

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THE HAMP TERMINATION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 29, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 839) to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to terminate the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to provide new assistance under the Home Affordable Modification Program, while preserving assistance to homeowners who were already extended an offer to participate in the Program, either on a trial or permanent basis:

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Chair, in the last few years, the United States has faced a devastating economic crisis. As a result of the economic downturn, many homeowners have lost their homes or are at imminent risk of foreclosure. The Obama Administration launched the federal Home Affordable Modification Program ("HAMP") to stem the escalating tide of home foreclosures with its ruinous effects on families and their communities. HAMP's purpose is to provide eligible homeowners with permanent loan modifications on terms they can afford in order to avoid foreclosure of their homes.

Although this program is far from perfect, it has helped more than 600,000 families lower their mortgage payments and stay in their homes. H.R. 839, the HAMP Termination Act of 2011, will end this program. I have yet to see any Republican alternative to our housing crisis! There are 3 million foreclosures forecasted this year nationwide and a housing turnaround is not expected for at least three years.

Missing in the Republicans limited discussion on housing is the impact of the housing crisis on communities of color in the United States. An estimated 17 percent of Latino families and 11 percent of African American families have lost their homes or are at an imminent risk of losing their homes. Meanwhile, Republicans continue to eliminate all government involvement in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. While these institutions need to be reformed, they do serve important functions such as making the 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage available to the general public and providing mortgage credit and affordable rental housing for communities of color. If we do not focus seriously on our minority communities, which are disproportionately affected by the economic crisis, the home buying environment for these communities will worsen as the economy recovers. The American dream will cease to exist for many. Fewer mortgages would be available to working-class families in the long run without some government-backed financing.

Eliminating support to distressed homeowners at this point in time would be disastrous for neighborhoods trying to recover from

the foreclosure crisis. Instead, we should focus our efforts on ways to make HAMP a useful, wide-reaching program with meaningful goals, such as pushing lenders and loan servicers to reduce the principal on underwater loans and giving struggling homeowners real relief.

The latest foreclosure rates in the 7th congressional district of Indiana are higher than the national average. Terminating HAMP and denying critical assistance to struggling Americans is not the answer. HAMP has allowed thousands of Hoosiers to survive unemployment. The program has lowered monthly mortgage payments, and given families the breathing room they needed to keep their home. There is no easy way to repair the deep damage caused by the housing crisis. It will take time and a sustained, comprehensive effort. I will continue to fight on behalf of Hoosiers to keep them in their homes.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—BLAKE BALDA

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the United States House of Representatives that the students of the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) from the third district of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far-surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

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With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council for showing themselves to be outstanding young citizens of this nation. It is my privilege to submit summaries of their work to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to be preserved for posterity and antiquity. To these young public servants, thank you, and keep up the great work! I salute you!

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

I have had a unique opportunity over the course of this past year to serve at the DFW USO each Wednesday morning. This agency prides itself on serving, assisting, and providing morale for military personnel both past and present. I've thoroughly enjoyed this service site helping soldiers navigate through the airport to their respective gates, packaging and sending boxes of magazines for troops overseas, and working in the USO Club. The USO has been a great service site for me because of my love and respect for the United States military. The work I do is very rewarding. Nothing tops the opportunity to interact with the people who keep this nation safe each and every day. Listening to the stories of the soldiers has made me appreciate their sacrifice more than ever before. I look forward to continuing my work with the USO as well as embarking on a new undertaking with the Dallas Honor Flight, an organization that raises money to send World War II veterans to their memorial in Washington, D.C. CYAC in the Community has allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the US. Armed Forces.

—Blake Balda

RECOGNITION OF VINCENNES RIVET HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Vincennes Rivet High School Girls' Basketball Team from Vincennes, Indiana. On March 5, 2011, the Lady Patriots won the Indiana High School Athletic Association's Class 1A State Championship for the first time in school history. Today, I would like to congratulate Coach Tim Young and the young ladies for their success.

Capping off a regular season with a perfect record of 21 wins and 0 losses, Coach Young led his #1 ranked team to the school's third straight appearance in the state finals where they achieved a 49 to 40 victory against #2 ranked Turkey Run to bring home their first championship. I would also like to commend Coach Jeff Thompson and his team for their exceptional season.

Coach Young constantly promoted teamwork and sportsmanship and was named the Evansville Courier & Press Southwestern Indiana Coach of the Year. His daughter, senior point guard Sarah Young, was named the all-Southwestern Indiana Player of the Year.

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Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Lady Patriots of Vincennes Rivet High School for their hard work and dedication that culminated with their first ever Indiana High School Athletic Association's Girls Basketball Title.

RIVET LADY PATRIOTS

Julia Finch, Ellie Herman, Bailey Dreiman, Lauren Herman, Casandra Brocksmith, Elizabeth Keller, Erin Wehrheim, Sara Young, Mallory Niehaus, Allyson Wehrheim, Lauren Tucker, Amber Fowler, Emily Montgomery, Emily Niehaus, Brooke Schutter, Bailey Niehaus.

Head Coach: Tim Young.

Asst. Coaches: Charlie Waggoner, Brent Meeks, Sheila Herman, Paula Westfall.

Manager: Haley Potter.

Athletic Director: Doug Ostendorf.

CONGRATULATING BILL SAMUELS
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RE-
TIREMENT FROM MAKER'S MARK

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor, commend and congratulate Mr. Bill Samuels, Jr. as he retires from his post as president of Maker's Mark. The Commonwealth of Kentucky is known across the world for its horses as well as its whiskey, in no small part because of the expert craftsmanship and emphasis on quality of Mr. Samuels, following in the footsteps of the seven generations of bourbon distillers in his family. It is fitting that Mr. Samuels will say "so long," though certainly not goodbye to his life's work, at the Thoroughbreds & Redheads event in conjunction with the Maker's Mark Mile race at Lexington's beautiful Keeneland racecourse.

Mr. Samuels' storied career in Loretto is marked by a strong commitment to tradition and entrepreneurship. Maker's Mark is the product of the nation's oldest operating bourbon distillery, and during its celebrated history, its timeless quality has been recognized with numerous awards.

But Mr. Samuels was unwilling to allow Maker's Mark to rest on its laurels. During his career, Mr. Samuels revitalized the brand by developing clever advertising marked by clean, stark design that accentuated his wit while adapting the culture of Kentucky for consumption across the United States and around the world. From a billboard in New York's financial district alluding to Maker's Mark's trademark wax with the slogan "trickle-down economics" to a print ad proclaiming "If we could make it any faster, we wouldn't," Mr. Samuels' efforts are omnipresent, eye-catching, and memorable, transforming Maker's Mark into a thoroughly modern brand while bringing along a bit of Kentucky spirit.

Under his apt stewardship, Maker's Mark has achieved a historic milestone by selling one million cases annually of what is perhaps Kentucky's best known export. The success of Maker's Mark is a reaffirmation of Kentucky's love of tradition, vibrant economy, and good taste. In his forty-four years tirelessly working to expand his family's business and better his community by producing a true Kentucky original, Mr. Samuels has captured the culture and heritage of the Commonwealth in the bourbon

handcrafted in the fabled oak barrels of Marion County and has shared it with the world. I wish to congratulate Mr. Samuels upon his retirement for his decades of dedication as a global ambassador of our state and to wish him the best in whatever endeavors his future may hold.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Chairman, on rollcall No. 212, Gingrey of Georgia Amendment no. 18, I inadvertently voted "no"—intending to vote "yes."

HILLARY MORRIS, DIANA KELLY
AND BRITTANY HARLAN—TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hillary Morris, Diana Kelly and Brittany Harlan for their work to prevent drinking and drug use in Colorado schools. These three women are responsible for programs designed to teach local students about the dangers of substance abuse.

Their efforts have recently been honored by the Rio Grande Prevention Partners, a group that works towards spreading information about the negative effects of alcohol and drugs. Ms. Harlan has been the student intern for the group since June of 2009. She was instrumental in creating the Youth Engagement Plan while also participating in a number of other extracurricular activities.

Ms. Kelly is the Creede Middle and High School sponsor for Students Against Destructive Decisions, a national group with similar aspirations to that of the RGPP. She helped guide the group's local efforts in Colorado over the last year. Ms. Morris, a student of Creede High School, is also very involved with SADD. She has organized events and activities for the group this past year.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize these three women for their work in preventing drug and alcohol use among Colorado students. The initiative they have taken in their communities is exemplary and I have no doubt they will continue to be leaders in preventing substance abuse.

HONORING MULE DAY IN
COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE

HON. SCOTT DesJARLAIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, today I come to the floor of the U.S. House, to honor and celebrate the great Tennessee tradition of Mule Day.

For nearly 170 years, Mule Day has been an annual event in Columbia, Tennessee,

which is widely known as the "Mule Capital" of the world.

Mule Day was first celebrated in 1840, as a single day livestock show. Since then, it has evolved into a week-long festival that attracts over 200,000 attendees, making it one of the largest livestock markets in the world. In addition to mules, the festival highlights Tennessee's rich traditions of agriculture, food, music, dancing, and crafts.

Mrs. Knoxville Goad will serve as Grand Marshal for the 2011 Mule Day Parade. I thank her and all the good citizens of Columbia, Tennessee and surrounding areas who continue to work long and hard to ensure that Mule Day remains an important part of Tennessee's heritage.

I look forward to attending this year's "Mule Day" and celebrating the proud history of the American Mule.

BRINGING AMERICA HOME

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, Tom Pauken, Chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission and author of the book "Bringing America Home," has written a column in the Washington Times that I wish every American would read.

The column, entitled "An Agenda for the Next President" and reprinted below, is a very important one that I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

[From the Washington Times, Mar. 31, 2011]

GATES GRILLED ON PRICE OF 'ILLEGAL WAR'

(By Tom Pauken)

ANALYSIS/OPINION

What bothers most Americans as they check out next year's crop of presidential candidates is their country's involvement in a series of endless wars to promote the Wilsonian ideal of "making the world safe for democracy."

First, there was the Bosnian War during the Clinton administration, in which the U.S. intervened militarily on behalf of a radical Islamic Kurdish group against the Christian Serbs who had been our allies in World War II. Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright was the leading proponent of that Clinton policy, and she famously said to Gen. Colin L. Powell at the time, "What's the point of having this superb military that you're always talking about if we can't use it?" And so we used it to bomb Belgrade and other areas of Serbia—which ensured the Islamic takeover of Kosovo.

