal experience—because Doctor Calabrese has taken the lead role in a major initiative that I helped launch under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Defense to study the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder on soldiers returning from combat zones. I have watched as Doctor Calabrese, working in concert with doctors at the University of Toledo, has conducted truly groundbreaking research involving combat veterans who suffer from PTSD.

As a member of the Defense Subcommittee of House Appropriations, I have long been concerned about the incidence of suicide among our combat veterans. In communities and families throughout our country, we have seen the devastating impact of PTSD. The ambitious research project by Doctor Calabrese that I have been privileged to support has studied the relationship between PTSD and suicidal ideation among members of the Ohio Army National Guard.

After completing a research fellowship at the National Institute of Mental Health, Doctor Calabrese returned to Cleveland to start the Mood Disorders Program. He also co-directs, along with Doctor Robert Finding, M.D., the NIMH-funded Bipolar Research Center in Cleveland. Doctor Calabrese has been the recipient of no fewer than five federal research grants from the NIMH. The Mood Disorders program at University Hospitals Case Medical Center was designated as a Center of Excellence under Dr. Calabrese's exceptional leadership.

Dr. Calabrese has dedicated his work to the improvement of clinical outcomes in underserved populations of bipolar disorder, including people who receive care at community health centers, children, adults, older adults, those in prison and those currently abusing alcohol or drugs. His research reflects a caring nature and true gift of service.

During the course of his career, Doctor Calabrese has published more than 300 peer-reviewed papers. He is a member of a number of scientific advisory boards and is affiliated with the American Psychiatric Association.

I am proud to support his clinical efforts and his exemplary service to the Cleveland community, our nation, and veterans everywhere. I am pleased to commend Doctor Joseph Calabrese on the occasion of his receipt of the European Bipolar Forum's Lifetime Achievement Award and thank him for his noble work.

#### RECOGNIZING THE SYRACUSE VA MEDICAL CENTER'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 1953-2013

##### HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize the Syracuse VA Medical Center's Diamond Jubilee.

The Syracuse VA Medical Center, Located at 800 Irving Avenue, first opened its doors on June 14th, 1953. For the past 60 years, the medical center has dedicated itself to providing superior care to veterans and their families. Part of VA Healthcare Upstate New York, the Syracuse VA Medical Center provides outpatient support to the greater Central New York area by operating community clinics in Auburn, Binghamton, Cortland, Massena, Oswego, Rome, and Watertown. The staff should be commended for their dedication and commitment to those who have served this nation.

The Syracuse VA Medical Center has been recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs as a Center of Excellence for its Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Polytrauma Programs. Additionally, the center is also the primary referral center for neurosurgery and urological renal stone treatment, which encompasses all of upstate New York and Northern Pennsylvania veterans.

On June 14, 2013, the Syracuse VA Medical Center will formally open their Spine Cord Injury & Disorder Center. This state-of-the-art center provides expanded services that our veterans deserve. The facility will serve veterans across Upstate New York who now travel to New York City or out of state to get spinal cord care. Our veterans deserve the best care this nation has to offer, and with the six-floor addition, the Syracuse VA Medical Center will continue to do just that.

To mark this special occasion, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki will be present to deliver the keynote speech for the occasion. It is truly an honor to have Secretary Shinseki present to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing the Syracuse VA Medical Center's Diamond Jubilee event, and wish the center many more years of continued growth and success in its service of the veteran community of Central New York.

#### HONORING DAN SPENCER FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE "MUMMERS HALL OF FAME"

##### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dan Spencer for his immense contributions to the string band community in South Jersey. For the past forty-one years, Mr. Spencer has diligently served as an active leader and has promoted success in numerous string band and mummery associations across New Jersey.



Mummery traces its routes to the countless cultures brought to America by European immigrants. Mummies, as the performers are called, dress in elaborate costumes and perform choreographed musical numbers largely on brass and string instruments. The city of Philadelphia and the surrounding region has a vibrant history of mummery stretching back to colonial times. Today, this tradition is kept alive and showcased every New Year's Day in Philadelphia, an event that has happened every year for over a century.

Mr. Spencer became the Drill Master of Garden State String Band in 1981 and later led the band for six years. During his time with the Garden State String Band, Mr. Spencer helped the band receive their best drill points earning them 2nd prize.

Mr. Spencer united the string band communities of Pennsylvania and New Jersey as a delegate and later the first secretary of the Penn Jersey String Band Association. He also played a vital role in string band parades. Mr. Spencer revamped the Gloucester City String Band Parade by narrating the events as emcee and television correspondent. In 1989, he was nominated to organize the New Year's Day Parade as Director.

After his time as Master of Garden State String Band, he became a drummer in the Ferko String Band. He continued to prove his leadership skills serving as Director, Secretary, and Vice President for seven years, and later became President of the Ferko String Band. Mr. Spencer has dedicated forty-one years of his life to string bands and mummery in the greater South Jersey area. On April 6th, 2013, he was inducted into the Mummies Hall of Fame due to his outstanding efforts to promote and produce activities incorporating string band entertainment.

Mr. Speaker, the commitment of Mr. Spencer to the string band community should not go unrecognized. I join all of South Jersey in expressing our gratitude for Dan Spencer as he celebrates his induction into the Mummies Hall of Fame.

#### HONORING MARGARET HILLMAN-BRYANT

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a decent and authentic woman, Ms. Margaret Hillman-Bryant. Ms. Bryant has shown what can be done through dedication and a desire to serve others.

Ms. Margaret Hillman-Bryant is a lifelong resident of Yazoo City, Mississippi. She was born April 19, 1960 to Cethel Maples and Eddie Hillman Jr. She graduated from Yazoo City High School in 1978. After high school she attended Holmes Jr. Community College from 1978–1980.

Ms. Hillman-Bryant is the mother of three children: Nikini, Clifton and Yolanda and she is raising four of her grand children: De'Onne, Maia, Wanya and Yakaria.

Ms. Hillman-Bryant has worked for the State of Mississippi for almost twenty years. Currently, she is employed with the Mississippi Department of Human Services. Before going to work for the MS Department of Human

Services she worked at the MS Department of Public Safety from November 1993 to February 2006.

Ms. Hillman-Bryant is also a member of New Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church where she serves as assistant to the youth department, program guide assistant and church secretary.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Margaret Hillman-Bryant for her dedication to serving others

#### IN RECOGNITION OF KADVA PATIDAR SAMAJ 8TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

#### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the members, attendees and supporters of Kadva Patidar Samaj 8th National Convention, which will take place on Friday, June 14, 2013 through Sunday, June 16, 2013 at Shree Umiya Mataji Mandir, located at 4770 Raley Road in Macon, Georgia.

A Hindu place of worship and prayer, Shree Umiya Mataji Mandir, Kadva Patidar Samaj was established in Macon, Georgia in 2003. The first established Shree Umiya Mataji Mandir in the United States, the facility spans 32 acres and includes a 45,000 square foot cultural hall and temple. The temple was inaugurated on June 15, 2003. Approximately 5,000 people attended the grand opening of the temple held on June 13, 2003 to June 15, 2003.

There are many legends and theories that attempt to explain the history of Kadva Patidars. According to the most credible theory, the roots of Kadva Patidars go all the way back to the origin of Hindus. Called Aryans at the time, they worshipped life-sustaining elements such as the sun, wind, fire and rain. The Aryans migrated to India from the Pamir region on the Ayu River in central Asia, which is present-day Azerbaijan. They settled in the plains of a big river that they named "Sindhu", which means "big like an ocean," and over time, fully integrated with the natives living there. Between B.C. 7000 and B.C. 2000, the Sindhu Valley Civilization, also known as the Indus Valley or Harappan Civilization, was established. Covering 400,000 square miles from Kashmir in the north to the Godavari River in the South and from Delhi in the east to the Arabian Sea in the west, the Sindhu Valley Civilization was the largest known ancient civilization and a very advanced one thriving on agriculture, commerce, engineering and social amenities.

Over the years, some of the descendants of the Sindhu Valley Civilization spread to what is present-day Gujarat and Saurashtra and became known as Kadva Patidars.

The Kadva Patidar Samaj 8th National Convention is expecting about 5,000 attendees this year. Over the course of three days, participants will engage in social, cultural, educational and matrimonial events. Several dignitaries and political leaders from India have also been invited.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the members and supporters of Shree Umiya Mataji Mandir and the Kadva Patidar Samaj 8th National Convention.

I am proud that while the Hindu community of Middle Georgia is becoming more intricately woven into the fabric of our American tapestry, they are also coming together in observation and celebration of their vibrant culture, religion and values.

#### CELEBRATING DR. CARROLL ESTES ON HER 75TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleague Representative MIKE THOMPSON to recognize Dr. Carroll L. Estes, PhD, on the occasion of her 75th birthday on May 30, 2013. Dr. Estes's many contributions as a distinguished scholar, inspiring teacher, influential policy advisor, institution builder, and advocate for the most vulnerable in our community have benefitted many community members throughout the Second Congressional District, the State of California, and the Nation.

Over her 40 year career, Dr. Estes has been passionately devoted to improving the health and economic security of vulnerable and underserved populations, with special concern for women, older persons, and ethnic and racial minorities. Through research, teaching, and public service, she has steadfastly worked to advance the public good and the interests of America's most powerless and disenfranchised populations. Fittingly, Dr. Estes was recently honored at a symposium celebrating her 40 years of policy research and leadership in health and aging.

Dr. Estes's service extends far beyond academia. She is a long-time member of many advocacy organizations, including the Gray Panthers, Responsible Wealth, and the Older Women's League. In 2006, Dr. Estes received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, where she is currently vice chair. She is also a current member of the Sonoma County Council on Aging.

Please join us in expressing deep appreciation to Dr. Carroll Estes for her long and impressive career, and her exceptional record of service.

#### IN MEMORY OF POLOSKO-KUMANOVSKI METROPOLITAN KIRIL OF THE MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

#### HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Polosko-Kumanovski Metropolitan Kiril of the Macedonian Orthodox Church. His recent passing is a great loss for Macedonia, the entire Macedonian Orthodox Church and its followers, particularly those from the Polog/Tetovo region of Macedonia.

I had the privilege of meeting Bishop Kiril and can attest to the strength of his conviction as a member of the Macedonian Orthodox faith as well as his firm and unwavering commitment to the moral betterment of the Macedonian people. Bishop Kiril was a true advocate of both the Macedonian Orthodox Church

and the people of the Macedonian heritage worldwide and was instrumental in the development and growth of our Southeast Michigan Macedonian community.

Bishop Kiril played an integral role in resurrecting the Macedonian Orthodox Church—Ohrid Archbishopric, after two hundred years since its abolishment by the Ottoman Sultan, upon returning to Macedonia in 1967 after attending the Moscow Theological Academy. He was the only surviving signatory of the autocephalous declaration and a leading advocate for the establishment of an independent Republic of Macedonia.

Bishop Kiril founded both the American-Canadian and Australian Macedonian Orthodox Dioceses and served as a central administrator in each until 1987 and 1982 respectively. As a result of his steadfast leadership and resonant influence, Bishop Kiril catalyzed an international expansion of the Macedonian Orthodox faith throughout the course of his lifetime. The breadth of his legacy is confirmed in the more than fifteen cities in the world where he has been declared an honorary citizen.

Once again, I offer my deepest condolences for the passing of Bishop Kiril. His presence in the Macedonian Orthodox Church is irreplaceable and his manifold contributions to the people of Macedonia and Macedonians abroad, including in my district in Sterling Heights, Michigan, are of lasting value and cornerstone importance. I will cherish my acquaintance with Bishop Kiril, and am truly grateful for his years of service to his Macedonian Orthodox faith and people.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. CAROL SHEA-PORTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I will be absent from The House of Representatives on Thursday, June 13th, and Friday, June 14th, due to the wedding of one of my children. If I could vote, I would vote in favor of The National Defense Authorization Bill.

#### HONORING DARRIN D. ALLEN

##### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable civil servant, Mr. Darrin D. Allen.

Mr. Allen started his career in law enforcement with the Belzoni Police Department in 1997 under the administration of former Police Chief, Steve Bingham. He attended the Mississippi Delta Community College (MDCC) Law Enforcement Training Academy in Moorhead, Mississippi, in 1998. Upon completion, he worked for five years with the City of Belzoni.

In 2003, Mr. Allen moved to Clarksdale, Mississippi, and assumed a position as patrolman/SWAT with the City of Clarksdale. In 2005, he returned to Humphreys County and was employed with the Humphreys County

Sheriffs Department under the administration of former Sheriff, Wayne Holloway.

In 2008, Deputy Darrin Allen was promoted to Captain under the leadership of the current Sheriff, J.D. "Bubba" Roseman. Captain Allen has received numerous awards to include, "Officer of the Year" in 2009, for heroism during a fatal domestic confrontation in which his quick action saved the life of another upon apprehending the suspect.

Captain Allen also serves as a member of the Force Protection Unit under the direction of the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security and Special Response Team (SRT) with the North Central Narcotic Task Force. His official capacity as Captain is comprised of many responsibilities including but not limited to: performing second-level management to direct, assign and supervise subordinate officers and personnel; having the authority to give oral and written reprimands to its officers and personnel; providing assistance to the Chief Deputy in the formulation of policies and goals for the Sheriffs Department; evaluating the performance of subordinate officers/personnel and recommending appropriate action to the Chief Deputy; attends and/or conducts staff meetings along with in-house training sessions; and Supervise the development of the Departmental training program.

Captain Allen is definitely a man with a lot of heart. He shows a great deal of passion for the department and the community he works for. He is very modest when it comes to achieving merits for a profession that can be extremely demanding. Captain Allen has molded himself with the four D's: drive, determination, discipline and dedication. All of which are required in an occupation that can go from harmless to hurtful in a matter of seconds.

Captain Allen is dedicated to a job that requires him to put his life on the line daily for the citizens of our community. His family at the Humphreys County Sheriffs Department likes to call him their HERO, not for his bravery or heroics shown during the February 6, 2009 shocking incident involving the fatal death of one home-health nurse and the saving of a life of another nurse, but because of his Humane and Eminent Rationalization of Observation that took place to obscure a perpetually dangerous situation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain Darrin D. Allen for his dedication to serving others and giving back to his community.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. JOSEPH S. FRANCISCO

##### HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Joseph S. Francisco, the William E. Moore Distinguished Professor of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences and Chemistry at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Dr. Francisco, who also is the associate dean of research and graduate education for the College of Science at Purdue, will be inducted into the National Academy of Science next April in recognition of his distinguished and continuing achievements in original, pioneering research. His research has revolution-

ized the understanding of chemical processes in the atmosphere and its ability to break down and remove pollutants. He solved a 40-year search for an unusual molecule essential to the atmosphere's ability to break down nitric acid, a compound that causes acid rain. He also mapped the atmospheric breakdown of chlorofluorocarbons, chemical compounds that destroy the Earth's ozone layer, and leads research into the design of environmentally benign materials to replace these compounds.

His recent work focuses on understanding the effect of water on fundamental chemical reactions in the atmosphere. Dr. Francisco discovered that clouds significantly affect levels of important atmospheric free radicals and identified a new type of chemical bonding, radical-hydrogen bonding.

Dr. Francisco is a past president of the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society, and served as president of the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious honorary societies, and is a fellow of the American Physical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Chemical Society. He has received four honorary doctorates from other universities.

President Barack Obama appointed Dr. Francisco as a member of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science in 2010 and reappointed him this year. This committee is responsible for evaluating nominees and selecting recipients of the National Medal of Science, the highest honor awarded by the U.S. government to scientists, engineers and innovators. He also currently serves on the National Research Council Board of Science Education. Dr. Francisco co-authored the textbook "Chemical Kinetics and Dynamics," published by Prentice-Hall, and has published more than 450 peer-reviewed publications in the fields of atmospheric chemistry, chemical kinetics, quantum chemistry, laser photochemistry and spectroscopy. He becomes only the second African-American inducted into the academy from the field of chemistry.

In light of this career accomplishment, I ask the 4th District and all Hoosiers to join me in congratulating Dr. Francisco for this great honor and achievement.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

##### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 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 \$16,738,704,836,178.59. We've added \$6,111,827,787,265.51 to our debt in 4 and a half years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, I missed the following votes:

H.R. 251—South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act, had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 212.

H.R. 1157—Rattlesnake Mountain Public Access Act, had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 213.

RE: H. AMDT. 89 TO H.R. 2216 AND  
H. AMDT. 124 TO H.R. 2217

**HON. ALAN GRAYSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I introduced the amendments in the Veterans-Military Construction and Homeland Security appropriations bills that forbid contracting with offerors who have been indicted for, or convicted of, fraud or similar egregious acts, all of which establish a categorical, unequivocal and definitive lack of present responsibility. The intent of Congress with regard to these provisions, and other such provisions, is as follows: These provisions are to be construed broadly, not only for the sake of ensuring confidence in government contracting, but also to protect the public fisc. No exceptions of any kind are intended.

The terms "embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property" and other such terms in these provisions are intended to be construed as broadly as possible. They extend to any offense that refers or relates to such offenses, whether Federal, State, county, municipal or tribal.

The term "offeror" includes all affiliates of any kind, including but not limited to parent companies, sister companies, subsidiaries and commonly controlled entities. The term is to be construed broadly.

To the extent feasible, this prohibition extends to the exercise of contract options in contracts that have already been awarded, and to contract modifications that increase or may increase contract price or cost.

It is the sense of Congress that these provisions, specifically including the prohibition on contract awards to indicted contractors, comport with due process and all other constitutional standards. Among other reasons, this is because of the due process protections preceding an indictment, the opportunity to challenge an indictment immediately in court, and both constitutional and statutory rights to a speedy trial. No contractor should have standing to challenge this prohibition based on an indictment without first exhausting legal challenges to the indictment. An indicted contractor that fails to exploit any provision providing for a speedy trial waives the right to challenge this prohibition.

If an offeror should make the certification in question but fails to do so, or an offeror falsely

certifies, then any resulting contract has been procured by fraud, and no future payments thereunder are permitted, and all past payments constitute false claims, regardless of whether any work has been done or deliverables accepted. A false certification shall be actionable under Section 1001 of the U.S. Criminal Code, and other applicable law, and any resulting indictment or conviction shall qualify for the prohibition within these provisions. Any request for payment under a resulting contract shall qualify as both a criminal false claim and a civil false claim.

**HONORING BERNARD COTTON****HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a plausible and apt man, Mr. Bernard Cotton. He has shown what can be done through tenacity, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Mr. Bernard Cotton is a native of Warren County and resides in Vicksburg, Mississippi. He served in the educational arena for 33 years.

Mr. Cotton earned his Associate Degree in Chemistry from Mary Holmes Junior College, West Point, MS in 1963. Mr. Cotton served in the United States Military from January, 1966 to January, 1968, during the Vietnam Era. In 1969 he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Alcorn State University; in 1971 he earned his Master's in Political Science from Western Illinois University; and lastly in 1978 earned his Doctorate in Political Science from Washington State University. During his tenure at Alcorn State University, Mr. Cotton served: in the capacity of Retired Professor Emeritus of Political Science (2002); Interim Dean, School of Arts and Science (2000–2002); Professor of Political Science (1993–2002); Pre Law Advisor (1985–2000); Associate Professor of Political Science (1985–1993); Acting Chair, Department of Social Science (1980–1985); Assistant Professor of Political Science (1978–1983); and Instructor of Social Science (1971–1974). Mr. Cotton has also held several other positions within the education arena such as: Director of Bicentennial Workshop; Graduate Assistant in the Political Science Department; Associate Director for the Black Studies Program at Washington State University in Pullman, WA (1974–1978); and Graduate Assistant in the Political Science Department at Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL (1969–1971).

Mr. Cotton is a member of numerous professional and social organizations. He is married and to that union they have two sons. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Bernard Cotton for his passion and dedication to education and desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
FULLER GT MAGNET ELEMEN-  
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**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fuller Gifted and Talented Magnet Elementary School of Raleigh, North Carolina, on its 50th anniversary and for its strong tradition of excellence.

Fuller Magnet Elementary first opened in 1962 with 200 African-American students. Today, 50 years later, Fuller serves 600 students from many different backgrounds and cultures around the world.

Since its founding, Fuller has embraced the philosophy that each child should be challenged at his or her own intellectual level and be provided with opportunities for success each day. Fuller integrates two magnet programs into its instruction, offering the Gifted and Talented Program along with the Academically Gifted Basics program. Fuller also benefits from strong community ties, including a partnership with North Carolina State University in both academic and leadership initiatives.

I commend Fuller on its strong academic and instructional program. The school has set high expectations for students, parents, and teachers alike, and it has also looked at the whole of the student's education, teaching social responsibility and character development in addition to academics. Parental support, talented and committed teachers, and a positive school climate are the foundation of a successful educational community, and Fuller Elementary is abundant in all three. Fuller has been a valuable asset to the Raleigh community these past fifty years, investing in young people and equipping them with the skills and education they need to become the leaders of the future.

The Triangle is considered as one of the best places in the nation to live, work and raise a family, and Fuller Gifted and Talented Magnet Elementary School is one of the many excellent schools that contributes to that reputation. I hope that its 50th anniversary celebration is a time of reflection on the history of the school and of rededication to excellence and community betterment.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014**

SPEECH OF

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1960) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of the men and women in uniform who have been faced

with sexual assault while serving in the military. According to the Defense Department's own estimates, roughly 26,000 individuals in our military will be sexually assaulted each year. Worse yet, only a small fraction of these victims will find the courage to come forward to report these incidents, all of whom must then possibly face sizeable retaliation or anemic prosecution.

Currently, sex-related crimes are subject to a traditional military chain of command, where a commander essentially has complete authority and control over the discovery process. This creates an opportunity for military commanders to protect perpetrators and even punish victims for speaking out.

Today, as the House begins consideration of amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act, I applaud the efforts of Representative JACKIE SPEIER and other House Democrats to drastically alter the way that military sexual assaults are addressed. Representative SPEIER's amendment, which was rejected by House Republicans without debate, would have given prosecutorial discretion to the impartial Office of the Chief Prosecutor, limiting any opportunities for wrongdoing during this critical phase in the judicial process. Until consistent and effective processes are established to carefully consider any wrongdoing, members of our armed forces will continue to struggle with the shameful reality of widespread sexual assault throughout the military ranks.

Mr. Chair, mechanisms within the military structure must be implemented in force if we are to send the powerful message to these perpetrators that sexual assault will not be tolerated under any circumstances. We must stand behind our men and women in uniform, and provide them with the assurances that their voices will be heard, and that they will no longer have to live in fear of losing their livelihood in the process.

TRIBUTE TO ALFONSO "AL"  
STUDESVILLE, JR. AND HIS  
WIFE, JANET STUDESVILLE

**HON. MARK POCAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to two very special community leaders in Madison, Wisconsin.

Alfonso "Al" Studesville, Jr., and his wife, Janet Studesville, were killed in a tragic automobile accident on June 4th. The space they left behind will be incredibly difficult to fill.

Al devoted himself to community service and activism. He was larger than life—with a deep voice, rich laugh, and kind personality, Al touched the lives of many.

Born on January 9, 1946, in St. Louis, Missouri, Al made his life-long home in Madison, Wisconsin. A graduate of UW Madison, Al worked at Madison Light and Power (now known as Alliant Energy) for 18 years. He and Jan owned and operated a studio, Just Nails, and a training school, Just Nails Training Center, in Fitchburg, WI. After leaving Madison Light and Power, Al became a Student Services Career Counselor for Madison College, specializing as the Black Student Union Advisor and Minority Recruiter. Al also taught at Madison East High School for nine years.

Changing lives was a priority for Al. A member of the Jr. NAACP at the age of 12, Al participated in civil rights demonstrations through Dr. King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He continued his devotion to the African American community throughout his life. From leading what would become known as the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County to his involvement in local agencies such as the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute and the Urban League of Greater Madison, Al leaves behind a legacy of minority outreach and community involvement that cannot be overstated.

One of his crowning achievements was his critical role in founding the Madison chapter of 100 Black Men of America in 1984. Through 100 Black Men of Madison, Al helped establish an organization that area youth—especially young black men—could look to for leadership and guidance. By providing opportunities for health and wellness education, access to economic development programs, and involved mentorship, Al and the other members of 100 Black Men of Madison touched the lives of countless young men in our communities. Madison owes Al a debt of gratitude for starting this organization. His involvement proves that activism, dedication and compassion can have deep impacts in our community.

It was the combination of his inexhaustible drive to help others and his kindness, approachability and modesty that made him such an effective leader. It is one thing to lead by example alone, and quite another to take one's own life lessons and apply them directly to those in need.

Leader, mentor, confidant, father, husband; Al was all these things and more. He gave to our community, and though he never asked for anything in return, I suspect seeing the impact of his work on the lives of others served as just fulfillment.

Jan was no less involved in the community than Al. She ran their nail salon and training school that they owned jointly. She also worked as vice president for Women in Focus, a group that mentors minority students to increase literacy. The program provides \$2,000 scholarships to 13 students annually.

One of Al's favorite phrases was, "I will match energy with energy." And while the tragic loss of these two community activists is still fresh in the minds of those who knew them best, it is important to remember that Al's and Jan's energy is still here. Every person whose life they touched was enriched by that energy. And those recipients will in turn pay it forward to others. The duty falls to us now to pick up their mantle of advocacy, outreach, and kindness, and give our collective energy to those who need it most.

As a community, we will match your energy, Al and Jan. We have your memories and life's work to guide us along the way.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN JOHN  
DINGELL

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my congratulations to Representative JOHN DINGELL for his remarkable career and service to our country.

Last week, he celebrated an accomplishment that—like Joe DiMaggio's hitting streak—is likely never to be broken. Last week, JOHN DINGELL served his 21,000 day in the House of Representatives—and he is now the longest-serving member in the history of Congress. Not one of us in the House today has served a single day without having JOHN DINGELL as a colleague.

His influence goes far beyond his longevity. When I came to Congress in 1999, my goal was to join the Energy and Commerce Committee, a committee that JOHN DINGELL chaired, shaped and made into a powerful force. He has helped to enact some of the most important laws of our time—from the Civil Rights Act to the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts to Medicare and the Affordable Care Act. He is a champion of working people and a believer in the American Dream—creating opportunity for all.

Countless members of Congress have learned valuable lessons from JOHN DINGELL. One of the most valuable lessons I learned from Congressman DINGELL was how to question witnesses appearing before the Committee. He fights tirelessly to represent his district and his constituents. He has mentored generations of high-quality and devoted staffers. He has taught us that our job is not just about legislating, but about oversight—and he is known for his skills in both areas. His efforts have helped millions and have resulted in a more effective and accountable government for the American people.

I am grateful to have JOHN DINGELL as a friend and a colleague. I congratulate him on all that he has accomplished, and I wish him and his extraordinary wife Deborah all the best as he continues to serve the 12th Congressional District of Michigan and the nation.

HONORING ANDREA RUCKER

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a resourceful and ambitious woman, Ms. Andrea Rucker. She has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Ms. Rucker is the daughter of Myrtis Rucker of Yazoo City and Otis Rucker of Winston-Salem, N. C.

Ms. Rucker graduated from Yazoo City High School in the class of 2004 with honors and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Special Education from Jackson State University in 2008, graduating Summa Cum Laude. After beginning her career as an Inclusion Teacher in the Yazoo County School District, Ms. Rucker earned a Master of Education in Elementary Education from Mississippi College in 2010, where she also graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Ms. Rucker is a Special Education Teacher at Bentonia Gibbs Elementary in the Yazoo County School District. She has taught for four years in the district and also served one year in the Plano Independent School District in Plano, TX. She recently earned the honor of being named Bentonia Gibbs Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Rucker is an active member of St. Stephen UMC in Yazoo City where she works as

a youth leader and communion stewardess. Andrea is also a member of the Yazoo City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta and appreciates the opportunity to have a positive impact on the community through activities sponsored by the sorority.