Now, Mrs. Clinton reportedly is the prime mover in the Obama administration of U.S. military intervention in Libya to oust the regime of Col. Moammar Gadhafi and replace it with "the forces of democracy," whoever that may turn out to be.

Meanwhile, the George W. Bush and the Obama administrations have supported our continued military involvement in Afghanistan. After the tragedy of 9/11, it made strategic sense to deny Osama bin Laden and his Taliban allies their sanctuaries in Afghanistan, where they were training their radical followers in the techniques of sabotage and terrorism. What is our mission in Afghanistan 10 years later? To keep the regime of President Hamid Karzai in power?

The human and financial costs of these “endless wars” to our nation have been enormous. A policy of using U.S. military force to impose democracy in the Middle East has not worked and will not work. Moreover, how do we ever hope to get federal spending under control if we keep on the current course?

American foreign policy should be guided by what is in our nation's best interest. We need a new strategy to address the threat of radical Islam. Remember: President Reagan put a policy in place to win the Cold War with very little loss of American military lives.

Changing America's foreign policy is just the beginning. We need to pick a new president we can count on for an economic policy that puts Americans back to work, starts helping the private sector grow again and rebuilds our manufacturing base. The best way to do that is to replace our onerous business tax system—which exports prosperity and American jobs overseas—with a revenue-neutral, business consumption tax that will level the playing field with our trading competitors and bring jobs home to America.

Next, we should pick as our new president someone we can count on to replace Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben S. Bernanke with someone like Thomas M. Hoenig, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, who has warned of the risks of loose monetary policy and who understands the importance of a sound-dollar policy.

A new president should be one we can count on to end taxpayer bailouts of the “too big to fail” financial institutions—a policy begun by Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin in the Clinton administration and continued by Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson in the Bush administration. If these institutions are too big to fail, they are too big.

We'll want a new president to determine what levels of spending cuts are necessary and feasible. Then, devolve power wherever possible over domestic programs by removing federal mandates and sending control over spending back to the states and local communities. Give Medicaid back to the states in the form of block grants, just like we did with welfare reform in the Reagan administration.

A president committed to getting federal spending under control also has to be willing to make cuts in defense spending (which has nearly doubled over the past decade), foreign aid and entitlements. Mr. Bush's Medicare drug plan alone, pushed through Congress in 2003, constitutes an unfunded liability of \$55 billion annually, or \$7.2 trillion over the next 75 years. It only speeds up the date when Medicare will be bankrupt. That issue needs to be addressed as part of overall health care reform.

Finally, we cannot ignore the coarsening of our culture and the unraveling of our once strong social fabric, so necessary for the nurturing and preservation of a good society. Bluntly speaking, a free-market system without an ethical compass guiding it will not work. A constitutional republic without the Judeo-Christian ethic as its foundation will not last.

Only if we make the right choice next year will we get a new president who can help America find its way back.

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As the president of the Frisco High School student council, most of my efforts go toward the Homecoming dance in October. I organized this entire dance and spent hours volunteering my time in order to decorate it and make sure everything is set at the standard of perfection. The theme of the dance this year was “A Night at the Shore” and all of the decorations were beach themed. I oversaw the completion of this project from the beginning to the very end, and the final product was extremely satisfying. This project was the fruit of my labor for months, and I spent 5 hours on the day of the dance, Saturday, October 2nd, decorating the banquet hall of the hotel to resemble a serene beach. I also had to fill out numerous proposals in order to get the venue, vendors, and theme approved. From there I went to finding a DJ, and recruiting other members

to spend their time both before and after the dance to help set up and clean up. This volunteer opportunity really helped me reach out in the community and help significantly raise the level of spirit at my school.

—Niki Akhaveissy

REDUCING REGULATORY BURDENS ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in favor of H.R. 872, the Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2011. This legislation amends the Clean Water Act and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act “FIFRA”, to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters.

In 2006, the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, promulgated a rule that codified EPA's longstanding interpretation that the application of pesticides for their intended purpose and in compliance with Pesticide label restrictions is not a discharge of a “pollutant” under the Clean Water Act, and therefore, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit would not be required. However, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals vacated this rule in *National Cotton Council v. EPA*. In this case the Court required the EPA to develop a new NPDES permitting process under the Clean Water Act for the purposes of pesticide use. The Court-ordered deadline for EPA to promulgate the new permitting process for pesticides is April 9, 2011.

As a result of this court decision, EPA estimates that approximately 365,000 pesticide users, including state agencies, cities, counties, mosquito control districts, water districts, pesticide applicators, farmers, ranchers, forest managers, scientists, and everyday citizens that perform 5.6 million pesticide applications annually will be affected, doubling the number of entities currently subject to NPDES permitting under the Clean Water Act.

Once the court order goes into effect, pesticide users not covered by an NPDES permit will be subject to a fine of up to \$37,500 per day per violation. In addition to the cost of compliance, pesticide users will be subject to an increased risk of litigation under the citizen suit provision of the Clean Water Act. The court ruling does not change any standards for pesticide regulation and provides no additional environmental or public health protection. It simply adds a layer of unnecessary and costly bureaucracy.

This bill recognizes that pesticides are already regulated by the EPA under FIFRA and that any additional regulation would be burdensome and duplicative. I was proud to be a cosponsor of this legislation and support its passage through the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Unfortunately, I was unavoidably detained during the floor vote on this bill and was unable to cast my official vote in support of the measure. If I were present at the time of the vote, I would have proudly cast an “Aye” vote because we cannot continue to subject the agricultural community to increasingly burdensome regulations. I am pleased that Congress was able to act on this bill and

I look to the Senate for its expedited review and hope that the President will subsequently sign the measure into law. Our countries farmers deserve nothing less.

CONGRATULATING THE ROCK-
CASTLE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
LADY ROCKETS BASKETBALL
TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2011
KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATH-
LETIC ASSOCIATION'S STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Rockcastle County High School Lady Rockets Basketball Team who captured the 2011 Kentucky High School Athletic Association's State Championship title. Coach Chrysti Noble led the team to an incredible victory that our region will cherish for years to come.

On March 12, 2011, the Lady Rockets defeated a talented team from Dupont Manual High School, winning 62 to 60 in a game forced into overtime. With one second remaining, senior Angie Lawrence hit the game-winning shot.

The state title is the realization of a dream come true, especially for the team's seniors. As teammates in the fifth grade, the girls experienced success as Rockcastle County's first team to earn a trip to the Amateur Athletic Union's national tournament. After tasting victory, they decided their next goal was to win the Kentucky State Championship in high school. Heart and determination have always separated this team from the competition.

In addition, I commend the tournament's most valuable player, Kentucky's first-ever McDonald's All American, Sara Hammond, for the leadership she demonstrated throughout her career at Rockcastle County High School, both on and off the court. Sara has been a prominent advocate for Operation UNITE, spreading a drug-free message to the youth in southern and eastern Kentucky.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Chrysti Noble and the 2011 Lady Rockets as the KHSAA State Champions. Coach Noble and her student-athletes have demonstrated outstanding dedication, teamwork, unselfishness and sportsmanship throughout the course of the season in achieving this great honor. I congratulate them and wish them all the best in the years to come.

ARTHUR GAGNON TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker it is a wonderful privilege to stand and pay tribute to celebrate the extraordinary life of Mr. Arthur Gagnon. Sadly, he passed away on March 24th, 2011, and his loss will be felt by all who knew this

inspirational person. Mr. Gagnon was a man that had many passions, and had a lifetime of wonderful achievements on a professional and personal level. Above all else he was a man that was truly devoted to his family, faith and country.

Mr. Arthur Gagnon was born and raised in Albany, New York, and he lived there until he enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1950. Mr. Gagnon enjoyed a successful career in the Air Force that lasted two decades, and took him to all corners of the globe. He retired as a Senior Master Sergeant and always claimed to love the work he did and the people he met along the way. After twenty years of moving around the country Mr. Gagnon and his family moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado, which allowed him to continue civilian work with the Air Force at the Air Force Academy Visitor Center. Mr. Gagnon was also endlessly committed to doing all he could to assist his fellow veterans, and he did so as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Retired Enlisted Association and Disabled American Veterans. Mr. Arthur Gagnon was a man that had a true sense of the meaning of service.

For all of his deeds in his service to America, Mr. Arthur Gagnon was even more committed to his family. He married his wife Delores in 1953 and they enjoyed a 58 year marriage. Mr. Gagnon also had three children, and was a grandfather and great-grandfather. Many in the Gagnon family looked to the lessons they learned from their father and grandfather as an example of how they should live there own life. His son James Gagnon served as an officer in the Air Force, and one of his grandsons, Joseph Gagnon is currently a first lieutenant in the Air Force. His grandson, David Sprenger, believes that his success working in the U.S. Congress can be directly attributed to the ideals he learned from his grandfather. Mr. Gagnon clearly touched the lives of others in many ways.

Mr. Speaker, it has been an honor to stand and pay tribute to the life and accomplishments of Mr. Arthur Gagnon. He was a man that tirelessly tried to bring fulfillment into the lives of those around him, and he will be dearly missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF AREA
HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS
(AHECS)

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker: I rise today to acknowledge the contributions of the nation's Area Health Education Centers (AHECs) and applaud the vitally important healthcare workforce programs they conduct to improve access to healthcare for medically under-served individuals.

AHECs, established by Congress in 1971 as one of the Title VII Health Professions Training programs, are the workforce development, training and education machine for the nation's healthcare safety net programs. Across the nation, 56 AHEC programs and more than 235 affiliated AHEC centers collaborate with

over 120 medical schools and 600 nursing and allied health programs to improve the quality, geographic distribution and diversity of the primary care workforce.

Last year, AHECs facilitated the placement of more than 44,000 health professional students in 17,530 community-based practice settings nationwide including community health centers, rural health clinics, critical access hospitals, tribal clinics and public health departments. To address the growing shortage of health care professionals in America, over 33,000 received more than 20 hours of health career exposure, information, and academic enhancement to prepare them for health professions training programs.