Ms. Rucker's philosophy on teaching can be drawn from Romans 12:6–9 which speaks of a variety of gifts that may be given to each of us. She believes that if one has been given the gift to teach, that person must teach well.

Having had countless examples of top notched, no-nonsense educators, including her mother, Ms. Rucker strives every day to teach well while remembering this quote from Henri Frédéric Amiel which states, "The highest function of the teacher consists not so much in imparting knowledge as in stimulating the pupil in its love and pursuit."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Andrea Rucker for her dedication to her community.

**CONGRATULATING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RODRIGO COUNCIL, NO. 44 ON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR 125TH ANNIVERSARY**

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, It gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many who have gathered this evening in celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Rodrigo Council, No. 44—one of the original Councils of the Knights of Columbus. Described as the "strong right arm of the Church," Councils have long been an extension not only of the fraternal order, but of the Catholic Church as well. Today, Rodrigo Council focuses its effort in service of the needs of St. Bernadette's Church, St. Bernadette School, the parishioners, the local community and charitable organizations across the country.

As you may know, the Knights of Columbus was formed when a group of men, called together by Father Michael J. McGivney in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, vowed to defend their country, their families, and their faith. With strength in solidarity, security in their unity of purpose, and devotion to their cause, the Knights of Columbus has grown into the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization.

Just a few short years following the establishment of the Knights, membership had grown at such a rate that additional Councils were established. On June 6, 1888 the Rodrigo Council No. 44 was established. Welcoming any man, aged eighteen or older, of Catholic faith, this Live Council continues to thrive today. In addition to their support of St. Bernadette's and the parish school, members dedicate much of their time to raising funds to support social and civic services throughout the community. Just this year alone their annual banquet will benefit Mount St. John's, a residential treatment facility for at-risk young men; Emergency Shelter Services, a shelter for homeless men; The Camp, a summer camp for inner-city youth in New Haven; Life Haven, a temporary shelter for homeless preg-

nant women and women with children; Farnam Neighborhood House, a thriving multi-service neighborhood center which provides a continuum of services for people of all ages; and a local family in need of financial assistance because of an illness.

The strength of any community lies within the willingness of its members to make a difference. Over the course of its 125-year history, the members of Rodrigo Council No. 44 have exemplified community service. Through their faith and their commitment, they have enriched the lives of others and made our community a better place for our families to live, learn, and grow. Today, as they celebrate their 125th Anniversary—a remarkable milestone by any measure—I am honored to stand today and extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to their members, past and present, for their invaluable contributions. They have set a standard of service to which we should all strive.

**CONGRATULATING SCRIPP'S NATIONAL SPELLING BEE SEMI-FINALIST, ALIA ABIAD**

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Alia Abiad, who recently participated in the Scripp's National Spelling Bee.

Alia Abiad is a 7th Grader from McClure Junior High School, and a resident of my hometown of Western Springs, IL. In addition to being a skilled tennis player and violinist for the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra, her recent performances in local and national Spelling Bees have demonstrated that she is a driven, exemplary student.

Alia diligently practices her spelling independently and with her parents every day. She also gains her edge by reading books intended for an audience well beyond her age.

Alia initially won the title of best speller at McClure Junior High, and then went on to win the Cook County Spelling Bee. In these competitions, she maintained a perfect record, spelling every word correctly.

Most recently, she competed alongside 280 of America's top spellers in the Scripp's National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC. She advanced to the semi-finals, correctly spelling 'peccadillo,' 'quiddity,' and 'hypnopompic,' before her run ended.

Alia's achievements are a reminder of how preparation, practice, and perseverance produce solid results, even when facing difficult challenges. I call on all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Alia Abiad, and her parents, for her tremendous accomplishments, and her commendable performance in the Scripp's National Spelling Bee.

**THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEST VIRGINIA'S CASS SCENIC RAILROAD STATE PARK**

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, this month marks the 50th Anniversary of West Virginia's

Cass Scenic Railroad State Park. Anyone who has ridden the eleven miles of rail in this unique concept for a park in my home State can attest to its instant attraction and appeal on so many fronts. Bundled in those few short miles are a multifaceted story of industrial might and hardworking souls that combined to make a significant contribution to the Nation's logging and lumber history. Rail enthusiasts will enjoy historical steam powered locomotives, a switchback track system to assist the trains in conquering steep elevations, and the remaining vestiges of past equipment used along the rail. Everyone will enjoy the scenic bliss and wonder of the natural beauty in which this relatively small short line, but prospering railroad is nestled in Pocahontas County.

What began with lots of hope, but little publicity, drew an extraordinary maiden seasonal crowd of 23,000 interested visitors fifty years ago to this majestic mountain and manmade wonder. Set in the midst of the State of West Virginia's Centennial year of celebration, skepticism surrounded future success.

However, since those early days, Cass has not only endured, it has prevailed as a magnet for the region's economy. Many heads, hands and hearts have been instrumental in the growth Cass has enjoyed over the last five decades.

First and foremost, there is a small contingent of dedicated and experienced Cass employees who deserve several trainloads of thanks for keeping the trains moving up and down the mountain. They are a talented bunch. Faced with broken or worn out train parts, parts not stocked nor even manufactured in decades, they set about the task at hand. Applying their honed skills and sheer ingenuity, without benefit of blueprints or plans, for 50 years day in and day out, they have kept history alive.

Perhaps no more enthusiastic group of individuals has devoted greater labors of love than the members of the Mountain State Railroad & Logging Historical Association. From sizeable restoration projects to tender loving care of collective memories of life in yesteryear, these essential partners are key to Cass's lifeblood. Operating Railfan Weekend each spring, the crew draws from the deep roots that extend from its debut weekend in 1965, but with every new year, they offer visitors something new and unique to reward their trek. And, certainly, they play a more than significant role in keeping the ever evolving horizon of West Virginia's most unique state park on track.

Mr. Speaker, I offer hearty congratulations to all those who have and are taking part in a fifty year journey that continues to gather steam and glory to celebrate an important chapter in our country's past. May the lessons preserved from our past continue to help guide our next half century. And may the chorus of Cass's steam whistles always sound a welcoming note for the Nation to pay Cass Scenic Railroad a visit.

HONORING WASHINGTON STATE  
TROOPER SEAN O'CONNELL

**HON. DAVID G. REICHERT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Washington State Trooper Sean O'Connell. Trooper O'Connell was respected by both community and colleagues, and deeply loved by his family and friends. His life was cut tragically short when he was struck by a truck while redirecting traffic on his motorcycle near the site of the 1–5 bridge collapse. He was 38 years old and left behind a wife and a young son and daughter.

His memorial service, held last Thursday, was attended by thousands. Officers and troopers came from across the United States and even Canada to honor him. Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste called Trooper O'Connell a "tremendous human being" who "exemplified service with humility." This husband, father, and friend cannot be replaced, but his sacrifice will always be remembered and his legacy of compassion and service will live on after him. He is gone but not forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Trooper Sean O'Connell, badge 1076, and I thank him for all he gave back to the people of Washington State.

HONORING DIANNE J. TAYLOR

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Dianne J. Taylor, an employee of the Mississippi Department of Human Services for over twenty years.

The opportunity to become a civil servant of any branch of the government is a great privilege to be able to serve the American people. Dianne graduated from Troy State University in 1993 with her B.S. Degree in Resource Management and shortly afterwards she began her career with the Mississippi Department of Human Services in that same year.

In an effort to build upon her academic training and hands on learning within the agency, Dianne returned to school and received her MBA from Delta State University in 2004. During this entire time, she maintained her employment as a case manager in Tallahatchie County where she administers the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. This program is designed to help single parents become self-sufficient so that they can transition off of public assistance.

Dianne has all intentions of retiring as a civil servant employee, realizing the opportunity given to her twenty years ago has been not only more than a privilege but rewarding by allowing her to help others in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Dianne J. Taylor for her longevity and dedication to helping others as an employee of the Mississippi Department of Health and Human Services.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT  
OF JOHN RECORDS

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Records, who is transitioning from his position as Executive Director of the Committee on the Shelterless (COTS) after 21 years of tireless work providing services for the homeless and at-risk in Petaluma, California.

Since he joined the staff of COTS in 1998, John has provided the vision and management that has enabled COTS to serve more than 20,000 people with a wide range of services, including food, shelter, counseling and career coaching.

John is a national leader in taking a comprehensive approach to ending and preventing homelessness by providing services for the whole person. Through a partnership with the University of New York at Albany School of Social Welfare, John has enabled organizations across the country to learn from the COTS approach to serving its customers.

John has helped make Petaluma a welcoming community that supports its residents throughout times of need and crisis.

The residents of California's Second District are better off today thanks to the work of John Records. As he moves on, I want to express my deep appreciation for his dedication and contributions to the people of Sonoma County, and convey my best wishes for a long and happy future.

IN HONOR OF MILLER COUNTY  
SHERIFF H.E. "BUDDY" GLASS

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a great man and outstanding Sheriff of Miller County, Georgia, H.E. "Buddy" Glass. Sadly, Sheriff Glass passed away on June 8, 2013. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Colquitt, Georgia.

Since he was elected in 1996, Sheriff Glass has served the citizens of Miller County, Georgia with devotion and distinction. Elected to a fifth term last year as chief law enforcement officer responsible for patrolling and responding to calls within the 284 square mile area of Miller County with a population of over 6,000 people, Sheriff Glass has proven to be a strong and revered leader. A great number of challenges come with a position of this caliber, exacerbated by the fact that much of this rural Southwest Georgia County is composed of unpaved roads and farmland. Sheriff Glass handled these challenges with efficiency and success.

Sheriff Glass was employed with the Miller County Sheriff's Office for more than 31 years. As Sheriff, he spearheaded the inmate work program, which has saved thousands of taxpayer dollars in garbage collection, land-

scaping efforts, and assistance with public functions in the city. He also oversaw the Miller County Operation Pill Drop, a program where citizens of the county turn in unwanted and unneeded prescription medications to keep them from falling into the wrong hands. In addition, Sheriff Glass approved an initiative to have the trustees of the Miller County Jail help distribute food from the local food bank.

In 2008, the Georgia Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, an agency of the Department of Defense, honored the Miller County Sheriff's Office with an "Above and Beyond" award in recognition of the Office's outstanding support of its employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

Maya Angelou once said, "A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies." Sheriff Glass is undoubtedly great because of his distinguished service to his community, devotion to his work, and the compassion he showed for his friends and loved ones.

Sheriff Glass is survived by his wife, Rita; children, Bo, Steven, Robert, Wendy, Danielle and Linda; one sister, Myrtle; and twelve grandchildren. He was a member of Flat Creek Baptist Church in Colquitt, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Sheriff H.E. "Buddy" Glass and his legacy of service to Miller County, Georgia. He loved the people of Miller County and he was committed to making that community safer to live in and to improving the quality of life. He will truly be missed.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
WILLIAM ZURKEY FROM AVON  
LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in order to recognize Mr. William G. Zurkey who has recently retired after thirty-six years as a music teacher, the last twenty-six which have been at Avon Lake High School in Avon Lake, Ohio. Having spent his career in education and inspiring our youth, I am beyond privileged to celebrate his career.

William Zurkey holds a bachelor of Music Education from Bowling Green State University, a Master's degree in Music from Cleveland State University, and has completed course work in his doctoral studies at Kent State University. His impressive academic résumé is indicative of the immense skill and dedication William brought to his job.

The communities of Avon Lake, Ohio and Cleveland, Ohio know William for being a superior director and musical mind. Over the years, his high school chorales have received numerous awards, garnered state-wide, national and international recognition, and have been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City three times. In addition to his high school duties, William has served as an adjunct Faculty of Music Education at the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music in Oberlin, Ohio where he directed the Women's Chorale. He has also worked with chorales at the Baldwin-Wallace College Conservatory of Music in Berea, Ohio.

William's passions for music and mentoring community youth led to involvements outside of the classroom as well. He coached football at multiple levels, most recently as the head coach of the 8th Grade team at Avon Lake. Last year, William was hired to create and direct the Cleveland Pops Orchestra Chorus, which performs four times per year.

William has excelled in his career, having received widespread adulation. This past spring, his alma mater Bowling Green State University recognized him as an outstanding, notable and accomplished alumnus. He has been the president of the Ohio Choral Directors Association and has served on the American Choral Directors Association's Central Division Board. Finally, William has been named multiple times in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, a list of student-nominated educators that have been inspiration and influential in their students' lives.

I am delighted to submit a record of William's service and accomplishments. I thank him for his career-long commitment to the utmost important task of educating our younger generations: I thank him for his constant and masterful development of the arts. And I wish him only happiness as he enjoys retirement, spending time with his wife and their children, staying involved with the Bay United Methodist Church in Bay Village, Ohio, and his continued community and musical endeavors.

#### RECOGNIZING THE NCAA CHAMPION UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

##### HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the players, coaches, and staff of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill women's lacrosse team for their victory in the 2013 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Women's Lacrosse Tournament.

UNC-Chapel Hill first started competing in Division I women's lacrosse in 1996, and at the time the coaches had to recruit athletes from the women's soccer team. In just 17 seasons since, the Tar Heels have made the NCAA tournament 14 times, reaching the semifinals seven times—including three of the last four years. In light of this meteoric rise, it was only a matter of time before the team claimed its first national title.

This year, the Tar Heels entered the NCAA tournament after a remarkable 15–3 season. They upset the reigning national champion, Northwestern, in the semifinals, marking the first time in seven years that the Wildcats did not win the NCAA tournament. In the finals, the Tar Heels defeated Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) rival Maryland in triple overtime, relying on veteran leadership from NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player Kara Cannizzaro and junior veteran Abbey Friend as well as two stand-out freshmen: Goalkeeper Megan Ward, who blocked a last-minute shot by Maryland, and midfielder Sammy Jo Tracy, who scored the winning goal in sudden-death overtime. In order to recognize the contributions of all of the members of this remarkable

team, I have included the full roster and coaching staff below for inclusion in the Congressional Record, together with their hometowns and secondary schools.