The University of South Florida's AHEC Program connects students to careers, professionals to communities, and communities to better health. The USF AHEC Program inspires youth to choose a career in the health professions with its health career camps, mentoring programs, college preparatory courses and more. USF focuses on recruiting more minority and disadvantaged youth into health careers because as the nation's population becomes more diverse, it is important that the health care workforce reflects that diversity. AHECs in the Tampa Bay area are dedicated to community service and committed to enhancing the lives of Florida's most vulnerable populations who often go without health care due to geographic isolation and economic or social status. From 2000 to now, USF AHEC and its centers, Gulfcoast North AHEC and Gulfcoast South AHEC, have placed over 13,000 health professions students, residents and providers in medically underserved sites such as community health centers, county health departments and indigent care clinics within its service area; have increased access to healthcare at these sites with approximately 3 million patient encounters; and have guided more than 10,000 youth to careers in health through student enrichment and diversity programs. Most recently, USF AHEC and its centers have also provided tobacco cessation services to over 1,600 residents of the service area in an effort to combat the nation's leading cause of disease, disability and death—to tobacco use.

Not only have AHECs supported the education of future professionals, but they have supported more than 482,000 health professionals caring for the medically under-served with programs designed to enhance their skills, knowledge, and quality of care. AHECs have awarded 1.1 million contact hours of continuing education programs to current health professionals. AHECs extend the academic resources of health professions training programs into rural and medically underserved communities throughout the United States by creating partnerships between the health science centers that train health professions students, residents, faculty, and practitioners and the local providers that care for our nation's increasing number of medically under-served citizens.

Mr. Speaker, through community-based interdisciplinary training programs, AHECs identify, inspire, recruit, educate, and retain a health care workforce committed to underserved populations. To that end, I would like to take this opportunity to officially recognize National AHEC Week, March 14 through March 18, 2011.

HONORING U.S. ARMY CORPORAL
JUSTIN ROSS'S SERVICE IN AF-
GHANISTAN

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life and sacrifice of Corporal Justin Ross. A native of Howard, Wisconsin, Cpl. Ross died while serving our country in the Helmand province of Afghanistan.

Cpl. Ross was assigned to the 428th Engineer Company, 863rd Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve, Wausau, Wisconsin. Our hearts go out to the Ross family and our prayers will be with them all during this difficult time. Cpl. Ross deserves nothing less than the eternal gratitude of our nation. He's a hero, and his sacrifice will not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, Cpl. Ross embodied the best qualities of a true American soldier. He was selfless, dedicated and brave. He is remembered by friends and family as a man with a strong, quiet spirit who put the safety of his fellow troops before his own and a man who earned the unwavering respect of his peers. Through his exemplary service, Cpl. Justin Ross has made Northeast Wisconsin and his country proud.

It is my honor to commemorate him and I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring the life of Cpl. Justin Ross for the sacrifice he has made for the United States.

WALLACE HOPKINS RETIRES
AFTER 36 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
OUR NATION'S VETERANS

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with a mixture of happiness and sadness that I let my colleagues know of the retirement today of Wallace M. Hopkins, the Director of the Bay Pines VA Health Care System, after 36 years of dedicated and devoted service to our nation's veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

It has been my pleasure to work with Mr. Hopkins for the past six years since his assignment to Bay Pines, which I have the privilege to represent. While at Bay Pines and throughout his career, Wally Hopkins' work in the field of Healthcare Systems Administration and Management has enhanced the quality of health care for our veterans for nearly four decades. He began his distinguished VA career in September 1975 as an Administrative Resident at the Iowa City VAMC. During the next 35 years, Mr. Hopkins served in increasingly more responsible administrative positions in Washington, Indiana, and Minnesota. He became the Director of the Brockton/West Roxbury VAMC in 1988 and then moved to Waco, Texas serving as Director there until 1996. Before coming to Bay Pines in 2005, he served as the Director of the Amarillo, Texas VA Health Care System.

Mr. Speaker, I am most familiar with Mr. Hopkins' leadership and commitment to the

care of our veterans while he has served as Director of the Bay Pines Healthcare System, one of the largest and most complex healthcare systems in the Department of Veterans Affairs. The numerous accomplishments and accolades that the staff at Bay Pines has earned during the tenure of Mr. Hopkins are indicative of his commitment to excellence. These awards include the 2008 Robert W. Carey Performance Excellence Award, the 2009 Robert W. Carey Performance Excellence Trophy, and 2010 Robert W. Carey Circle of Excellence Award, the three highest honors a VA hospital can earn. In 2007, 2008 and 2009, Bay Pines was ranked one of the highest of all Veterans Affairs Medical Centers in national performance measures for quality healthcare, access to services, and veteran and employee satisfaction rates. The Bay Pines Nursing Service has been nationally recognized with two 2007 Office of Nursing Service Innovation Awards and in 2009, they won the top award for the "Let's Get Certified" campaign by having the highest increase in individual nursing achievements of specialty certifications. Bay Pines received a top award from the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association for implementing measures adhering to the two organizations' highest standards of stroke care and treatment. The Associations' Get with the Guidelines Stroke (GWTG-Stroke) Silver Performance Achievement Award recognized Bay Pines for its comprehensive system of high standard measures and for being the first VA facility to be recognized with the Performance Achievement Award. National Systems Redesign awards were also presented to Bay Pines for streamlining patient flow process in the inpatient and outpatient setting.

Bay Pines has undergone much needed growth in its services and facilities under the leadership of Wally Hopkins. These include the expansion of the emergency department with state of the art imaging and diagnostic equipment, a completely renovated and expanded suite of Intensive Care Units, numerous enhancements and expansion efforts in types of cardiology services offered, expanded high-tech equipment for radiology and nuclear medicine including a new PET CT and new Radiation Oncology and Cancer Infusion Center and a fully renovated, completely self sustaining laundry plant that supports three major Veterans Healthcare Administration facilities. His direct interest in serving the clinical needs of veterans is apparent in the number of major and minor construction projects currently taking place throughout the Bay Pines Healthcare System. At Bay Pines, these include the Mental Health Center, Inpatient Ward Renovation Project, Outpatient Surgery Center, Eye Center, Research Center and outside of the main campus the Lee County Clinic and the expansion of services and the nearly doubling the amount of Community Based Outpatients Clinic space throughout the system's ten county catchment area.

Wallace Hopkins' commitment to caring for our Nation's veterans comes from the heart. He is a highly decorated veteran himself having served in Vietnam as an Air Force F-4 reconnaissance pilot. He earned a Master of Science degree in Health Care Administration in 1976 from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. Prior to his graduate studies, he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Southwest Texas State University

in 1968 and he is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Mr. Speaker, as I said at the outset, it is with some degree of sadness that we say goodbye to Wally Hopkins as the Director of the Bay Pines Healthcare System. He has led the staff there to the pinnacle of quality care for the veterans of our community. But I know that the skill and dedication with which he has led will pass down to the next leadership team and will continue to ensure that our veterans receive the highest quality of care which they have earned and which they deserve.

And I am happy for Mr. Hopkins and his wife Susan, who has been a true partner in his life-long service to veterans, as he retires from a career in which he has excelled. He is a true patriot as anyone who has heard him speak on Memorial Day can attest. And I am happy that he will remain a part of our community in which he has been active in many important areas since arriving in Pinellas County six years ago. Please join me in saying thank you to Mr. Wallace M. Hopkins for a job and a career well done and wishing him and his wife all the best in their retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on April 1, 2011, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall votes 215 through 224.

Had I been present for rollcall 215, agreeing to the amendment, Adam B. Schiff of California Amendment No. 29 to H.R. 658, the FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 216, agreeing to the amendment, Pete Sessions of Texas Amendment No. 20 to H.R. 658, the FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for rollcall 217, agreeing to the amendment, Steven C. LaTourette of Ohio Amendment No. 21 to H.R. 658, the FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 218, agreeing to the amendment, Bill Shuster of Pennsylvania Amendment No. 24 to H.R. 658, the FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for rollcall 219, on a motion to recommit with instructions H.R. 658, the FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 220, on passage of H.R. 658, the FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for rollcall 221, on a motion to order the previous question on the rule for H. Res. 194, Providing for consideration of H.R. 1255, the Government Shutdown Prevention Act of 2011, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for rollcall 222, on agreeing to H. Res. 194, Providing for consideration of H.R. 1255, the Government Shutdown Prevention Act of 2011, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for rollcall 223, on a motion to recommit with instructions H.R. 1255,

the Government Shutdown Prevention Act of 2011, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 224, on passage of H.R. 1255, the Government Shutdown Prevention Act of 2011, I would have voted "no."

RECOGNITION OF REITZ MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Reitz Memorial High School Girls Basketball Team from Evansville, Indiana. On March 5, 2011, the Lady Tigers won the Indiana High School Athletic Association's Class 3A State Championship for the first time in school history. Today, I would like to congratulate Coach Bruce Dockery and the 16 young ladies for their success.

After a regular season of 21 wins and only 1 loss, Coach Dockery led his #1 ranked team to the school's second appearance in the state finals in Fort Wayne, Indiana where it took a 58 to 50 overtime victory against #3 ranked Benton Central to bring home their first championship. I would also like to commend Coach David Baxter and his team for their exceptional season.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Lady Tigers of Reitz Memorial High School for their hard work and dedication that culminated with a record of 28 wins and 1 loss in Coach Dockery's 23rd season and their first ever Indiana High School Athletic Association's Girls Basketball Title.

MEMORIAL LADY TIGERS

Rachel Davidson
Nicci Bland
Ruth Hedrick
Maggie Minnette
Sarah Stone
Grace Shymanski
Natalie Cohlmeier
Jena Lutz
Anna Hackert
Marie Hackert
Emily Nesbitt
Mallory Ladd
Head Coach: Bruce Dockery
Asst. Coaches: Monica Auker, Whitney Jenkins, Thom Endress, Joan Miller
Student Managers: Emily Purdue, Kelsey Falls, Jessica Durcholz

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, I missed rollcall vote No. 202. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

HONORING MEMORABLE FACTOR'S OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

HON. TIM SCOTT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, to recognize and honor Memorable "Mem" Factor of Charleston, SC and to congratulate him for winning first place in the first grade division at the State MathFest competition and for being named a National Champion of Le Grand Concours 2010 French Competition.