I also commend Coach Jenny Levy on this triumph. Coach Levy was hired in 1994 to build a varsity program and has since developed an outstanding 224–92 record in 17 seasons as Head Coach, including a 63–18 mark over the last four seasons. A former member of the U.S. Women's Lacrosse National Team, Coach Levy is now a three-time ACC Coach of the Year, winning five league regular-season titles and the 2002 ACC Tournament title. She ranks sixth in Division I women's lacrosse history with 242 career victories—a number that I suspect will only continue to climb in future years.

On behalf of my colleagues, I extend the House's congratulations to the UNC-Chapel Hill Tar Heels for their championship season, and I look forward to welcoming them to Washington, D.C. and to the White House later this year.

#### UNC TAR HEELS WOMEN'S ROSTER 2012–13 SEASON

Head Coach: Jenny Levy  
Assistant Coaches: Phil Barnes, Katrina Dowd  
#1 Frysinger, Mallory, Corning, N.Y. (Corning East)  
#2 Hanson, Paige, Baltimore, Md. (Bryn Mawr School)  
#3 Zeigler, Maddie, Alexandria, Va. (Bishop Ireton)  
#4 Patterson, Paige, Alexandria, Va. (St. Stephens and St. Agnes School)  
#5 Scott, Lindsay, Yorktown Heights, N.Y. (Yorktown)  
#6 Skinner, Zoe, Baltimore, Md. (Towson)  
#7 McGee, Sam, Baltimore, Md. (Bryn Mawr School)  
#8 Address, Alyssa, Doylestown, PA (Archbishop Wood)  
#9 Corzel, Margaret, Berwyn, Pa. (Merion Mercy Academy)  
#11 Griffin, Jessica, Sudbury, Mass. (Lincon-Sudbury Regional)  
#12 Davis, Carly, Skaneateles, NY (Skaneateles)  
#13 Tracy, Sammy Jo, Bedford, N.Y. (Fox Lane)  
#14 Ballard, Cassie, Millersville, Md. (Severna Park)  
#15 Cannizzaro, Kara, Cazenovia, N.Y. (Cazenovia Central)  
#16 Serpe, Sloane, North Caldwell, N.J. (West Essex Regional)  
#17 Ward, Megan, Annapolis, Md. (St. Mary's)  
#18 Friend, Abbey, Canandaigua, N.Y. (Canandaigua Academy)  
#19 Scott, Sarah, Yorktown Heights, N.Y. (Yorktown)  
#20 Farrell, Breda, Essex Fells, N.J. (West Essex Regional)  
#21 Giles, Eileen, Concord, Mass. (Middlesex School)  
#22 Garrity, Emily, Rutledge, Pa. (Strath Haven)  
#23 George, Taylor, Arnold, Md. (Broadneck)  
#24 Rubin, Morgan, Baltimore, Md. (Bryn Mawr School)  
#25 Markison, Devin, Princeton, N.J. (Loomis Chaffee)  
#26 Devlin, Kelly, Downingtown, Pa. (Downington East)  
#27 Messenger, Aly, Mendham, N.J. (West Mendham)  
#28 Waite, Courtney, Bernardsville, N.J. (Bernards)  
#29 Schmidt, Paula, Wantagh, N.Y. (Wantagh)

#30 Martino, Kate, Summit, N.J. (Summit)  
#32 Sindall, Caleigh, Silver Spring, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel)  
#34 Lobb, Stephanie, West Chester, Pa. (West Chester East)  
#35 Coppa, Brittney, Hampstead, Md. (North Carroll)  
#50 Maksym, Lauren, North Massapequa, N.Y. (Farmingdale)

#### HONORING GENE SIEGEL ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 38 YEARS AS MAYOR OF CHICAGO RIDGE

##### HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eugene "Gene" Siegel on his retirement as mayor of the Village of Chicago Ridge. Gene is a dedicated public servant who served as mayor for over 38 years with great honor and dignity. He also served the public in numerous capacities within Cook County government, including deputy coroner for the Cook County Coroner's Office, assistant chief to the Cook County Sheriff's Office, and member of the Cook County Criminal Justice Commission. He has been Vice Chairman of the Southwest Conference of Mayors and Legislative Chairman for the Southwest Conference of Local Governments.

Mayor Siegel originally was elected in 1975 to fill an unexpired mayoral term in Chicago Ridge. He was re-elected nine times, most recently in 2009. In each election, he never lost a precinct, which speaks to his character and the respect from the community where he lives and serves. Mayor Siegel is a genuine man who approached public service not only with dignity and honor, but with humility. He believes everyone should have a voice, so he maintained an open door, willing to listen and respond to the views of his colleagues and constituents.

Over the last four decades, Mayor Siegel focused on improving and revitalizing the Village of Chicago Ridge by fixing roads and creating a solid tax base with the development of the Chicago Ridge Mall in 1981 and the Commons of Chicago Ridge in 1988, which brought in businesses to ignite the economy and create jobs for the entire region.

During his 38 years leading Chicago Ridge, Mayor Siegel witnessed the population of his town expand from 2,000 to 15,000. He was a visionary, realizing and addressing the needs of his growing community. Mayor Siegel was integral in the establishment of a full-time fire department and the development of a 130-acre industrial park, a public works facility, and a very impressive municipal complex, the last of which bears his name.

As the congressman for the Village of Chicago Ridge, I am proud to represent such a committed and dedicated man. Mayor Siegel's leadership has been a major asset to his community. I am honored to call him my friend.

Today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mayor Eugene "Gene" Siegel. Mayor Siegel, you truly are a dedicated public servant who is greatly respected by your family, friends, and colleagues. You have made Chicago Ridge a great place to call home. As you embark on a new chapter in life, may you enjoy a long and well-deserved retirement and



continue to experience many great memories with your lovely wife, Linda, as well as your family and friends.

HONORING DR. CHARLES A.  
PICKETT, SR.

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a once outstanding civil servant and educator, Dr. Charles A. Pickett, Sr. His remarkable service to education and the community spanned over 45 years.

Dr. Pickett, Sr. was born January 16, 1938 to Mr. William D. Pickett and Mrs. Willie C. Flowers Pickett in Miles Station, Mississippi. He obtained his high school education from Jim Hill High School in Jackson, Mississippi and pursued his collegiate studies at Tougaloo College, Temple University, and the University of Southern Mississippi. Even in accomplishing such magnificent educational achievements, Dr. Pickett, Sr. pressed forward with additional studies at Brown University and Columbia University. His appointment as a National Science Foundation Physics Fellow awarded him the opportunity to work at nationally renowned universities, such as Fisk University, Texas Southern University, Louisiana State University, and Lawrence Livermore Laboratory. Having obtained a wealth of knowledge and expertise, Dr. Pickett, Sr. was uniquely prepared to pursue the lasting career he ultimately dedicated his life's work towards.

Dr. Pickett, Sr. began his lifelong commitment to education as a teacher of mathematics and physics at Hinds County Agricultural High School in Utica, Mississippi. His exceptional prowess in those subject areas paved the way for him to teach at numerous other institutions, including: Utica Junior College, Alcorn State University, Louisiana State University, Jackson State University, and Mississippi Valley State University, where he was appointed Chairman of the Department of Chemistry and Physics.

Not only was Dr. Pickett, Sr. an outstanding teacher, but also a strong advocate for increasing the number and quality of physics courses offered at historically black colleges and universities. His advocacy was instrumental in implementing these changes, as well as enhancing the availability of physics laboratory equipment.

In addition to his valuable contributions to academics, Dr. Pickett, Sr. held key offices on the Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), including Associate Commissioner of Academic Affairs and Interim Commissioner, solidifying him as the first African American professional to serve in either of these positions. Even after his retirement, Dr. Pickett, Sr. continued to provide valuable input to IHL as a consultant.

Dr. Pickett, Sr. was well-known in the community, not only for his professional contributions, but also for his dedication to his family and leisure enjoyments. He was a devoted husband to Marie Wilcher for 44 years and a committed father of two sons, Charles, Jr. and Dwayne. He was a member of the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, the Terry

Cowboys Riding Club, Sigma Pi Sigma Honorary Physics Society, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Dr. Pickett, Sr. transcended this life on earth on January 17, 2009.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Charles A. Pickett, Sr. for his dedication and service as a respected educator and for the commendable contributions he made to the field of public education.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF MARY JOHNSON

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life of Mary Johnson, who passed away on June 7, 2013 at the age of 87. Mrs. Johnson, a fixture of Buffalo's Ellicott community, was a pioneering activist whose life was an unwavering crusade for the betterment of others.

Mrs. Johnson was truly adored by her neighbors as a tireless advocate for the less fortunate. A nearly lifelong resident of the Frederick Douglass Housing complex, Mrs. Johnson was a fearless force dedicated to improving public housing in the community for more than fifty years. In 2001, the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority recognized her spirited volunteerism with the dedication of Mary Johnson Boulevard on Buffalo's East Side.

An active, steady force for change, Mrs. Johnson gave her time and talents to myriad organizations focused on community advancement. She served on the board of directors of the Community Action Organization and was a member of the JFK Community Center, Urban League Education Auxiliary Group, AMVETS Auxiliary Post 5, Ellicott Neighborhood Advisory Council, and the YMCA Heart of the Home Club. Her tenure with the Buffalo Urban League alone spanned over twenty three years.

Mrs. Johnson was an unselfish champion for her community and will be remembered as a lasting role model for those graced with her acquaintance. Her enduring contributions have made Buffalo a better city for generations to come.

The love Mrs. Johnson poured into her community is equaled by her love of family. The wife of the late, great Billy Johnson, this caring mother is survived by her son, George Jr., and six daughters, Jean Ann Robinson, Estelle Arlene Blue, Catherine Lee Watkins, Virginia Beard, Anna Mae Hoskin, and Mary Harris.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a moment to remember the life of this remarkable woman. I ask my colleagues to join me in offering our sincere condolences to her family. I am grateful for her innumerable good works and inspired by her legacy.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALAN GRAYSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

INTENT OF CONGRESS REGARDING "FUSION CENTERS"

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Chair, according to the Constitution Project, there are at least 77 fusion centers active in the United States today. Fusion centers are essentially information-sharing hubs designed to pool the knowledge and expertise of state, local and federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies, and, in some instances, other government agencies, military officials and private sector entities. They operate primarily on state funding, though they generally receive federal funds and work closely with federal agencies such as the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Justice (DOJ). As a general matter, fusion centers are not established pursuant to specific state legislation or state executive orders, but rather derive their authority from general statutes creating state police agencies or memoranda of understanding among partner agencies. Many fusion centers simply represent extensions of existing intelligence units in state law enforcement agencies.

Congress shares the serious constitutional concerns that have been raised after several fusion centers issued bulletins that characterize a wide variety of peaceful religious and political groups as threats to national security. In some instances, state law enforcement agencies that funnel information to fusion centers have improperly monitored and infiltrated anti-war and environmental organizations. Moreover, the manner in which fusion centers amass and distribute personal information raises the concern that they are keeping files—perhaps containing information that is sensitive or concerns constitutionally protected activities—on American citizens in the United States without proper justification. With the interconnected system employed by fusion centers, even those with the best civil liberties practices can inadvertently perpetuate or exacerbate the problematic activities of other fusion centers or law enforcement agencies. The breadth of the fusion center network also means that inaccurate or problematic information can be distributed widely across government databases, and perhaps even to private businesses, with potentially disastrous consequences for the constitutional rights of individuals. Finally, without proper safeguards, links between fusion centers in different states might allow "forum-shopping" law enforcement officials to evade the privacy and domestic surveillance restrictions of their own states by accessing information obtained by fusion centers in other jurisdictions. All of these risks are potentially compounded by the limited transparency and accountability of these institutions.

Recent reports from across the country bear testament to the potential for constitutionally

problematic profiling at fusion centers, particularly regarding bulletins and intelligence reports circulated by fusion centers. These are a few examples:

The February 2009 "Prevention Awareness Bulletin," circulated by a Texas fusion center, described apparently peaceful Muslim lobbying groups as "providing an environment for terrorist organizations to flourish" and warned that "the threats to Texas are significant." The bulletin called on law enforcement officers to report activities such as Muslim "hip hop fashion boutiques, hip hop bands, use of online social networks, video sharing networks, chat forums and blogs."

A Missouri-based fusion center issued a February 2009 report describing peaceful support for the presidential campaigns of Ron Paul or third party candidates, possession of the iconic "Don't Tread on Me" flag, and anti-abortion activism as signs of membership in domestic terrorist groups.

The Tennessee Fusion Center listed a letter from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) to public schools on its online map of "Terrorism Events and Other Suspicious Activity." The letter had lawfully advised schools that holiday celebrations focused exclusively on Christmas were an unconstitutional government endorsement of religion.

The Virginia Fusion Center's 2009 Terrorism Risk Assessment Report described peaceful student groups at Virginia's historically black colleges as potential breeding grounds for terrorism and characterized the "diversity" surrounding a military base as a possible threat.

Additional allegations of monitoring of constitutionally-protected speech, including by DHS Megacenters, were revealed by FOIA requests made by the PCJF. Just a few of many examples are included below:

An October 5, 2011 document reflects that the DHS Philadelphia Megacenter was monitoring the OWS demonstration in New York, titled "Demonstration-Peaceful/Planned," and reporting on assembly and movements "peacefully protesting union solidarity issues."

An October 30, 2011 document shows DHS' Battle Creek Megacenter also reporting that a "peaceful/unplanned" "Occupy Wall Street demonstration [was] taking place in Illus W. Davis Park in Kansas City, MO."

The Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC), a fusion center, focused resources on monitoring and reporting on peaceful protest activity in Boston during 2011.