Whereas, the members of the U.S. House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Memorable "Mem" Factor took first place honors at the State MathFest competition and was named a national champion of Le Grand Concours 2010 national French competition; and

Whereas, six-year-old Mem Factor's two favorite activities are math and basketball, and he thinks "being good at math is really cool"; and

Whereas, he had very big shoes to fill at MathFest because last year's first grade winner was his sister Cailey Factor, and for the first time in the six years of the competition's history, siblings became State winners in the same year when his sister took top honors this year for the second grade; and

Whereas, his sister also won a national first place in the 1A category of Le Grand Concours in 2008, and "Mem" followed her once again in the 1A category for children in the first through third grades by winning it this year; and

Whereas, also fluent in Mandarin and Spanish, he earned the highest score in the United States in his category and says he loves everything French, especially the food; and

Whereas, the national French exam, consisting of oral and written portions, is given by the American Association of Teachers of French to over one hundred thousand French students in all fifty States and abroad; and

Whereas, this year's South Carolina MathFest was held in Columbia, and four thousand math students from around the State competed in the State's competition of the national math contest; and

Whereas, a group of elementary educators created MathFest in 2001 to provide an extended math initiative that would motivate students, parents, and teachers to raise the standards and expectations in math; and

Whereas, the founder of MathFest, Dr. Ron Boykins, hopes to generate enthusiasm for math in the elementary years in order to provide students with necessary skills to compete in middle and high school; and

Whereas, the members of the U.S. House of Representatives are pleased that talent and hard work have brought this success to Mem Factor, and they are grateful for the pride and recognition he has brought to his home school and to his community. Now, therefore, the members of the U.S. House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Memorable "Mem" Factor of Charleston, SC and congratulate him for winning first place in the first grade division at the State MathFest competition and for being named a national champion of Le Grand Concours 2010 French competition.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Memorable "Mem" Factor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICK BERG

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. BERG. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 210, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 216, I inadvertently voted "no," when I meant to vote "yes."

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—ANDREW BALDWIN

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives that the students of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) from the Third District of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far-surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

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President George H.W. Bush once said, "A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens—citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."

With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the

2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council for showing themselves to be outstanding young citizens of this nation. It is my privilege to submit summaries of their work to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to be preserved for posterity and antiquity. To these young public servants, thank you, and keep up the great work! I salute you!

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

I have heard people say, “When you give to someone else, you end up receiving far more than you give.” After serving many volunteer hours, I believe this is true. On October 30th, I took part in an Adopt-A-Highway clean-up project in Allen. For two hours, we picked up gum wrappers, soda cans and anything else you could imagine along Highway 5. We gathered many bags of trash. In the end, we were hot and thirsty, but it felt good to know we left the highway looking better than when we started. My second activity was the Ultimate Gift Event. On October 23–24, several chapters worked on a beautification project for the Douglas Community in Plano. I cleared debris from the area and planted flowers. There was also a picnic and carnival for the kids in the area. It was two hours well spent. Study Buddies was my third activity. For 1½ hours on January 6th, I helped students living in the Chaparral apartments in Allen. We helped them with their homework and fed them pizza. Without our help, many of these kids would go to bed hungry. It was good to show these boys and girls that someone cares about them.

—Andrew Baldwin.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OPPORTUNITY AND RESULTS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 471, the so-called Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act.

When Republicans took over the House majority in January, they promised to uphold the Constitution—even going so far as to read it on the House Floor.

They also pledged to reduce the deficit by fully offsetting any new discretionary spending. But the ideological legislation offered today breaks both promises.

It also continues to push the extreme and reckless social agenda of the majority while failing to offer any bill to create much-needed jobs.

As I have said before on this Floor, it is not enough to simply read the Constitution, but to abide by it, and carry out its charge. This bill violates a fundamental principle enshrined in the First Amendment of the Constitution—the Establishment Clause.

This “wall of separation,” as Thomas Jefferson so famously put it, is ripped asunder by H.R. 471, which unabashedly funnels millions of public tax dollars to private religious schools.

The bill compels the American public to spend its tax dollars to fund religious schools that do not have to adhere to important civil

rights laws or federal statutes requiring equality such as Title IX. This is simply unacceptable.

We must defend the “wall of separation” between church and state as envisioned by our nation’s founders and we must fight to uphold it for all Americans.

H.R. 471 also violates the Republican leadership’s “CutGo” promise.

This completely unpaid for legislation would increase the federal deficit by \$300 million to reauthorize and expand a program that has utterly failed to increase student achievement.

What is even more appalling is the fact that Speaker BOEHNER is pushing the use of public dollars for private religious schools while at the same time slashing federal education funding by almost \$5 billion in the majority’s job-killing FY11 spending bill passed in February.

Across the country public schools are still reeling from the great recession that helped create large state budget deficits.

In fact, in my home state of Florida, the Republican Governor, is proposing an additional \$2.3 billion in cuts to public education.

Rather than turn our backs on students, we should be working together to improve public education, make sound investments balanced with smart cuts, and ensure that all students have access to instruction that will give them the tools they need to succeed in the 21st century.

Instead, we stand here today debating a bill that doubles down on a failed Republican program in the District of Columbia which veers far away from these ideals.

The Department of Education found that many of the students in the voucher program were less likely to have access to key services—such as English as a Second Language programs, learning support and special needs programs, counselors, or even teachers with a bachelor’s degree.

Democrats will continue to judge each piece of legislation that comes before the House by whether it creates jobs, strengthens our middle class, or reduces the deficit. H.R. 471 achieves none of these goals while also violating the Constitution.

I urge my colleagues to vote no on this ill-conceived bill.

CONGRATULATING THE PIKEVILLE COLLEGE BEARS FOR WINNING THE 2011 NAIA DIVISION I MEN’S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Pikeville College Bears for winning the 2011 NAIA Division I Men’s Basketball Championship. Coach Kelly Wells masterfully guided the unseeded Cinderella team to earn the division crown.

On March 22, 2011, the Bears defeated a talented team from Mountain State University, winning 83 to 76 in overtime.

The team surpassed a number of expectations this season, setting a school-record with 30 wins and becoming the first unseeded

team in NAIA history to beat five seeded teams for the championship title. The accomplishments of this team will be shared with pride in the mountains for generations to come.

In addition, I commend Coach Kelly Wells on being named the National Coach of the Year and I congratulate the tournament’s most valuable player, Trevor Setty, who finished the tournament with 108 points, including 18 three-point shots and 49 rebounds.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Coach Kelly Wells and the 2011 NAIA Division I Men’s Basketball Champions. Coach Wells, his staff and his players displayed outstanding dedication, teamwork, unselfishness and sportsmanship throughout the course of the season in achieving this great honor. I congratulate them and wish them all the best in the years to come.

RECOGNITION OF WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Washington High School Boys’ Basketball Team from Washington, Indiana. On March 26, 2011, the Hatchets won the Indiana High School Athletic Association’s Class 3A State Championship for the second consecutive year. Today, I would like to congratulate Coach Gene Miller and the young men for their success.

The #1 ranked Hatchets finished their season with a record of 24 wins and only 4 losses where they achieved a 61 to 46 victory against Culver Academies in the state finals. I would also like commend Coach Mark Galloway and his team for reaching their first ever state championship game.

This was the fourth state championship since 2005 for the Hatchets, who were led by McDonald’s All American Cody Zeller. Mr. Zeller was also named the winner of the Arthur L. Trester Mental Attitude Award in Class 3A Boys Basketball.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Hatchets of Washington High School for their hard work and dedication that culminated with their second consecutive Indiana High School Athletic Association’s Boys Basketball Title.

WASHINGTON HATCHETS

Jacob Stephens
Derek Arvin
Trey Garber
Jaydan Hawk
Dylan Ervin
Kurtis Anthony
Adam Lane
Tyler Stoll
Cody Zeller
Robert Pittman
Andy Garland
Cullen Arnold
Head Coach: Gene Miller

Asst. Coaches: Brandt Schuckman, Mike Kramer, Kyle Cornelius, Scott Neidigh, Brett Matteson

Student Managers: Eric Wadsworth and Eric Long

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position for the record on a vote cast during consideration of H.R. 658, The FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011.

On rollcall vote No. 212, cast March 31st, 2011, I voted "aye." It was my intention to vote "no" on Amendment No. 18 offered by Congressman GINGREY of Georgia.

RECOGNIZING MRS. MODEEN
BROWN IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Modeen Brown in honor of Women's History Month. I thank you for giving us all an opportunity to celebrate the life of this truly remarkable leader.

Mrs. Modeen Brown rose from the cotton patches of Georgia to the Governor's Mansion in Colorado. As an African American woman, Modeen is a shining example of how minority women can succeed through a commitment to excellence in education. Prior to 1980, Women's History Month did not exist. Ms. Brown, like many other women, validated the necessity of celebrating women. Raised in a time when few African Americans—let alone women—attended college, Modeen was determined to change that standard. A devoted mother of five, she had always instilled in her children the importance of education.

Modeen was born on a Georgia farm and raised by her loving aunt upon the death of her mother. Inspired by her aunt's strength and selflessness, Modeen developed a strong work ethic. She passed this essential trait on to her children, evident in the fact that all of them have obtained bachelor degrees or higher. Three of Mrs. Brown's children have graduated from the University of Florida and her oldest daughter, Angela, has served as a teacher for children with special needs for the past thirty years. Her daughter, Carolyn, is currently a major in the Sheriff's department of Bradenton, FL. Shariel, her third child, once played for the Florida Gators and now works for ESPN. Mrs. Brown's only son, Ernest, is a physician and her youngest daughter, Nyra, is an actress. Mrs. Brown is a proud grandparent of seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mrs. Brown's high expectations and strong work ethic have been clearly passed down, apparent from her 13-year old granddaughter who is a straight A student attending a specialized school and Ernest's daughter, Charisse, who recently graduated from Harvard with a PhD in biochemistry.

Modeen's strong dedication and hard work was not restricted to education. In her professional life, she coordinated the fundraising for former Lt. Governor of Colorado George Brown, who later became her husband. Mr. Brown, who passed away in 2006, was the first African American to hold statewide office in Colorado.