The intent of Congress with this legislation is to place strict limitations on DHS involvement with and funding of "Fusion Centers," due to these serious reports that they may be violating the constitutional rights of citizens. To avoid the grave risk that this poses or could pose to the exercise of the free speech rights that are fundamental to our democracy, in addition to threats to constitutional protections against unreasonable invasions of privacy, Congress intends to prohibit any DHS cooperation with, or funding of, any "Fusion Centers" or similar entities (e.g. "Megacenters") that have not established and strictly adhered to the following best civil liberties practices, drawn from the proposals made by an esteemed bipartisan team of leading constitutional law experts (arranged by specific topic):

#### PROFILING AND DATA COLLECTION

1. Fusion centers shall establish guidelines that clearly prohibit their personnel from en-

gaging in racial and religious profiling. In determining when to collect and share information, the guidelines shall focus on behaviors that raise a reasonable suspicion of criminal activity or evidence of wrongdoing. Race, national origin, ethnicity and religious belief may not be considered as factors that create suspicion, and may only be used as factors in alerts if they are included as part of a specific suspect's description. The guidelines shall also specify that political association and the peaceful exercise of constitutionally protected rights may not be relied upon as factors that create suspicion of wrongdoing.

2. Fusion centers shall ensure that their personnel are properly trained on the constitutional rights of free expression, assembly, religion and equal protection.

3. Fusion centers shall ensure that individuals who instruct their personnel on intelligence analysis and terrorist threats are competent and well-qualified, and have themselves been trained in the constitutional rights discussed above.

#### SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING

Fusion centers shall carefully analyze suspicious activity reports to determine whether there is a likely connection to criminal or terrorist activity, and may only retain and disseminate suspicious activity reports if they demonstrate reasonable suspicion of such activity.

#### DATA MINIMIZATION

1. Fusion centers shall periodically review the information in their files to determine whether that information is accurate and of continuing relevance. The frequency of this review shall be made public by each fusion center or similar entity. Data retained by fusion centers shall be purged no later than five years after its collection unless its continued relevance can be demonstrated.

2. Fusion centers may collect and retain only the minimum amount of personally identifiable information necessary to serve their law enforcement purposes. Fusion centers may only use this personally identifiable information for the law enforcement purpose for which the information was collected.

#### AUDIT LOGS

1. Fusion centers shall ensure that immutable audit logs track all database activity.

2. Independent auditors shall review fusion center audit logs every two years and publish reports describing the use of fusion center databases and any abuses or unauthorized access.

#### DATA MINING

As set forth in The Constitution Project's report Principles for Government Data Mining, fusion centers shall act carefully to ensure that constitutional rights and values are respected if they engage in data mining or if the information in their databases is used for data mining by other government entities.

#### PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

1. Fusion centers shall carefully limit the information that they disseminate to private sector entities. Personally identifiable information may be shared with private sector entities only to the extent necessary to carry out legitimate law enforcement or national security functions. Any data sharing with private entities beyond these prescribed limits must be specifically elaborated in a public statement or document, that is easily accessible by the general public, and specifies in detail the type of information

being transferred and which private entities are involved.

2. Fusion centers may not collect information from private sector sources that they would otherwise be restricted by law from obtaining, nor can they obtain information produced American citizens without a warrant, probable cause that the conduct of that American is directly connected to terrorism or other criminal activity, or obtained written consent from that American to the Fusion Center.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

Fusion centers shall develop clear mission statements that express their purpose and the criteria upon which their performance can be evaluated. This should be completed within 3 months of the passage of this legislation.

#### TRANSPARENCY AND REDRESS

1. Fusion centers shall engage local communities by publicly explaining their mission, budget and staffing, and that information should be easily accessible to the general public.

2. Fusion centers shall publicize their privacy policies and the results of their compliance audits.

3. Fusion centers shall be equipped with effective redress processes by which individuals can, if necessary, review and correct or challenge information possessed by a fusion center.

4. Redress processes shall provide for the availability for review of complaints by an independent, security-cleared arbiter, with a right of appeal to a higher-level independent state or local authority.

5. Redress processes shall be well-publicized.

6. Redress processes shall ensure that corrections are disseminated across DHS databases.

#### DHS AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA

It is the intent of Congress that full Fourth Amendment protection extends to medical marijuana users, regardless of the status of marijuana under federal law. Specifically, DHS's legitimate efforts to prevent illegal immigration and drug smuggling do not justify relaxation of Fourth Amendment protections for medical marijuana users, even in border areas.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

#### SPEECH OF

**HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1960) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Chair, I submit the following exchange of letters:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY,

Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Hon. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON,  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, U.S.  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN McKEON: I am writing to you concerning the jurisdictional interest of

the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology in H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014.

Our Committee recognizes the importance of H.R. 1960 and the need for the legislation to move expeditiously. Therefore, while we have a valid claim to jurisdiction over the bill, I do not intend to request a sequential referral. This is, of course, conditional on our mutual understanding that nothing in this legislation or my decision to forego a sequential referral waives, reduces, or otherwise affects the jurisdiction of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

Further, I request your support for the appointment of Science, Space, and Technology Committee conferees during any House-Senate conference convened on this and any similar legislation. I also ask that a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest be placed in the legislative report on H.R. 1960 and the Congressional Record during consideration of this measure on the House floor.

I look forward to working with you on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

LAMAR SMITH,  
*Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Hon. LAMAR SMITH,  
*Chairman, House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. I agree that the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
*Chairman.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,  
Washington, DC, June 5, 2013.

Hon. HOWARD "BUCK" MCKEON,  
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. MCKEON: I am writing to you concerning the jurisdictional interest of the Committee on Natural Resources in matters being considered in H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014.

Our committee recognizes the importance of H.R. 1960 and the need for the legislation to move expeditiously. Therefore, while we have a valid claim to jurisdiction over the bill, I do not intend to request a sequential referral. This, of course, is conditional on our mutual understanding that nothing in this legislation or my decision to forego a sequential referral waives, reduces, or otherwise affects the jurisdiction of the Committee on Natural Resources and that a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest will be included in the Committee Report and as part of the Congressional Record during consideration of this bill by the House.

The Committee on Natural Resources also asks that you support our request to be conferees on the provisions over which we have jurisdiction during any House-Senate conference.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

DOC HASTINGS,  
*Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.  
Chairman DOC HASTINGS,  
*House Committee on Natural Resources, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN HASTINGS: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. I agree that the Committee on Natural Resources has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Natural Resources is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
*Chairman.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS,  
Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Hon. HOWARD "BUCK" MCKEON,  
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. MCKEON: I write to confirm our mutual understanding regarding H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. The section provisions attached to this letter contain subject matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Veterans Affairs. However, in order to expedite floor consideration of this important legislation, the committee waives consideration of these provisions.

The Committee on Veterans Affairs takes this action only with the understanding that the committee's jurisdictional interests over this and similar legislation are in no way diminished or altered.

The committee also reserves the right to seek appointment to any House-Senate conference on this legislation and requests your support if such a request is made. Finally, I would appreciate your including this letter in the Congressional Record during consideration of H.R. 1960 on the House Floor. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

With warm personal regards I am,

Sincerely,

JEFF MILLER,  
*Chairman.*

Attachment.

#### SECTION PROVISIONS

Section 524—Contents of Transition Assistance Program.

Section 552—Protection of Child Custody Arrangements For Parents Who Are Members of the Armed Forces.

Section 553—Treatment of Relocation of Members of the Armed Forces for Active Duty for Purposes of Mortgage Refinancing.

Section 584—Recodification and Revision of Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard Medal of Honor Roll Requirements.

Section 592—Authority to Enter into Concessions Contracts at Army National Military Cemeteries.

Section 1421—Authority for Transfer of Funds to Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund for Captain James A. Lovell Health Care Center, Illinois.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Hon. JEFF MILLER,  
*Chairman, House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN MILLER: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. I agree that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
*Chairman.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Hon. HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I write to confirm our mutual understanding regarding H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014, which contains substantial matter that falls within the Rule X legislative jurisdiction of the Foreign Affairs Committee. I appreciate the cooperation that allowed us to work out mutually agreeable text on numerous matters prior to your markup.

Based on that cooperation and our associated understandings, the Foreign Affairs Committee will not seek a sequential referral or object to floor consideration of the bill text approved at your Committee markup. However, this decision in no way diminishes or alters the jurisdictional interests of the Foreign Affairs Committee in this bill, any subsequent amendments, or similar legislation. I request your support for the appointment of House Foreign Affairs conferees during any House-Senate conference on this legislation.

As the committee with legislative jurisdiction over U.S. intervention abroad and declarations of war, and as the traditional committee of sole referral for legislative authorizations for the use of military force (including the post-9/11 AUMF enacted as Public Law 107-40), the Foreign Affairs Committee requires knowledge of where, and against whom, such authority is used. For that reason, I appreciate your commitment to add the Foreign Affairs Committee as a recipient of the reporting required by section 1038 of the Chairman's mark, and to include additional language in your Committee report to expressly note that any reports required by section 1041 are in addition to War Powers Resolution (P.L. 93-148) reporting, which should continue.

Finally, I respectfully request that you include this letter and your response in your committee report on the bill, and in the Congressional Record during consideration of H.R. 1960 on the House floor.

Sincerely,

EDWARD R. ROYCE,  
*Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Chairman EDWARD R. ROYCE,  
*House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Wash-  
ington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN ROYCE: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. I agree that the Committee on Foreign Affairs has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Foreign Affairs is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
*Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REP-  
RESENTATIVES

Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Hon. HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House  
of Representatives, Washington, DC*

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I write concerning H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014, as amended. There are certain provisions in the legislation that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

However, in order to expedite floor consideration of this legislation, the Committee will forgo action on this bill. This, of course, is conditional on our mutual understanding that forgoing consideration of the bill does not prejudice the Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees or to any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill or similar legislation that fall within the Committee's rule X jurisdiction. I request you urge the Speaker to name members of the Committee to any conference committee named to consider such provisions.

Please place a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest into the committee report on H.R. 1960 and into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor.

Sincerely,

BILL SHUSTER,  
*Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Chairman BILL SHUSTER,  
*House Committee on Transportation and Infra-  
structure, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN SHUSTER: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. I agree that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
*Chairman.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,  
Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Hon. HOWARD "BUCK" MCKEON,  
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House  
of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I am writing to you concerning the jurisdictional interest of the Committee on the Judiciary in matters being considered in H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014.

Our committee recognizes the importance of H.R. 1960 and the need for the legislation to move expeditiously. Therefore, while we have a valid claim to jurisdiction over the bill, I do not intend to request a sequential referral. This, of course, is conditional on our mutual understanding that nothing in this legislation or my decision to forego a sequential referral waives, reduces or otherwise affects the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary, and that a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest will be included in the Committee Report and as part of the Congressional Record during consideration of this bill by the House.

The Committee on the Judiciary also asks that you support our request to be conferees on the provisions over which we have jurisdiction during any House-Senate conference. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

BOB GOODLATTE,  
*Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Chairman BOB GOODLATTE,  
*House Committee on the Judiciary, Washington,  
DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN GOODLATTE: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. I agree that the Committee on the Judiciary has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on the Judiciary is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
*Chairman.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND  
GOVERNMENT REFORM,  
Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Hon. HOWARD "BUCK" MCKEON,  
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House  
of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am writing to you concerning the jurisdictional interest of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform in matters being considered in H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014.

Our committee recognizes the importance of H.R. 1960 and the need for the legislation to move expeditiously. Therefore, while we have a valid claim to jurisdiction over the bill, I do not intend to request a sequential referral. This, of course, is conditional on our mutual understanding that nothing in this legislation or my decision to forego a sequential referral waives, reduces or otherwise affects the jurisdiction of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and that a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional

interest will be included in the Committee Report and as part of the Congressional Record during consideration of this bill by the House.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform also asks that you support our request to be conferees on the provisions over which we have jurisdiction during any House-Senate conference.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

DARRELL ISSA,  
*Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Chairman DARRELL ISSA,  
*House Committee on Oversight and Government  
Reform, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN ISSA: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. I agree that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
*Chairman.*

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALAN GRAYSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2217) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Chair, I rise to describe the intent of Congress with regard to H. AMDT. 124 to H.R. 2217, the "Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2014". My amendment reads as follows:

"None of the funds made available by this Act may be used in contravention of the First, Second, or Fourth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States."

The intent of Congress is to prohibit the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) from contravening First, Second, or Fourth Amendment constitutional rights. Congress intends to prohibit DHS from cooperating with any public or private entity, organization, or agency of any kind to violate those constitutional rights, including, but not limited to, those agencies that are within the DHS structure: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Coast

Guard, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Secret Service, Transportation Security Administration, Federal Protective Service; in addition, those agencies that are signatory partners of the National Response Plan: Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, Department of Education, Department of Energy, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of the Interior, Department of Justice, Department of Labor, Department of State, Department of Transportation, Department of the Treasury, Department of Veterans Affairs, Central Intelligence Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Communications Commission, General Services Administration, National Aeronautic and Space Administration, National Transportation Safety Board, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Personnel Management, Small Business Administration, Social Security Administration, Tennessee Valley Authority, U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. Postal Service, American Red Cross, Corporation for National and Community Service, and National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster. In addition, Congress intends to include the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Security Agency in this non-exclusive list of prohibited agencies.

Congress intends there be a cognizable informational privacy interest, derived from, but not limited to, the Fourth and First Amendments and Due Process rights, held by individuals in data that records, observes, catalogs and/or monitors persons' lawful acts, transactions, associations, beliefs and/or communications.

Congress intends that racial, religious, gender, language, and national origin profiling be deemed unconstitutional.

Congress intends that the collection of multiple individual points of data about a person, as well as the aggregation and storage of such data, creates an intimate mosaic about a person's actions and psychology of such a significantly intrusive nature as to violate fundamental privacy interests. The intent of this legislation is to prevent the Department of Homeland Security from collecting, storing, procuring, or using any information generated by a citizen of the United States while located in the United States, including telephone records, internet records, and physical location information, without probable cause of a terrorism or other criminal offense related to action or conduct by that citizen, or without the consent of that citizen.

The intent of Congress is to protect the interest in informational privacy. This interest is especially significant where information and data collected by the government relates to First Amendment protected activities. The contravention of these rights and interests creates an injury of constitutional and other dimensions and also threatens the underpinnings of a constitutional democracy.

The intent of Congress with this legislation is to place an absolute prohibition on any DHS involvement of any type or to any degree with any surveillance of Americans without specificity or without probable cause, such as the National Security Agency's recently revealed surveillance program. This prohibition includes any communication, cooperation, funding, as-

sistance, or other association with another organization, agency, company, or other entity of any kind that has any involvement of any kind with such programs. The intent of Congress is for any private company engaged in surveillance or data collection on Americans, or serving in a role supportive of such efforts in any manner or to any degree, to be ineligible for any contracts or other payment from DHS. For example, due to its role in the NSA spying on Americans, Booz Allen Hamilton is ineligible.

Congress intends to prohibit the "Threat Management Division" of the DHS, or any other department, office, or any other entity within DHS, from including reports on "Peaceful Activist Demonstrations," or reports on any other constitutionally-protected speech activities. Congress recognizes that monitoring and documenting constitutionally protected speech activity by law enforcement and intelligence agencies including DHS result in a chilling effect on speech and a violation of fundamental privacy interests, and should be prohibited under all circumstances. The intent of Congress with this bill is to reinforce the nation's proud history of petition and protest, and Congress intends to encourage this essential form of democratic participation, by eliminating any surveillance or documentation of such legal activity by DHS or other law enforcement agencies.

This prohibition is urgently needed, as redacted documents released pursuant to a FOIA request by the Partnership for Civil Justice Fund (PCJF) show that the DHS "Threat Management Division" directed Regional Intelligence Analysts to provide a "Daily Intelligence Briefing" which includes a category of reporting on "Peaceful Activist Demonstrations," alongside their reports on "Domestic Terrorist Activity." The documents also showed involvement of the DHS National Operations Center (NOC) in monitoring peaceful, lawful protest activities. The NOC is, according to the DHS, "the primary national-level hub for domestic situational awareness, common operational pictures, information fusion, information sharing, communications, and coordination pertaining to the prevention of terrorist attacks and domestic incident management. The NOC is the primary conduit for the White House Situation Room and DHS Leadership for domestic situational awareness and facilitates information sharing and operational coordination with other federal, state, local, tribal, non-governmental operation centers and the private sector." DHS improperly and unconstitutionally conducted surveillance of peaceful, constitutionally-protected protests in cities that include, among others: Asheville, Atlanta, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Denver, El Paso, Fort Lauderdale, Houston, Jacksonville, Jersey City, Kansas City, Lansing, Lincoln, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, Niagara Falls, New York City, Oakland, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, OR, and Salt Lake City, San Diego, Seattle, Tampa, Washington, D.C.

The intent of Congress with the DHS appropriations bill is to prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from using the designation of an event as one of "national significance" or as a "National Special Security Event" (NSSE) to infringe on the constitutional right to protest peacefully and engage in nonviolent civil disobedience on the nearest publicly-owned, publicly-accessible, or private land

(where the owner has not formally requested that protesters be removed) surrounding such an event.

The intent of Congress with this legislation is strictly to prohibit the Department of Homeland Security, or any other agency or entity with which the DHS is directly or indirectly cooperating, including the Secret Service, or that DHS is directly or indirectly funding, from using an NSSE designation as a basis to require protesters to be in a location that is not within view of those individuals or entities that are the target of the public expression and efforts at redress, or to place persons inside a penned-in area or "protest pit," as such a location deprives the people of the United States of their ability and right to communicate a message to their intended audience, and also deprives persons of their associational rights to interact with demonstrations and join them without obstruction. Further, it could contribute to a larger divide between the political and economic establishment and the general public that is antithetical to the proper functioning of a democratic system. Even if an event is not designated as an NSSE, the intent of Congress is for the principles expressed above to be applicable to any constitutionally-protected protest or other expressive activity.

In the past, these events have included not only presidential inaugurations and meetings of foreign dignitaries, but also the Super Bowl, the funerals of Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford, most State of the Union addresses and the 2008 Democratic and Republican National Conventions, among many other events not traditionally deemed to be requiring such a major precautionary designation.

The intent of Congress is to mandate that the DHS be authorized only to conduct searches, including searches of electronics on citizen or non-citizen travelers entering or exiting the United States, under a reasonable suspicion standard articulated by courts under the Fourth Amendment.

Congress also strongly intends to reject and condemn DHS assertions that "intuition and hunch" are a sufficient basis for its agents to conduct searches of electronics at U.S. borders or ports of entry. Congress specifically intends to reject a February 2013 DHS report concluding that "imposing a requirement that officers have reasonable suspicion in order to conduct a border search of an electronic device would be operationally harmful without concomitant civil rights/civil liberties benefits." Congress intends to express its condemnation of any search that is the result of a mere "intuition" or "hunch," of the 6,500 persons that DHS data indicate had their electronic devices searched along the U.S. border between 2008 and 2010. Furthermore, Congress finds that the use of "intuition and hunch" as a basis for searches is a violation of the Fourth Amendment, and therefore that appropriated funds under this bill are prohibited from being used in this manner.

With this bill, the intent of Congress is to demand the modernization of standards relating to Americans entering the U.S. with computers, thumb drives, smartphones, cameras and other electronic devices, as these devices hold vast amounts of information regarding owners about who they are and how they conduct business. Much of the law on searches along the border was established before these technological advances dramatically altered

the amount of personal information one could be carrying on himself or herself as he or she enters the U.S., and Congress intends for this amendment to modernize these standards to reflect current realities and expectations of privacy. Until these standards are modernized, Congress intends for border enforcement to search these devices only upon a reasonable suspicion that the holder of such a device is directly and personally bearing evidence of terrorism or other criminal activity.

ORGANIZED LABOR

The intent of Congress with this bill is to place an absolute prohibition on any DHS involvement related to all legally-protected activities of organized labor. This includes any communication, cooperation, funding, assistance, or other association with another organization for the purpose of targeting legally-protected union activity, or acting as a provider of surveillance and intelligence information to corporate entities that may be the target of lawful labor grievance and labor protest activity.

Examples of what Congress has hereby prohibited can be seen in documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, which show that the DHS communicated with the Pentagon's Northern Command regarding November 2, 2011 port protests involving ILWU workers. Another document obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by the PCJF shows that the Domestic Security Alliance Council (DSAC), described by the federal government as "a strategic partnership between the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security and the private sector," discussed the protests at the West Coast ports to "raise awareness concerning this type of criminal [sic] activity." The document contains a "handling notice" that the information is "meant for use primarily within the corporate security community. Such messages shall not be released in either written or oral form to the media, the general public or other personnel . . ."

IN HONOR OF SELLERSVILLE'S  
275TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**  
OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, we are pleased to acknowledge the 275th anniversary of Sellersville Borough, one of three original villages in Richland Township, Bucks County. Founded by German farmers between 1720 and 1730, one of the early settlers, Abraham Wambold, built a home, tannery and grist mill on the banks of the northeast branch of the Perkiomen Creek sometime around 1738. Sellersville never lost its village quality, nor its ties to another early settler, Samuel Sellers, who established Sellers' Tavern, a public house. And years later, the post office was known as Sellers' Tavern until its name changed in 1856. The Borough of Sellersville was established in 1874. Its history is housed in the Sellersville Museum, the one-time Sellersville Public School building, and the first four-year high school in Bucks County. No community would be safe without a fire company and in 1888 the Sellersville Fire Co. began protecting people and property and now

celebrates its 125th anniversary. And 100 years ago, Grandview Hospital began serving Sellersville area families with care and compassion. Congratulations to all on a combined 500-year history and your individual anniversaries. May the future be even brighter.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Thursday, June 13, 2013

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Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the bipartisan Hanna-Graves-Shuster-Hunter-Connolly Amendment 72, a modified version of H.R. 2232, the Make Every Small Business Count Act of 2013, which Mr. GRAVES introduced on June 4, 2013. This common sense amendment will strengthen the Federal Government's ability to fulfill its longstanding commitment to promote the viability and growth of American small businesses through Federal contracting.

Amendment 72 will ensure that our Nation's procurement policy incentivizes the use of small business contracting at every tier by allowing prime contractors to receive credit towards meeting their small business contracting goals for lower tier subcontract awards to small firms. This will not only maximize small business subcontracting opportunities in the Federal space, but it will also ensure parity between government—which receives credit towards its small business goals for all tiers of subcontracting—and prime contractors—who only receive credit for first tier subcontractors.

As the Chairman of the House Small Business Committee has noted, this incongruity has actually created a disincentive against considering small businesses for lower tier subcontracts, even though emerging, innovative small firms are often best suited for this type of work.

This bipartisan amendment also removes a restriction in current law preventing agencies from negotiating subcontracting goals beyond the first tier, which in turn will allow for higher goals in a given contract and expand subcontracting opportunities for small businesses.

The large and small businesses in my District are not asking for unfair competitive advantages or undeserved credit towards meeting small business contracting goals. They simply want a chance to fairly compete for Federal contracts and appropriate credit for subcontracting with small businesses at all tiers. In accomplishing these goals, our bipartisan amendment truly represents a win-win for all stakeholders, since increased competition in Federal contracting enhances innovation and job creation, while bolstering our industrial base. I urge all my colleagues to join me in supporting this amendment.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Thursday, June 13, 2013

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Chair, I rise in support of the Schakowsky/Miller amendment, included in this en bloc. I want to thank the Chairman and the Ranking Member of the Armed Services Committee for including this amendment.

Last November, the world was shocked by a horrific fire at Bangladesh's Tazreen Fashions garment factory. 112 workers were killed in the blaze; survivors recounted terrifying conditions, including locked exits and workers forced to jump from 4th story windows.

The Tazreen fire is far from an isolated incident. Many of Bangladesh's 4 million garment workers—most of whom are women—risk their lives every day they go to work in extremely unsafe factories. While governments and corporations alike have spoken of their dedication to improving conditions and protecting workers rights, the fact remains that many Bangladeshi garment factories are literally death traps.

In the rubble of the Tazreen fire, activists found evidence suggesting that, among other apparel, the factory produced products with Marine insignias. Photographs taken in the ashes of Tazreen show patterns and orders for sweatshirts and pants with the Marine Corps logo, the motto "Semper Paratus," and even the tagline "The Few. The Proud."

According to public data, the Army-Air Force Exchange imported some 124,000 pounds of garments last year from factories in Bangladesh.

Mr. Speaker, apparel made for our brave men and women in uniform should not be made in needlessly dangerous factories. Workers making clothing for our military exchanges shouldn't face daily threats of deadly fire, building collapse, and other preventable tragedies. They shouldn't be fired for refusing to work in unsafe conditions, nor should they be denied basic, internationally-recognized worker rights.

The Schakowsky/Miller would require that garments made in Bangladesh and sold at DoD base retail stores and exchanges comply with an enforceable fire and building safety accord. Specifically, the amendment would help the United States government save lives in Bangladesh by requiring that military exchanges which sell their own branded garments made in Bangladesh must join or abide by the conditions of the Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh. It also states that military exchanges that license production of their own brands or sell at retail other branded garments shall provide a preference to vendors which are signatories to the Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh.

The accord is a major improvement on non-binding and voluntary social compliance programs that have failed to protect workers from



mortal workplace dangers. The Accord has widespread support, and signatories include fifty major global apparel companies and retailers (including U.S. companies Abercrombie & Fitch, Sean John Apparel, and PVH Corporation). It has also received the support of civil society and international organizations, including the European Parliament, the United Nations, and the International Labour Organization.

The military exchanges should represent the best of American values—including those of fairness, justice, and commitment to human rights. This amendment is an important step toward ensuring that the United States military commissaries and exchanges are not unintentionally supporting abuses against garment workers in Bangladesh.

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES H.  
JOYCE

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2013*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a prominent and active New Yorker who passed away June 9, 2013. Charles H. Joyce of Andover, New York was a dear friend to many in the 23rd District.

Charlie worked in the oil and gas industry from the age of 14, rising to become President of Andover Oil, a company he built after his retirement from Otis Eastern Service, Inc. Considered an expert in the energy industry, he received an honorary membership in the Pipe Line Contractors Association for his outstanding contributions to the industry. Additionally, he was a long-time member of the New York State Oil Producers Association and served as President from 2008 until his passing.

Charlie dedicated himself to responsibly preserving the land he worked with, receiving many awards for his commitment to conservation. His passion for philanthropy led him to help countless others in Allegany County. He donated his time to numerous community groups, including the Andover Lions Club, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Wellsville Elks Club.

Our communities are enriched and improved by citizens like Charles H. Joyce and I am honored to commemorate his contributions. He was an outstanding member of our southern tier community and it is right that we honor his legacy here today in the official record of the United States.

HONORING DEE DEE D'ADAMO

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2013*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Mr. DENHAM to recognize Dee Dee D'Adamo as she is honored for her years of service to California's San Joaquin Valley. Dee Dee was recently appointed by

Governor Jerry Brown to the State Water Resources Control Board. This appointment is well deserved as Dee Dee has served in numerous roles to better the lives of the people of California and of the San Joaquin Valley.

Dee Dee graduated from the University of California, Davis in 1982, and continued her education at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. After receiving her Juris Doctorate, Dee Dee served on several committees for the California State Assembly. Dee Dee also served as a visiting lecturer at California State University, Stanislaus. She taught for the Department of Politics, so her courses ranged from U.S. government, to state government, and environmental policy.

Before her new appointment, Dee Dee served on the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as the Law Member since 1999 when she was appointed by Governor Gray Davis. She championed language on several of CARB's recommendations to the legislature. A couple years ago, CARB approved a cap and trade program that was aimed at reducing the state's greenhouse gas emissions. Dee Dee had a prominent role in ensuring that rural communities with agricultural based economies received their fair share of revenues.

Dee Dee also served the Valley at the federal level, working for several Members of Congress. She was the legislative director for Congressman Gary Condit from 1990–1991 and was his legal counsel from 1994–2003. Following her career with Representative Condit, Dee Dee was Congressman Dennis Cardoza's senior policy advisor for nearly ten years. When Representative Cardoza retired, Dee Dee joined Congressman JIM COSTA's staff. She served as the senior policy advisor for his office up until the day she was appointed to the State Water Resources Control Board.