Mrs. Brown is a prime example of the fact that women can accomplish great things. Her daughter, Carolyn, and her granddaughter, Shariel, are a testament to women succeeding in nontraditional career paths and her granddaughter, Charisse, has proved that education is the great equalizer among races and classes. Modeen's support of her late husband excludes what it means to lead by serving. Mrs. Modeen Brown has truly made a difference in the lives of many, and I am privileged to recognize her as a hard worker and brilliant leader in honor of Women's History Month.

CONGRATULATING JIM
SHACKLEFORD ON THE OCCA-
SION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM
TECO COAL

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jim Shackleford, the president of TECO Coal, in honor of his retirement after contributing more than 27 years to the TECO Energy subsidiary and thousands of families in the Appalachian coal fields.

Jim Shackleford is both an astute businessman and a dedicated humanitarian. Under his watch, TECO Coal sales increased from an annual one million tons of coal for one utility, to annual sales of nine million tons of coal to third-party international and domestic customers. Mr. Shackleford's vision for TECO Coal amounted to hundreds of high-paying jobs across all six TECO Coal operations for families in central Appalachia.

With a heart of compassion, Mr. Shackleford structured TECO Coal as a good steward of the communities in which it operates. He awarded thousands of dollars of donations to various community organizations, emergency response groups and schools. He established the TECO Coal Children's Fund to provide clothing and toys to about one thousand underprivileged youth each year. In addition, many families have food on the table, thanks to TECO's support of local food banks.

Jim Shackleford's impeccable leadership skills have been coveted by organizations across southern and eastern Kentucky. He is a member of the Kentucky Coal Association board of directors and is a former chairman. He served as the former chairman of the board of the Whitley County Forward in the Fifth, was an advisory board member for Baptist Regional Medical Center and served on the Corbin Little League Board of Directors.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jim Shackleford. I congratulate him on his retirement and wish him all the best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CON-
GRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY
COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUT-
STANDING SERVICE TO THE
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BURNSTAD

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OF TEXAS

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I decided to volunteer with Upward Basketball at Christ United Methodist Church. Upward Basketball is a Christian affiliated basketball league for elementary aged children of any faith. The program focuses on providing a fun experience for all of the players and is a league that guarantees equal playing time for each player. While volunteering I had a variety of tasks to accomplish. I helped prepare the gym for both practices and games. This included preparing the basketball hoops, setting out bleachers and benches, and providing the coaches with any materials needed. After practices, I read devotionals to some of the children that included bible stories and topics such as teamwork and good sportsmanship. I believe I made a difference in my community because I was able to help create a fun, energetic and

safe environment for children within the community. I was also able to set a positive example for the children through my actions and emphasize the importance of service and kindness.

—*Brianna Burnstad.*

**HONORING JENNIFER STIMPSON
FOR HER WORK WITH THE DAL-
LAS "CEASE THE GREASE" PRO-
GRAM**

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the residents of the Thirtieth Congressional District of Texas, I want to congratulate my friend, Jennifer Stimpson for her work with the Dallas, "Cease the Grease" program. Jennifer who is science faculty with The Hockaday School, is helping citizens understand the benefits of recycling used cooking oil.

Jennifer, a scientist by profession, has taken her passion to the classroom, incorporating within her lectures the "how-to's" of converting used cooking oil into bio-fuel. Jennifer Stimpson's passion is what will ultimately get more young people involved in the sciences. I am so proud when I hear of leaders like Jennifer who are thinking outside of the box. We need more individuals like Jennifer who are finding new creative ways to inspire many more future generations to pursue rewarding careers in science and engineering.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of science and engineering. As a country we have been falling behind other nations in Math and Science education for several years now. The number of scientific papers published by Americans is declining. Americans are receiving fewer Nobel Prizes in the sciences. There is evidence that the foundation of our innovation-based economy is experiencing dangerous deterioration. For America, this is unacceptable.

Jennifer, I congratulate you and wish you much continued success. Our nation is a better place because we have individuals such as you. I ask all of my colleagues to join in celebrating Jennifer Stimpson on her many accomplishments and dedication to educating our nation's future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably delayed and my vote was not recorded on rollcall No. 213. Had I been present I would have voted "no" for the following reasons:

1. The underlying bill, H.R. 1255 is unconstitutional because it violates Article 1, Section 7, Clause 2 of the Constitution which states "Every bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, be-

fore it become a law, be presented to the President of the United States."

2. The underlying bill will "deem" H.R. 1 as signed into law, which waives the constitutional requirement of having legislation pass both the House and the Senate and signed by the President before it becomes a law.

3. H.R. 1 is a reckless bill that destroys jobs, slashes critical funding for education, homeland security, and public health.

4. This violates section 426(a) of the Congressional Budget Act by imposing an unfunded mandate.

**FAA REAUTHORIZATION AND
REFORM ACT OF 2011**

SPEECH OF

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 658) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes:

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong support of the amendment offered by my colleague, Representative MILLER of Michigan. It is important that the FAA work with other federal agencies, including the National Guard, to integrate Unmanned Aerial Systems into the National Airspace System.

My district is the home of the 174th Attack Wing of the Air National Guard that uses Hancock Field in Syracuse. They use Unmanned Air Vehicles, UAVs, that currently must be transported to and from Fort Drum in order to perform their mission.

It is important that the FAA integrate these UAVs into the National Airspace System as quickly and safely as possible. In addition to performing a critical mission for national security, the 174th is responsible for 1300 jobs in the Syracuse area. Finding a way to get the federal agencies to work together to allow UAVs to operate out of Hancock Field is important to the economy of this region.

I strongly support this amendment and encourage the Chairman of the Transportation Committee to protect and strengthen this provision in conference.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR
WEAPONS ABOLITION AND ECO-
NOMIC AND ENERGY CONVER-
SION ACT OF 2011**

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Nuclear Weapons Abolition and

Economic and Energy Conversion Act of 2011, a version of which I have introduced since 1994, after working with the District of Columbia residents who were responsible for the Nuclear Disarmament and Economic Conversion ballot initiative passed by DC voters in 1993. This version of the bill now requires the United States to negotiate an international agreement to disable and dismantle its nuclear weapons by 2020 and provides for strict control of fissile material and radioactive waste and for use of nuclear free energy resources. The bill continues to provide that the funds used for nuclear weapons programs be redirected towards human and infrastructure needs, such as housing, health care, Social Security and the environment. The bill is particularly timely as Congress continues to make cuts to important human and infrastructure programs and as the world confronts nuclear catastrophe in Japan. This year, I introduce the bill to recognize the Alliance of Nuclear Accountability's DC Days 2011, beginning on Monday, and in memory of William Thomas, who died in 2009 after demonstrating in front of the White House in an anti-nuclear vigil for nearly 28 years. His efforts were the longest uninterrupted anti-war protest in U.S. history. William Thomas made the cause of peace the centerpiece of his meaningful life and was an example for us all.

Following years of dangerous increases in U.S. nuclear capacity during the George W. Bush administration, President Barack Obama has begun to rebuild U.S. credibility with his goal of taking the necessary steps to achieve a world without nuclear weapons. The President's strong push for the New START treaty last year, when Republicans seemed adamant on stalling it, resulted in ratification by the Senate. The treaty requires the two major nuclear powers, Russia and the United States, continue to reduce nuclear weapons by mutually reducing their nuclear warheads by half and their number of intercontinental ballistic missiles and missile launchers, and, within sixty days of the treaty's entry into force, on February 5, 2011, submit to on-site inspections of strategic nuclear weapons facilities by the weapons experts of the other country.

Despite the progress embodied by the New START treaty, the events of the last few weeks remind us of the urgent need to rid the world of nuclear weapons. The tragic nuclear catastrophe in Japan, a result of a massive earthquake and tsunami, demonstrates another, perhaps even more likely, nuclear peril. Radiation has been detected around the world since the Fukushima nuclear plant meltdown. It is painfully ironic that the one country that has been attacked with nuclear weapons is now struggling to control its own nuclear capability after the plant meltdown. The U.S. has an obligation to lead in ridding the world of nuclear weapons.

Today, our country has a long list of urgent domestic needs that have been put on the back burner even though millions of Americans have lost their homes and jobs. As the only nation that has used nuclear weapons in war, and that still possesses the largest nuclear weapons arsenal, I urge support for my bill to help the United States lead the world in redirecting funds that would otherwise go to nuclear weapons to instead be available for urgent domestic needs.

HONORING DAVEY "WIZ" WHITNEY
LEGENDARY BASKETBALL COACH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Coach Davey Whitney, National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Famer and the second winningest coach in HBCU College Basketball.

Davey Whitney was born in Midway, Kentucky in 1930. While in high school, he excelled in basketball, but pursued his first love—baseball—and hoped to play professionally. Whitney graduated from Kentucky State University earning more letters than any other athlete at the university.

Coach Whitney, affectionately known as the "Wiz," began his sports career as a shortstop with the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro Baseball League from 1952 to 1954 replacing Ernie Banks, who went on to play for the Chicago Cubs. Whitney played on the 1954 All Star Team and with Satchel Paige. Subsequently, he was not offered a contract with the Chicago Cubs and shifted his focus to coaching basketball. Though he never wanted to be a coach or teach, Whitney stated, "I guess I carried the same kind of determination in baseball over to coaching."

Whitney coached high school basketball in Kentucky during the 1960s and was named "Coach of the Year" in 1961, the same year his team won the National High School Tournament Championship. His team went on to capture three Kentucky State Tournament Championships. Coach Whitney's first collegiate job was at Texas Southern University from 1964 to 1969. The "Wiz" would go on to spend more than 25 years coaching the Alcorn State University Braves and be named the Southwest Athletic Championships, SWAC, Coach of the Year nine times.

Whitney coached at Alcorn State University from 1969–1988 and again from 1996–2002, bringing the Brave squad back to prominence. During his coaching career, Whitney's overall record as head coach was 550 wins and 337 defeats; 495 of his career wins were as head coach of the Alcorn State Braves. Under the tutelage of Coach Whitney, the Braves were the first historically black institution to compete in the NCAA playoffs. The Braves dominated the SWAC with 12 SWAC regular season titles—a record four consecutive titles from 1978 to 1982; participated in 12 national postseason tournaments, won five NAIA District Titles and placed second and third in the national tournaments during the 1970s.

In 2010, Legendary Coach Davey "Wiz" Whitney was among eight inducted into the 2010 National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame.

Again, I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting the stellar coaching career of legendary Coach Davey "Wiz" Whitney.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010–2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—SHEILA CHANDRAHAS

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I have learned a lot through serving others. I feel as if I have grown as a person and feel better about myself. Helping others is the best way to give yourself satisfaction in life. I love spending time with kids and making a difference in their lives. It makes a difference in my life too as it teaches me to be a caring and kind individual. I plan on taking on the important role of becoming a doctor as I see myself helping kids in an environment just as great as Children's, so this volunteer placement would definitely fit into my long term career and life plans. As a young teen, I feel that children can connect and relate to us a lot more and feel so much more at ease when they know we care for them just as much. I learned that making a two minute conversation with a stranger can really light up their day. I learned how to be

caring and compassionate for every single person that comes my way, every minute of the day. Being an active member of the community helps you gain a love for where you are from and a sense of compassion.

—Sheila Chandahas.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER CROWE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to Christopher Crowe, a remarkable public servant and extraordinarily devoted congressional staffer. Chris passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 30, at the youthful age of 29. He was my legislative aide who mastered our budget, tax, and international trade issues. He was still on the payroll as of Wednesday before his abrupt passing.

Most of Texas's 30th congressional district residents did not know Chris Crowe personally, but I would like them to understand exactly how this dedicated public servant made a real difference in the lives for my constituents and our country. Chris always exceedingly performed his job in the name of the American people with remarkable efficiency, tenacity, pride and integrity. Nearly each and every time I would return to the district for town hall meetings or other business, I would hear from my constituents their gratitude for Chris's selfless work. Likewise, Chris would always talk about what a great community we had in Dallas—an appreciation that was reflected greatly in his work.

On Capitol Hill, Chris served as an inspiration and an unwavering ally. His work ethic demonstrated for others what personal sacrifice truly meant and redefined the term "public service" for his constituents. His great interest in international events, cultural trends and current events taught others how to be global citizens. He was a person who enjoyed life and always had a smile to share. He never met a stranger.

On behalf of Texas's 30th congressional district, I extend our heartfelt sympathies to the Crowe family, his friends, and his colleagues. As they honor their beloved son, brother, friend, and neighbor, know that we will always miss his presence.

Mr. Speaker, I add my statement and my staff's comments about Chris to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and I encourage my colleagues to read them.

"Chris worked in politics to make a difference, he always stood up for what he believed in and always did so with a smile on his face. He was a committed colleague to work with and was always a joy to be around." J. Collin Chlebak

"Christopher Crowe's unparalleled commitment to service to our congressional district, our Member, and to the causes he believed in made him a professional role model for me. Yet, his unflinching spirit and vibrant personality are what I will truly miss and carry forever." Cameron Trimble

"Chris was a young man who had a sincere passion for public service. His commitment and dedication was evident in the approach he took when serving the constituents of the 30th district and the state of Texas. We will dearly miss his upbeat and joyous personality." Esperanza Worley

"Chris was a comedian when you needed a laugh, a strong voice of reason when you couldn't focus and mighty force to be reckoned with when he had your back. His light will forever shine and anyone who ever had any contact with him knew right away that he was special." Dena Craig

"Chris put simply, was a great guy. I admired and respected his knowledge of political issues and the process. He had a zest for life and it was evident in his every action which impacted many. I know I am a better person to have met and worked with such an amazing person. He will be dearly missed by us all, however, he will live on through every person he interacted with." Eric Hammond

"Chris was a colleague that was easy to work with and always willing to help. He enjoyed life and we (my wife & I) will surely miss him. RIP my brother!" Rod Givens

"Chris had the ability to light up a room wherever he went. I was always amazed at how many people he knew and was friends with. People could tell what a special individual he was and were drawn to him. He didn't believe in letting life, opportunity or fun pass him by. He lived more in his 29 years than some people experience in a lifetime. I believe all the lives he touched and inspired will be his legacy." Jennifer Stiddard

"Chris beamed life!" Nanette Spencer

"Chris Crowe was a friend to everyone he met and always had a smile on his face. His bright presence, good humor, and friendship will be sorely missed and remembered fondly by many." Chris Kelley

"Rarely do you meet a human who is ray of sunshine that is coupled with a warm, radiant smile. And, when this unique person comes along, you never forget the impact on your life. For me, that is who Christopher Crowe is and will always be." Kwamme Anderson

"Elif and I are shocked and saddened by Chris's passing and we share the Crowe family and friend's grief and deep sadness. Chris was an exceptional individual, friend and a global citizen. He will be missed by all of us privileged to have known and worked with him." Murat Gokcigdem

CONGRATULATING ROCK ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. ROBERT T. SCHILLING

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. SCHILLING. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Rock Island High School Varsity Boys' Basketball team for their victory in the Illinois Class 3A State Championship. On Saturday, March 19, the Rock Island Rocks defeated Centralia High School 50-40 in a double overtime victory to clinch their first ever State Championship.

I would like to commend each player's commitment, hard work and dedication to their team. Royce Muskeyvalley, Cameron Ruiz, Romal Davis, Chasson Randle, DaShawn Banks, Marquel Beasley, Devon Jones, Darquez Bonner, Denzel McCauley, Greg Henderson, Keith Keesy, and Shaquille Jalloh. In addition, I would like to extend my congratulations to the head coach, Thom Sigel, to the assistant coaches, Dan Coyne-Logan, Tony Hickman, Chad Baker, Damon and Brandon Colvin, Rod Leatherman, and Keith Beck, and to the athletic trainer, Tim Mangold. Finally, I wish to extend a special thanks to the

parents, teachers and classmates who provided support and guidance to all the players.

The Rocks finished their season with a remarkable record of 30-3. Their success was driven by incredible work ethic and devotion to team. For the nine graduating seniors, this memorable championship run will serve as the perfect conclusion to their high school careers.

Again, congratulations to the Rock Island High School Varsity Boys' Basketball team and go Rocks!

IN RECOGNITION OF MEMORIALCARE HEALTH SYSTEM

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate an innovator in the health care delivery industry: MemorialCare Health System. A not-for-profit integrated delivery system, MemorialCare serves the health care needs of individuals and families throughout southern California. Two of MemorialCare's flagship facilities, the Long Beach Memorial Medical Center and Miller Children's Hospital Long Beach, play a major role in promoting the health and wellness of my district. MemorialCare's other facilities—Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center in Fountain Valley, CA and Saddleback Memorial Medical Center in Laguna Hills, CA and San Clemente, CA—are also vitally important to the wellbeing of the populations that they serve.

In addition to its already impressive list of recognitions and accolades, MemorialCare was recently honored with the Gallup 2011 Great Workplace Award. The Gallup Great Workplace Award is based on what is being called "the most rigorous workplace research ever conducted." This year only 28 other companies received this honor, which is reserved for the most productive and engaged workforces in the world. According to Gallup, employees at MemorialCare and other honored companies are twice as likely as employees elsewhere to agree that: they receive recognition for their good work; they feel like their opinions count; their colleagues encourage their professional development; they have co-workers who are committed to quality work; and they work for a company whose mission and purpose make them feel like their job is important.

MemorialCare Health System has recognized something that is critical to our future prosperity: productive and enlightened management that respects and empowers workers leads to economic success and strong communities. I am proud that the Long Beach Memorial Medical Center and Miller Children's Hospital Long Beach stand as shining examples of this approach in my district. As we continue working as a nation to create good-paying jobs and strengthen our economic recovery, I hope that employers across the country will take note of MemorialCare's leadership in this area.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere congratulations to MemorialCare Health System for this honor.

TRIBUTE HONORING BISHOP DANIEL ALEXANDER PAYNE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a legendary theological educator who helped found the Wilberforce University and was a driving force in bringing the African Methodist Episcopal Church to the South. The 200th anniversary of Bishop Daniel Alexander Payne's birth is being celebrated on April 1, 2011, by the Seventh Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. I join with them in commemorating the remarkable life of this South Carolina native who was an instrumental figure in the education and development of a uniquely African-American church in communities of color.

Daniel Alexander Payne was born in Charleston, South Carolina, on February 24, 1811. He was born free, and was of African, European, and Native American descent. He had a thirst for knowledge and was educated by the Minor's Moral Society school when he was eight and nine. He also received instruction for three years from a private tutor. Because there was a lack of quality schools for black students, he continued to educate himself at home in mathematics, physical science, and classical languages.

In 1829, when he was just 18 years old, Daniel Payne opened his own school in Charleston to teach black children how to read and write. Six years later, the South Carolina General Assembly out of fear of a slave revolt passed legislation that restricted the rights of people of color and slaves. Among those laws was a prohibition on teaching free blacks and slaves to be literate. The penalty carried fines and imprisonment. This forced Daniel Payne to close his school, and he ultimately chose to leave South Carolina.

In 1835, he traveled to Philadelphia where he enrolled in the Lutheran Theological Seminary. He was unable to finish his studies due to failing eyesight, and did not complete his ordination. In 1842, he joined the African Methodist Episcopal Church, because he believed that a strong black denomination could play a significant role in combating slavery and racism. He worked within the church to improve the education of ministers, so they would have a broad base of knowledge that would help them more effectively lead their congregations.

He was still passionate about teaching, opening a new school in 1840 for the education of young blacks. By 1845, he established an AME seminary to help teach his philosophy about ministers' educational pursuits. While the seminary didn't last long, his stature in the church led him to new opportunities.

In 1848, Daniel Payne was named as the historiographer of the AME Church. That was followed in 1852 by his election and consecration as the sixth bishop of the AME denomination. Just four years later, he joined with two other AMEs and 18 white representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church in founding Wilberforce University in Ohio. Bishop Payne was selected as its first president, which also earned him the designation as the first African-American college president in America. He led the college from 1856 until 1877. In

1871, the board of trustees honored Bishop Payne by establishing a free-standing AME seminary at Wilberforce University that bears his name.

During his tenure at Wilberforce University, Bishop Payne made his first return to his hometown in more than 30 years. In 1865, he helped establish the AME denomination in Charleston, which then spread quickly among the African-American community in the South. He also authored two books before his death in 1893. In 1888, he published a memoir entitled *Recollections of Seventy Years*. Three years later he wrote *The History of the A. M. E. Church*, which was the first comprehensive account of the founding of the AME denomination.