In 2012, Dee Dee was honored as Woman of the Year for the 17th Assembly district by Assemblywoman Cathleen Galgiani. The knowledge and expertise that Dee Dee exhibits is truly admirable, and we are grateful to have had the opportunity to work with her over the past couple decades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join Mr. DENHAM and myself in recognizing Dee Dee D'Adamo for the outstanding contributions she has made to our Valley and our entire nation. Dee Dee will undoubtedly prove to be an asset to the Governor's Administration.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF BARRY PILLA

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2013*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor Chief Barry Pilla.

Day to day, we Americans are protected by the men and women in law enforcement who stand ready to serve. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their service and our peace of mind. On the occasion of the retirement of Northampton Township Police Chief Barry Pilla on July 1, 2013, we acknowledge his ability to achieve the goals he set for the department, while leading it with integrity and

honor. For more than 40 years, Chief Pilla dedicated his life to citizen protection and a safe community. He also created a work environment that fostered professional development and resulted in accomplishment. His life was dedicated to public service, beginning with the United States Army in 1968, followed by an exemplary police career. We join Northampton Township in thanking Chief Barry Pilla for his life's work and offer him our sincerest wishes for new adventures and many happy retirement years.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

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Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Chair, this en bloc includes my amendment to address a critical aspect of oversight for U.S. funds being spent in Afghanistan. It requires an assessment of the Afghan National Security Forces' (ANSF) capability to operate and manage the facilities currently being built for the Afghan National Police and Afghan National Army.

As we speak, the United States is undertaking a process whereby our servicemembers, as well as those of our allies, are redeploying. By the end of 2014, the Afghans will be fully responsible for their security. In the meantime, our efforts are now primarily focused on training the Afghans to take on their new role.

However, we are not only providing training: we are also investing millions in constructing facilities to be used by the Afghan Army and Police forces. In order to ensure the best use of this funding, we need to make sure that the structures will be able to serve the Afghans long after we leave. Proper operations and maintenance is the key.

Unfortunately, there is a serious deficit in this capability. In October 2012, the Special Inspector General for Afghan Reconstruction, or SIGAR, published an audit in which it noted a significant lack of trained personnel with the skills to operate and maintain ANSF critical facilities. They include vital systems such as water supply, waste water treatment and power generation.

The amendment will require the Department of Defense to assess, and report on, Afghan capability to address these needs and what is being done to prepare them to be able to do so. It is the best way to ensure that our investment will result in a national security force that will be able to meet Afghanistan's future security needs.

I would like to thank the Rules Committee for making this amendment in order and the Armed Services Committee for including it in this en bloc amendment.



RECOGNIZING RODRIC J. MYERS' 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE U.S. CONGRESS

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2013*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a Hoosier and a very dedicated public servant, Mr. Rodric Myers, who is retiring after serving Congress for more than 40 years.

Rod Myers grew up in my hometown of Indianapolis, Indiana and graduated from Shortridge High School. He comes from a family tradition of serving others and helping his community. His mother, Susie Myers, who was 100 years old when she died last year, was beloved by our community after teaching generations of public school and Sunday School students. Rod's brother, Bud, currently serves Indianapolis as the Director of our Public Housing Authority, but once served on Capitol Hill as the Chief of Staff to Congresswoman Barbara Jordan.

Rod followed his brother to Washington and was nominated to the U.S. Capitol Police Force by another great Hoosier, Congressman Andy Jacobs in 1972. Rod started as a uniformed patrol officer serving at the Capitol and eventually became the Administrative Specialist for the entire Capitol Division, with responsibilities for approximately 100 officers, including the daily roster assignment of officers. During his 29 years with the Capitol Police, Rod prided himself on promoting a disciplined force and keeping this campus safe. In 2001, Rod was appointed to serve as the Director of House Garages and Parking Security under the House Sergeant at Arms, where he served until his retirement this month. During his years of service in the House, Rod had the honor of working 10 Presidential Inaugurations and 40 State of the Union Addresses.

I have had the privilege to work directly with Rod on several occasions since coming to Congress. Earlier this year, my staff and I ran into a glitch when moving from the Cannon Building to Rayburn Building. We assumed it would be a time-consuming, bureaucratic nightmare. But with a quick trip downstairs and a conversation with Rod, everything was corrected. This is just one occasion and, in fact, he served the House well 9/11, during the anthrax attacks, and even during an earthquake. But this one instance, like others I have had over the years, illustrates just what this institution is losing in Rod Myers—a committed, efficient public servant.

His 40 years of service to the House have been distinguished by his professionalism and dedication to ensuring that the People's House remains safe, strong and always available for our constituents. Though we will miss him, we congratulate him on his much deserved retirement and wish him the very best.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN KLINE**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

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Mr. KLINE. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of my bipartisan amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act. The Kline-Hunter-Andrew-Polis amendment ensures the students I serve in Minnesota and throughout classrooms around the Nation are treated equally and given the same opportunities to enlist in the Armed Forces.

Currently, students who earn a high school diploma from charter schools, home schools, schools that use blended learning models, and other means of virtual education are required to score significantly higher on the Armed Forces Qualification Test than students enrolled in traditional secondary schools.

This policy, continued by the Department of Defense, disregards congressional intent established in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

Mr. Chair, as you know it is imperative that the recruiting and selection policies for enlistment are not only fair and consistent, but also in step with the evolution of the way our nation's students achieve a high school diploma.

Despite studies that show education credential tiers do not consistently reflect the attrition patterns of recruits, DOD continues to insist where you receive your education is the single best predictor of your ability to successfully adapt to service.

The bipartisan Kline-Hunter-Andrews-Polis amendment would put DOD back in line with the law and require them to set recruitment and enlistment policies that end this discriminatory requirement.

As Chairman of the House Committee on Education and Workforce, a member of the Armed Services Committee, and a retired Marine Colonel, I have a unique and fortunate position to ensure the young men and women enlisting in our Armed Forces have the best opportunity to support the defense of our nation.

Mr. Chair, the continuous innovation in education requires the adaptation of our recruiting policies. I urge my colleagues to support the dream of military service for all patriotic Americans who simply want the chance to be able to raise their hand and pledge to defend our nation without unnecessary burdens.

I urge my colleagues to support the Kline-Hunter-Andrews-Polis amendment.

HONORING THYRA THOMSON

**HON. CYNTHIA M. LUMMIS**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2013*

Mrs. LUMMIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a great American from my home state of Wyoming, Thyra Thomson.

The quintessential Wyoming Secretary of State, Thyra Thomson served for 24 years as Wyoming's second highest elected official and advocate-in-chief for all things Wyoming.

Thyra tirelessly engaged and mentored Wyoming people to be caring thought leaders for Wyoming's unique communities and culture.

Thyra was impeccably put together, inquisitive, well-traveled and well-read, and quick to initiate fascinating conversation.

Her encouragement and support of me and countless others around the state helped to build the unique Wyoming culture and its tapestry of compelling individuals.

Thyra survives through her family, her role in Wyoming history and her inspiration to her many friends of all ages.

IN HONOR OF SALLY RIDE'S LEGACY

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2013*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the legacy of Sally Ride.

On June 18, 1983, Dr. Sally Ride became the first American woman in space aboard the space shuttle Challenger—the first of her two flights as mission specialist.

The former astronaut, physicist, educator and space advocate left behind a legacy of accomplishments when she died last year at the age of 61. Her legacy continues to inspire and motivate young women with an interest in science, technology, math and engineering, while the company she founded advances those interests.

We acknowledge Dr. Ride's advocacy for young women in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math—a precursor to the "STEM" programs we know are so important today. As a strong proponent of STEM education and allied programs I will continue to applaud Dr. Ride's effort to encourage interest in science, space, and the technical fields by blazing a path for other women to follow.

HONORING ERMA SCOTT BRIDGEWATER

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2013*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplished life of Mrs. Erma Scott Bridgewater who passed away on Tuesday April 2, 2013. She was a lifelong resident of Champaign, Illinois where she graduated from Champaign Senior High School and from the University of Illinois in 1937 with a degree in Sociology and a minor in Psychology.

Mrs. Erma Scott Bridgewater went on to work at the City of Champaign's Department of Recreation as the director of the Douglas Center. There she became an influential part of numerous children's lives as the girls' track and softball coach, a mentor for the Douglas Center Drum Corps and Drill Team, as well as a chaperone for skating parties and Friday night dances.

After 24 years of service to the City of Champaign, Mrs. Bridgewater served on a variety of boards and committees. Throughout her life she received many honors, among them the Living Legend Award, Martin Luther King Day Award and the National Council of Negro Woman, along with a mini park named in her honor on the corner of Bradley and Market Street in Champaign.

Because of her dedication to the community and the lives she touched, I am proud to honor the life and accomplishments of Mrs. Erma Scott Bridgewater.

RECOGNIZING LA-Z-BOY  
INCORPORATED

**HON. TIM WALBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2013*

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of an iconic company in my district, La-Z-Boy Incorporated, and to congratulate them as they begin construction on their new world headquarters next week.

Based in Monroe, MI, La-Z-Boy has been crafting comfortable, quality furniture since 1927. The vision of two cousins, Edward M. Knabusch and Edwin J. Shoemaker, La-Z-Boy started with the success of their innovative reclining wooden slat chair. From their humble beginnings in Edward's father's garage they quickly evolved their company with new products like the first upholstered reclining chair. The company grew and they built their own factory on Telegraph Road to meet demand, where they've been a part of the community for the last 85 years.

With the exception of a break during World War II to make tank seats and crash pads as part of the war effort, the employees of La-Z-Boy have never stopped producing a myriad of products that are well-known across the globe. With an accredited test lab on site, every product coming off the line meets the high standards of the La-Z-Boy brand. Just imagine how many sports fans those recliners have comforted or the countless babies they've rocked to sleep.

On June 20th, La-Z-Boy will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for their new world headquarters, as the company enters its next phase. The environmentally friendly building will be able to support 500 employees who will no doubt continue making quality furniture for every room in the home. I offer my best wishes to my constituents and friends at La-Z-Boy and encourage them to keep making this world a more comfortable place.

THE IMPORTANCE OF FATHERS ON  
FATHER'S DAY

**HON. JOHN L. MICA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2013*

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, as we recognize Father's Day 2013, probably never before has fatherhood been so challenged. Some sobering facts reveal a crisis that cannot and should not be ignored. Today, 29% of Caucasian,

53% Hispanic and 73% African-American children are born out of wedlock. The traditional position of fathers in American society and in the family as an institution is in serious trouble.

The U.S. Census Bureau reported there are an estimated 70.1 million fathers across the nation; 24.7 million of those fathers have children under the age of 18 whom are living in single parent homes. Not having a father has serious economic consequences. Fatherless households account for 47% of our poverty rate and 90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes according to the U.S. Census Bureau Reports. With no father present, 85% of children possess behavioral problems, which is twenty times the national average, Center for Disease Control reported. Additionally, 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes, a National Principals Association Report found. Today, 63% of youth suicides come from fatherless homes, the U.S. Department of Health observed. As we reflect on the state of fatherhood in America, these troubling figures indicate the importance of fathers for children's development, well-being and stability in society.

While white males face a challenging role, the fatherhood role of their African-American counterparts has been dramatically eroded. A recent examination by the National Fatherhood Initiative revealed that African-American newborns today are seriously disadvantaged. White men have a less than 6% lifetime chance of going to prison; African-American men have a 32% chance, according to 2001 figures from the U.S. Department of Justice. Today, half of all children and 80% of African-American children can expect to spend at least part of their childhood living apart from their fathers.

These staggering figures portray a role model absence in our society that is detrimental to our nation's youth. We must understand the consequences that result from denying our children a proper upbringing. Although Father's Day is a time to celebrate and rejoice with our loved ones, we cannot forget about the increasing number of our children that are being raised without a father. Children growing up without a father are more likely to have behavioral problems and be incarcerated. Those children are less likely to attend college, become married and form healthy relationships.

Unfortunately this trend has become prevalent in our communities. As a result, this problem has become repetitive through generations at an alarming rate. We must work to raise awareness of the effects fatherhood has on a child's life. We must also find ways to stem the decline of meaningful relationships between a father and his child in our society.

In a commentary on The Importance of a Loving Father by Dr. Walter E. Barker, a Florida licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Dr. Barker stated, "Fathers are very important to their sons" and daughters' development. A mother gives the child unconditional love and acceptance and the father's love is more conditional on the child's finding success and accomplishment out in the larger world. He wants his children to find what makes them happy and then take that gift and talent to make a contribution to the larger society. Fathers want their children to have a strong work ethic and to be willing to assert themselves in the world.

By supporting the family structure, better education and job training, we can begin to reverse the diminished role of fathers in our country. We must all work to help raise awareness on the pressing issue. The importance of fatherhood should not be overlooked by our society if we are to insure a promising future for the children in America.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION  
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

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Mr. FARR. Madam Chair, I rise today to express my appreciation for the House Armed Services Committee's acceptance of my amendment on the importance of foreign language and cultural education in the military. While the concept of military-to-military engagement is not new, it has an increasing level of importance in our contemporary operating environment. While most military training focuses on servicemembers being able to engage with the enemy, it is equally important to educate servicemembers on cultures and foreign language so that when we partner with foreign militaries and engage in capacity building, we can speak their language and understand their culture.

The Chief of Staff of the Army, General Odierno, and the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, Admiral Stavridis, have argued that the future of our defense strategy requires strong relationships with capable partners. Unfortunately, there is a language and cultural capability gap in the Department of Defense, an organization that operates globally to accomplish its mission yet has less than 10% whom speak a second language. Effective partner capacity building requires the kind of relationships that cannot be built through using an interpreter alone.

Our military's ability to understand cultures and languages in Iraq and Afghanistan has taken a long and costly road. That road's most valuable lesson is that our military personnel need the capacity to understand foreign cultures and languages before they are deployed. The ability of our junior and senior military leaders to build partnerships and partner capacity requires training in culture and languages not only in times of conflict but also in times of peace.

Two world class military installations in my district provide this critically needed education to all the Services. The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center and the Naval Postgraduate School educate military personnel in the languages and cultures of our partners. Investment in language and culture enhances readiness for military intelligence, Special Forces, and general-purpose forces at a low cost. This capability enables servicemembers to connect with our

partnering countries at the unit level where the mission is executed.