Daniel Payne married in 1847, but his wife died during childbirth in their first year of marriage. He married again in 1854 to Eliza Clark of Cincinnati.

During the 2010 Founder's Week at Payne Theological Seminary, a year-long 200th anniversary celebration of Bishop Daniel Alexander Payne's birth was launched. As part of the commemoration, there is a five-city tour that is stopping in cities that impacted Bishop Payne's life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and contributions of Bishop Daniel Alexander Payne as the commemorative tour stops in his hometown of Charleston, South Carolina. Bishop Payne was a visionary leader who understood the importance of education and faith as an empowering force in the African-American community. His remarkable legacy lives on in the AME Church and in the generations of students who have attended Wilberforce University.

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Volunteering at places is an experience that teaches you to help people. But just volunteering at one place isn't enough and wouldn't be a great enough experience. Volunteering at multiple places means that you have both the time to volunteer and the want to help people. I'm one of those people that volunteered at multiple places. The first place that I volunteered at was at the Haggard Carnival. The second place I volunteered at was at the Sheraton Hotel at Downtown Dallas to help with the event, Love For Kids. The first place I volunteered at was at the Haggard Carnival. Haggard was my elementary school, so going there to volunteer was a nostalgic feeling. Arriving there, the jobs I received were with helping with activities, manning stands and moving items around. The second place I volunteered at was at the event, Love For Kids, at the Sheraton Hotel. There, during the time when Santa would be coming in a few weeks to bring joy and presents to little children, we were being little helpers by helping wrap presents and move the presents into big boxes to move them down to trucks to be taken to the little children waiting for Santa to come.

—Ben Chou.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE I.C. NORCOM BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, they have done it again! I rise today to once again congratulate the Boys Basketball Team of I.C. Norcom High School in Portsmouth, Virginia, on winning the Virginia High School League Group AAA State Basketball Championship.

On Friday March 11, before a sellout crowd at Virginia Commonwealth University's Siegel Center, the Greyhounds of I.C. Norcom beat L.C. Bird of Chesterfield 54–45 to win their second consecutive State Basketball Championship. They are the first consecutive year champions since 2004, and have brought the second State Basketball Championship to the city of Portsmouth.

Not content to rest on the accomplishments of last year, Coach Leon Goolsby pushed the Greyhounds to even greater heights this year.

The team's 30–1 record this year, the best in school history, improved on last year's 25–4 record. This year's team was able to win four titles (Eastern District Regular Season Champions, Eastern District Tournament Champions, Eastern Region Champions, and State Champions) while last year's team only captured three of these four. Under the tutelage of Coach Goolsby, the Greyhounds have grown and matured into being one of the top three Boys' Basketball teams in the Nation in multiple national polls.

Perhaps more impressive than the number of I.C. Norcom's wins is the way in which they won their games. The Greyhounds have consistently rallied from behind beating opponents who thought they had their games won. I can say from first-hand experience that this persevering ethic makes their games even more exciting to watch. I had the opportunity to see I.C. Norcom play in both the State Tournament Semi-final game against Highland Springs, and the Championship against L.C. Bird, and in both games, the team trailed at the half. But like clockwork, the Greyhounds, with a smothering defense and deft offense came back in the second half of both games to win by a comfortable margin.

These consecutive state championships will be the newest milestones in the long and storied history of I.C. Norcom High School. It was founded in 1913 as the High Street School, the first public high school for black students in Portsmouth. I.C. Norcom was renamed in 1953 in honor of its first supervising principal Israel Charles Norcom, a pioneering educator, civic leader and businessman. Now, more than fifty years and three locations later, I.C. Norcom High School is still an innovating and inspiring place for Portsmouth students.

I.C. Norcom is doing a great job cultivating excellence both on and off the athletic field. In addition to excelling on the basketball court, the Greyhounds are also doing great things in the classroom. I.C. Norcom houses a Center of Excellence in Math and Science, which provides students with additional classes in science, math, and technology.

Once again, I would like to extend my congratulations to the I.C. Norcom players and their families, Principal Lynn Briley, Coach Leon Goolsby and the rest of his coaching staff. On behalf of the people of the Third Congressional District of Virginia, I.C. Norcom alumni, and the entire City of Portsmouth, I say job well done on a second consecutive championship, and I wish the program years of success in the future.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF MARY ELIZABETH FLAHEVE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mary Elizabeth Flahive, whose life was marked by her strong ties to the Cleveland community.

Mary was born in Northampton, Massachusetts. She obtained both an undergraduate and graduate degree in Geology. She then spent ten years working at the Springfield, Massachusetts, Museum of Natural History.

She moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where she began her 42 year career with the Cleveland

Natural History Museum. Her career began with an expedition to Colorado, where she assisted in a dinosaur excavation.

Her tenure at the Natural History Museum was marked by achievement after achievement. She set up the Camp Bigfoot program at the museum, a program which is still active to this very day. She also set up other programs such as the Western Heritage Expeditions.

Her mark on the community expands further than just her work at the Natural History Museum. Friends of hers, the Anderson Family, remember fondly the time she replanted their son's garden after rain had washed it away. In fact, a friend of Mary's recalled that she "believed firmly in all children and in the beauty of the earth."

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me today in honoring the life of Mary Elizabeth Flahive. She is a wonderful example to us all in her devotion to the earth and to her community.

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As an aspiring Service Academy cadet, I first joined Civil Air Patrol during the fall of my sophomore year. In the past few months, I have attained a high enough grade and rank that my role in the program has begun to change. Now, every Sunday, I head up to meetings early, and then spend 3 hours teaching cadets the art of drill, the science behind aerospace, and the gritty realities of emergency services. Beyond the basics of our classes, cadets learn discipline and attention to detail through drill. Giving them small amounts of authority as they progress slowly eases them into leadership roles, which builds confidence. As they advance through the program, we instill in them the character to take responsibility for the results of their actions, regardless of the results. In short, we make leaders out of schoolchildren. The experience is rewarding for me as well, because seeing a cadet progress is a strong testament to our work. In addition, training cadets is the best way to hone one's leadership and communication skills, which I believe I have improved through CAP.

—Nicholas Corti.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Slovak Catholic Federation in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

In 1911, the Slovak immigrant community in the United States was nearing the peak of its existence. Slovak Americans longed for religious communities of men and women who would evangelize and teach in the best traditions of the Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of their Catholic faith.

On February 11, 1911, the Slovak Catholic Federation was founded by the Reverend Jozef Murgas, pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church. Its establishment resulted from a meeting of bishops, priests, and lay people who wished to unify Slovak Catholics in the United States. The Zdrúženie Slovenských Katolíkov, as it is known in the Slovak language, was incorporated in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, on December 30, 1912.

The story of the Slovak Catholic Federation can be seen in its list of accomplishments, and in the religious activities of its member societies and local chapters. Projects of the federation support various Catholic organizations and religious communities, and promote activities for young people. For most of its existence, the federation raised money to support Slovak refugees who were displaced by war and communist oppression, assisted religious

communities and institutions seeking to rebuild after 70 years of communism, and worked to help establish the Pontifical College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome, Italy, where priests from Slovakia can advance their theological studies.

Over the last 100 years, the work of the federation has flourished. Local chapters were established in many Slovak parishes in northeastern Pennsylvania and across the country, with districts or regions coordinating the federation's work at the local level.

Mr. Speaker, the Slovak Catholic Federation has performed numerous works of charity and religious outreach over 10 decades. It has positively affected countless Slovak Catholics both here and abroad. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the Slovak Catholic Federation on the 100th anniversary of its founding, and I ask them to join me in wishing them many years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT FOR ITS INVOLVEMENT IN THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS TO RELEASE NEW YORK TIMES JOURNALISTS HELD CAPTIVE IN LIBYA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Turkish government for its involvement in the successful negotiations with Libyan government officials to release New York Times journalists: Lynsey Addario, Stephen Farrell, Tyler Hicks, and Anthony Shadid. The journalists were released Monday after successful diplomatic negotiations by the Turkish and British governments.

According to reports from Libyan authorities, the journalists were detained on March 15, before the air strikes began. The group entered the eastern, rebel-controlled region of Libya without visas, a common practice by journalists reporting on the crisis in Libya. The New York Times reported that the journalists were held captive by loyalist forces of Col. Qadhafi. Early reports indicated that the journalists' whereabouts were unknown. As the situation in Libya intensified, U.S. officials requested Turkish involvement to secure their release. Diplomatic negotiations progressed as the U.S. and coalition forces proceeded with the air strikes over Libya. Turkish ambassador Sahinkaya worked tirelessly to achieve a safe release. It was not until that Monday that the Qadhafi loyalists released the journalists to the Turkish diplomats.

The journalists were taken to safety at the nearby Turkish embassy located in Libya's capital, Tripoli, where they contacted their families and the New York Times to share the news of their release. After a 3½ hour drive in an armored car, the journalists safely arrived in Tunisia and prepared for their journey home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Turkish government for its tremendous diplomatic efforts to negotiate with the Qadhafi loyalists for the release of the New York Times journalists.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION AND
REFORM ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. RICHARD L. HANNA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 658) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes:

Mr. HANNA. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the amendment offered by my friend from Michigan and of this fiscally responsible FAA bill.

I was proud to help include language in the bill requiring the establishment of at least four test sites to promote the safe integration of remotely piloted aircraft into the national airspace.

Remotely piloted aircraft are an exciting next chapter in aviation. It is time to expand this technology domestically, and this bill directs the FAA to establish four test sites with the appropriate climate, geography, and access to necessary research radars.

Remotely piloted aircraft are not new to American airspace, and they are certainly not new to the area around my district in Central New York.

The topography of Central New York is as varied as the seasons. A diverse climate and varied topography are essential for testing and will inform preparations for the safe integration of remotely piloted aircraft into the national airspace.

Mr. Chair, remotely piloted aircraft are not limited to military uses. They can assist in search and rescue operations, environmental research, forest and fire management, domestic law enforcement activities and perhaps most importantly, monitoring our borders for illegal activities.

I encourage my colleagues to vote in favor of the Candice Miller Amendment and the underlying bill.

IN HONOR OF BILL SAMUELS' ACCOMPLISHED CAREER IN KENTUCKY

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of a very important man in one of Kentucky's signature industries. Bill Samuels is stepping down as president of Maker's Mark after an outstanding 44-year tenure with the company, a career which saw him introduce Maker's Mark to the world and re-invent the way that bourbon was seen around the world.