America's strategic challenges, including a pivot to the Pacific region that has more than 70 countries and more than 100 regional and national languages, will generate additional requirements for language and put additional strain on the current capacity for skilled foreign language analysts, Foreign Area Officers, military intelligence personnel, and attachés. We must meet the demand and respond proactively.

Madam Chair, again, I am appreciative of the committee's support of foreign language capability and cultural understanding in the military and look forward to working with them in the future to ensure our military is resourced to meet the strategic demands of the future.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

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Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Chair, I am here to ask that you support my amendment requesting the Secretary of the Army to review and provide a report on the Medal of Honor nomination of Captain William L. Albracht of Moline, Illinois.

Many, including the Vietnam Veterans of America, strongly believe that after reviewing all of the documentation that the Silver Star is not commensurate with Captain Albracht's actions during the five days of the siege of Firebase Kate in South Vietnam.

It is the belief that the Army performed a cursory review of the nomination, given the length of time between Captain Albracht's heroic actions and his initial Medal of Honor nomination.

Forty-three years ago, Captain Albracht, then a 21-year-old Green Beret, was in charge of a U.S. military evacuation at Firebase Kate.

Captain Albracht's strong leadership, calm under extreme duress, and care for countless other soldiers was exemplary. He was responsible for saving 150 lives.

Outnumbered 40-to-1 and vulnerable, conditions grew more dire. Albracht took shrapnel to the arm. The wound easily could have landed him aboard one of the last medevac helicopters that dared approach Firebase Kate.

But he chose to stay.

He led these 150 men off the base, despite being wounded, surrounded and constantly targeted by the enemy. After long nights, Captain Albracht's escape plan worked.

After arriving safely at a nearby outpost, word came that there would be a ceremony to honor their heroic actions. A helicopter was

sent to pick up Captain Albracht, despite poor flying conditions that had grounded many other aircraft.

Upon arrival of the helicopter, Captain Albracht noted that there were several wounded soldiers who could not be airlifted due to weather conditions. He told the aircrew of his helicopter to get the men to a hospital. Giving up his seat caused him to miss the ceremony. His actions went unrecognized for four decades.

Others under Captain Albracht's command and guidance were awarded Silver Stars for their actions that day. However, Captain Albracht was not recognized for leading his soldiers to safety through the dense Vietnamese jungle while repeatedly facing extreme enemy fire.

Many believe that every man at Firebase Kate would have died if not for Captain Albracht. There was no one else capable of calling in an airstrike and no one there capable of inspiring these men to follow him into that jungle.

This is why I am requesting that the Army review and provide a report on why Captain Albracht's heroic actions and Medal of Honor nomination was downgraded two levels.

## RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION OF THE AGA KHAN FOUNDATION'S CHICAGO PARTNERSHIP GOLF OUTING

**HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2013*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) an outstanding charitable endeavor that helps battle poverty across the globe, and I am proud that AKF will hold its 2013 Chicago Partnership Golf Outing in Illinois's Tenth District.

In total, nearly 1.4 billion people live in extreme poverty. As our world continues to evolve, develop and grow more interconnected, this reality becomes ever more evident, increasingly more unacceptable. The AKF, through remarkable global programs and incredible individual generosity, fights to empower people in every corner of the planet.

As the global upheaval of the last few years continues, it is imperative that we remain engaged with the world and actively lead in trying to improve it. Times of change offer the chance to alter the course of history, and the AKF is not pulling back from this moment, but rather is embracing it.

Every dollar raised for the Chicago Partnership Golf Outing goes directly to AKF charitable projects, with no money toward administrative costs. This steadfast commitment to its founding ideals has led the AKF to the forefront of the fight against poverty.

Recently, the AKF launched an initiative to empower the war-torn people of Mali. Its dedication to working in some of the most dangerous, devastated regions of the world is both noble and inspiring. For those who need its services most, the AKF has been willing and able to step up and make a difference.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor this special organization, and I wish them great success now and in the future.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. DENNIS A. ROSS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1960) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Chair, I rise today to thank Chairman McKEON and Ranking Member SMITH for their hard work on this important legislation, and to speak in support of my amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act.

My amendment is very simple and straightforward—it would prohibit the Department of Defense from using taxpayer funds to provide additional or upgraded recreational facilities for detainees at U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

I cannot help but remember that the federal government wasted \$750,000 last year to build a recreational soccer field in Guantanamo Bay for detainees. I thought it was a ridiculous idea then, and I think it is a ridiculous idea now.

At a time when we have an out-of-control backlog of Veterans claims pending a decision—taxpayer funding was wasted building a soccer field for terrorists?

At a time when the President's Administration is proposing to drastically raise TRICARE fees on service members and their families—\$750,000 were spent to improve the recreational facilities for terrorist detainees?

At a time when we can't give seniors a fair cost-of-living increase in benefits?

Or at a time when families across the country are making tough cutbacks in their own budgets, we're building soccer fields in Cuba?

Guantanamo Bay is a detention facility for terrorists captured on the battlefield or apprehended actively planning to do harm to Americans.

As such, Guantanamo Bay should not be a place of comfort; rather, it should house the world's most dangerous terrorists in a humane way, providing only the bare essentials.

Our Founding Fathers made it clear that the federal government has no higher duty than to "provide for the common defense."

Rather than balancing the budget on the backs of our military, Department of Defense employees, seniors, and families, Congress should prevent wasteful projects like this—period.

Once again, I want to thank the Chair and Ranking Member for their work on this legislation, and encourage my colleagues to join me in passing this fiscally responsible amendment to ensure taxpayer's funds are not used to construct or upgrade recreational facilities for terrorist detainees.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 13, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1960) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of my amendment (#63), to the National Defense Authorization Act, which would require the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps to provide free Internet access for servicemembers serving in a combat zone.

This amendment comes as a response to several servicemembers from our district who, while serving in Afghanistan and Iraq, found the distribution and pricing of recreational Internet usage for servicemembers to be unequal and exorbitant.

For the vast majority of our nation's servicemembers serving overseas, the Internet has become the best means to communicate with spouses, children, parents, and other loved ones. It is the key link to staying connected with home and provides a much needed boost in morale for our nation's warriors who have had to endure multiple tours of duty in some of the most difficult terrain in the world.

It is imperative that as the people's elected representatives, we make sure that this important service is provided to those who have answered the call of duty and are putting their lives in harm's way at the lowest cost for our servicemembers.

For situations in which the local security environment does not allow for recreational Internet usage, this amendment provides for a temporary waiver.

I ask for my colleagues to stand with our servicemembers and their families and vote in support of my amendment.

## IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLOTTE AND BILL WINKKY

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 14, 2013*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charlotte and Bill Winkky as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Married June 23, 1963, Charlotte and Bill have spent the majority of their lives residing in Horseheads, New York. Their devotion to each other and to their community is truly commendable.

Charlotte, a German immigrant, came to the United States with her mother after World War II. She lived in Newburgh, New York before attending the State University of New York, Cortland, where she met her husband Bill. They have been together ever since.

Both Charlotte and Bill served as public school teachers for the Horseheads Central School District for over 30 years. Bill also

coached football, wrestling, swimming, and track at Horseheads. Although the couple has retired from teaching, they continue to give back to their community. Charlotte plays an active role in the American Cancer Society, and she and her husband contribute to several other non-profit organizations, including the YWCA and Tanglewood Nature Center. Bill currently serves as the Supervisor for the Town of Veteran.

Charlotte and Bill Winkky have set an admirable record of devotion to each other, their family, and their community. I am honored to congratulate Charlotte and Bill on their milestone of 50 years together and it is only proper that they be officially recognized here today.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 12, 2013*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1960) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

GENERAL LEAVE STATEMENT

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Chair, I submit the following exchange of letters.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION,  
AND THE WORKFORCE,

*Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.*

Hon. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON,  
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am writing to confirm our mutual understanding with respect to H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. Thank you for consulting with the Committee on Education and the Workforce with regard to H.R. 1960 on those matters within the committee's jurisdiction.

In the interest of expediting the House's consideration of H.R. 1960, the Committee on Education and the Workforce will forgo further consideration of this bill. However, I do so only with the understanding that this procedural route will not be construed to prejudice my committee's jurisdictional interest and prerogatives on this bill or any other similar legislation and will not be considered as precedent for consideration of matters of jurisdictional interest to my committee in the future.

I respectfully request your support for the appointment of outside conferees from the Committee on Education and the Workforce should this bill or a similar bill be considered in a conference with the Senate. I also request that you include our exchange of letters on this matter in the Committee Report on H.R. 1960 and in the Congressional Record during consideration of this bill on the House floor. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

JOHN KLINE,  
*Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.*

Hon. JOHN KLINE

*Chairman, House Committee on Education and the Workforce, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN KLINE: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. I agree that the Committee on Education and the Workforce has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Education and the Workforce is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON,  
*Chairman.*

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,  
*Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.*

Hon. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON,

*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN McKEON: I write concerning H.R. 1960, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014." I wanted to notify you that the Committee on Energy and Commerce will forgo action on H.R. 1960 so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House floor for consideration.

This is done with the understanding that the Committee's jurisdictional interests over this and similar legislation are in no way diminished or altered. In addition, the Committee reserves the right to seek conferees on H.R. 1960 and requests your support when such a request is made.

I would appreciate your response confirming this understanding with respect to H.R. 1960 and ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD during consideration of the bill on the House floor.

Sincerely,

FRED UPTON,  
*Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.*

Hon. FRED UPTON,

*Chairman, House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN UPTON: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. I agree that the Committee on Energy and Commerce has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Energy and Commerce is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON,  
*Chairman.*

PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE,  
*June 7, 2013.*

Hon. BUCK McKEON,  
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In recognition of the importance of expediting the passage of H.R. 1960, the "National Defense Authorization

Act for Fiscal Year 2014," the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence hereby waives further consideration of the bill. The Committee has jurisdictional interests in several provisions of H.R. 1960, including intelligence and intelligence-related authorizations and provisions contained in the bill and provisions that may affect sensitive reporting with respect to covert action.

The Committee has specific and unresolved concerns with respect to certain provisions of the bill, and takes this action only with the understanding that this procedural route should not be construed to prejudice the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence's jurisdictional interest over this bill or any similar bill and will not be considered as precedent for consideration of matters of jurisdictional interest to the Committee in the future. In addition, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence will seek conferees on any provisions of the bill that are within its jurisdiction during any House-Senate conference that may be convened on this legislation.

Finally, I would ask that you include a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD during the House debate on H.R. 1960. I appreciate the constructive work between our committees on this matter and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

MIKE ROGERS,  
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Hon. MIKE ROGERS,  
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Capitol Visitor Center, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN ROGERS: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. I agree that the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES  
Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Hon. BUCK MCKEON,  
Chairman, House Committee on Armed Services, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: On June 6, 2013, the Committee on Armed Services ordered H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014, as amended, to be reported favorably to the House. As a result of your having consulted with the Committee on Financial Services concerning provisions of the bill that fall within our Rule X jurisdiction, I agree to discharge our committee from further consideration of the bill so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House Floor.

The Committee on Financial Services takes this action with our mutual understanding that, by foregoing consideration of H.R. 1960, as amended, at this time, we do not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that our committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as the bill or

similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues that fall within our Rule X jurisdiction. Our committee also reserves the right to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation, and requests your support for any such request.

Finally, I would appreciate your response to this letter confirming this understanding with respect to H.R. 1960, as amended, and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in your committee's report to accompany the legislation and/or in the Congressional Record during floor consideration thereof.

Sincerely,

JEB HENSARLING,  
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Hon. JEB HENSARLING,  
House Committee on Financial Services, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN HENSARLING: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. I agree that the Committee on Financial Services has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Financial Services is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,  
Washington, DC, June 5, 2013.

Hon. HOWARD "BUCK" MCKEON,  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON, I am writing concerning H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014, which was expected to be marked up in the Committee on Armed Services this week.

In order to expedite House consideration of H.R. 1960, the Committee on the Budget will forgo action on the bill. This is being done with the understanding that it does not in any way prejudice the Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees or its jurisdictional prerogatives on this or similar legislation.

I would appreciate your response to this letter, confirming this understanding with respect to H.R. 1960, and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during Floor consideration.

Sincerely,

PAUL RYAN,  
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Hon. PAUL RYAN,  
House Committee on the Budget, Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN RYAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. I agree that the Committee on the Budget has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not

to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on the Budget is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
Washington DC, June 3, 2013.

Hon. HOWARD "BUCK" MCKEON,  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. MCKEON: I am writing to you concerning the jurisdictional interest of the Committee on Agriculture in matters being considered in H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014.

Our committee recognizes the importance of H.R. 1960 and the need for the legislation to move expeditiously. Therefore, while we have a valid claim to jurisdiction over the bill, I do not intend to request a sequential referral. This, of course, is conditional on our mutual understanding that nothing in this legislation or my decision to forego a sequential referral waives, reduces or otherwise affects the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture, and that a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest will be included in the Committee Report and as part of the Congressional Record during consideration of this bill by the House.

I also ask that you support our request to be conferees on the provisions over which we have jurisdiction during any House-Senate conference.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

FRANK D. LUCAS,  
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Hon. FRANK D. LUCAS,  
House Committee on Agriculture, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN LUCAS: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. I agree that the Committee on Agriculture has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Agriculture is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,  
Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Hon. HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
Chairman, House Committee on Armed Services, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON, I write to you regarding H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. There are certain provisions of this legislation that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security.

In the interest of permitting the Committee on Armed Services to proceed expeditiously to the House floor, I

will not seek a sequential referral of H.R. 1960. However, I do so only with the mutual understanding that the jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security over matters contained in this or similar legislation is in no way diminished or altered. I further request that you urge the Speaker to name members of this Committee to any conference committee that is named to consider such provisions.

I request that you include this letter and your response into the committee report on

H.R. 1960 and into the Congressional Record. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL T. MCCAUL,  
*Chairman.*

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COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.*

Hon. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL,  
*Chairman, House Committee on Homeland Security, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCCAUL: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 1960, the National

Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. I am most appreciative of your support and interest in this important legislation. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
*Chairman.*