A 7th generation bourbon maker, Bill Samuels is well versed in the tradition of making bourbon. Although his father, Bill Samuels Sr., was the inventor of the Maker's Mark recipe,

bourbon wasn't always in the blood of the younger Bill. In fact, after growing up in Bardstown, Kentucky he set off to college and became, of all things, a rocket scientist. When the solid propellants he worked on became outdated, he earned a law degree from Vanderbilt University. After law school, Bill returned to work for his father, all the while not intending to permanently join the family business. Little did he know that he would be largely responsible for taking Maker's Mark from a local institution to a brand recognized and enjoyed worldwide.

When Bill started working at Maker's Mark, it was still a local company. They didn't have an advertizing agency create a fancy marketing campaign, so Bill put his superb sense of humor to work and started making his own ads. He paired his now-famous one-liners with his family product, and created a worldwide phenomenon. In a business which to that point was nothing but serious, Bill Samuels' ability to make people laugh and catch their attention changed the game. Today, few brands' advertisements are more recognizable than the Maker's Mark bottle with the wax on top. Despite Maker's Mark's status as a worldwide brand, Bill made sure that he stuck to his family's methods, carefully supervising each batch to give the whole world a taste of small-town Kentucky.

Bill Samuels' legacy at Maker's Mark is unforgettable. Not only did he introduce the country and the world to one of the signature products of the Commonwealth, he also saw his family's distillery become the first one in the United States to be named a National Historic Landmark. While his company is now known worldwide, Bill has stayed true to his Kentucky roots. He is still a pillar in his community, serving on a number of boards and as a guest lecturer at several universities.

Bill Samuels leaves big shoes to fill at Maker's Mark, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors. I congratulate him on his success at Maker's Mark and all that he has done for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
THOMAS H. GREER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Thomas H. Greer, a loving husband and friend, and the vice president of the Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper.

Mr. Greer became editor of the Plain Dealer in 1990, becoming only one of three African-American journalists to hold such a position at a major daily newspaper at that time.

Known to colleagues as Thom, he served as a role model for young and aspiring journalists. His work ethic was, as he told the newspaper in 1992, to "keep your mouth shut, hold your head up high and work like hell to make yourself and those around you as good as they can be."

Mr. Greer was born in Nashville, Tennessee, but moved to New Jersey during his childhood. He majored in history at Dillard University in New Orleans, and later attended Rider College and Rutgers University.

In 1964, Mr. Greer was hired by the Evening Times in Trenton, NJ, as a sports

journalist. He moved to the Plain Dealer in 1974, where he served on the suburban news unit. His stories investigating shakedowns of late-night liquor stores and thefts of confiscated liquor by Cuyahoga County Sheriff officers, led to their arrests.

Mr. Greer left the Plain Dealer for larger papers in Chicago, Philadelphia and New York, but returned in 1983 as editor of the sports department. He expanded their news coverage from exclusively local sports to national and international stories.

Mr. Greer worked as managing editor, executive editor and eventually editor, as he oversaw the expansion of the paper, the creation of new bureaus in other counties, and expanded coverage of upcoming issues. In 1992, he became vice president and oversaw community outreach, volunteerism, affirmative action employment and the Plain Dealer Charities, as well as the Plain Dealer High School Newspaper Workshop.

In addition to his many roles with the Plain Dealer, he served as a trustee of the Greater Cleveland Roundtable, WVIZ-TV, the City Club, and the National Junior Tennis Association. He was honored by Kaleidoscope Magazine and inducted into the Region VI Hall of Fame of the National Association of Black Journalists.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering Thomas H. Greer, whose legacy of professionalism, positive work ethic, and commitment to justice will forever serve as an example. I extend my sincere condolences to Mr. Greer's wife Maxine and to his family, friends and colleagues that knew him best.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—LUKE EMIGH

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the United States House of Representatives that the students of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) from the third district of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far-surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As the third district's young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These impressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, "CYAC in the Community has allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the U.S. Armed Forces." I am beyond

thrilled that CYAC has helped students unleash their full potential and chase their dreams.

President George H.W. Bush once said, "A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens—citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."

With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council for showing themselves to be outstanding young citizens of this nation. It is my privilege to submit summaries of their work to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to be preserved for posterity and antiquity. To these young public servants, thank you, and keep up the great work! I salute you!

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

As community service this year and in the spirit of CYAC, I volunteered to help a church prepare and serve a Thanksgiving Day meal. I unexpectedly ended up on pie making duty the first day as part of food preparation. I spent five hours making pies that day! Totally out of my usual character, I learned to make quite pretty pie crust edges! I learned a lot from this experience besides how to bake a pie. I enjoyed the camaraderie and the realization that people were enjoying the pies I baked. Day two was also unexpected as I ended up on the food server line serving green beans. I learned there is an art to being a food server and a coordinated effort is needed by all to make the process run smoothly. At the end of the day, it feels good knowing that you have made a difference in so many people's lives, at least for a day. The process of working together with other volunteers is a bonding process from all working cohesively in a wonderful environment for a common cause and opens the door to new friendships and understandings. There is definitely a feeling of contentment after a couple of days like this just knowing that you made a difference to somebody and made their day a little brighter!

—Luke Emigh.

HONORING DR. T. MARSHALL JONES

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a gentleman, a scholar, a master musician, a teacher, a community leader, a mentor, a family man, a man of God, and my friend of long standing, Dr. T. Marshall Jones. His life is an example of how one person can make a difference when carrying out God's purpose for his life.

Dr. Jones grew up in rural Virginia where his visually impaired uncle introduced him to music at age five. While other students his age were engaged in athletic endeavors, Dr. Jones was quenching his thirst for music—as a child he would often ride three miles to his piano lessons.

Dr. Jones graduated from Virginia State University and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is a U.S. Army Veteran, serving for two years as a member of the

284th Army and 74th Army bands. Dr. Jones served as a band director at Lapeer State Training School in Lapeer, Michigan. His association with Albany State College, now University, began in 1963 as the director of bands. He took a leave of absence from teaching in 1972 to earn his doctorate of music education degree from the Oklahoma School of Music.

After his return, he was named acting chair of the music department. In 1980, when the music, art, speech and theatre departments combined to form the Department of Fine Arts, Dr. Jones was named the first chairman. After 33 years at his beloved Albany State University, Dr. Jones retired. But the fire for teaching still burned in his heart, so he stayed on for 14 more years as an adjunct professor, retiring in May of 2010.

There is no doubt that Dr. Jones loves music, but more importantly, he loves people. It has been said that, "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Not only has Dr. Jones paid his rent in the field of music, but he has also paid his tireless service to the community. He is a dedicated member of the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, where he plays a key role in the music ministry. He is a member of the Gamma Omicron Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. where he plays a leading role in the fraternity's mentoring efforts that have reached the lives of thousands of young men.

Because of his efforts in music and other endeavors, Albany State University dedicated their 2010/2011 Fine Arts Lyceum and Performing Arts Series in his honor—an honor that was well earned, and well deserved.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot think of another person who has done more for the arts in Southwest Georgia than Dr. T. Marshall Jones. But, his accolades do not belong to him alone. If not for the dedicated love of his wife, Mary and his family, he would not have been able to bless us abundantly with his love for music and people. To God be the glory for blessing us with a man as talented as Dr. T. Marshall Jones.

IN SUPPORT OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to submit a letter from a broad array of private sector organizations, in support of the Corporation for National and Community Service. The letter, which expresses opposition to efforts to reduce or eliminate federal funding for the Corporation, outlines the importance of federal funds, which drive private investment through matching programs.

The Corporation for National and Community Service affects communities in all 50 states, and provides opportunities for Americans of all ages.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the following letter, signed by 212 of America's foremost business leaders, on the importance of funding the Corporation for National and Community Service.

SAVE SERVICE IN AMERICA

DEAR MAJORITY LEADER REID AND SPEAKER BOEHNER: We are writing to urge you to op-

pose any proposal that would eliminate or reduce the fiscal year 2011 funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service and the programs it funds, including Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, RSVP, Learn and Serve America, VISTA, the National Civilian Community Corps, the Volunteer Generation Fund, the Social Innovation Fund and AmeriCorps.

Local service programs create meaningful opportunities for Americans hard-hit by the downturn, teaching marketable skills and putting workers on a path to economic self-sufficiency. Elimination of these programs would result in the loss of nearly 150,000 jobs and nearly 5 million volunteer positions that provide critical services and improve the lives of people in communities across America.

Funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service provides critically needed, and highly leveraged, support for programs that are making a major difference in communities across the country, including Big Brothers Big Sisters, Citizen Schools, City Year, Habitat for Humanity, Jumpstart, YouthBuild, and Teach for America, as well as literally thousands of other local shelters, faith-based organizations, senior homes and schools.

These programs are a model of government investment at its best—each program re-competes for funding annually, and only the best are invested in. Local leaders choose which service programs are needed in their community and secure matching funds. This is not "top down" government, but bottom-up, community leadership and investment. These programs are getting results—they are managed like businesses, and are held accountable to impact goals and results.

As private sector leaders, our companies, and many of us as private citizens, have been investing matching dollars into these programs for nearly two decades—in fact this year alone, the private sector will invest more than \$800 million in private matching funding in local, community based programs supported by the Corporation for National and Community Service. That figure represents nearly a one-to-one match of every dollar the federal government invests. The private sector also helps to power these community solutions by providing these worthy programs with millions of volunteer hours. National service is an extraordinary catalyst and force-multiplier for community volunteering—one study has shown that every AmeriCorps member helps to generate more than 30 additional volunteers.

The private sector, however, cannot do it alone. We require the investment of the federal government, and we will continue to do our part. Together, we are tackling the most pressing problems of our society at the local level: helping to close the education achievement gap, helping seniors remain independent, promoting public health to control the cost of healthcare, moving families out of substandard housing and saving our precious environmental resources. All of this is done, with citizens leading the way with a "can do" American spirit that we are proud to support.

The elimination or reduction in funding of the Corporation for National and Community Service and its programs would put this bi-partisan, public-private achievement in grave jeopardy.

We know that you are faced with difficult budget decisions, but we encourage you to keep investing our taxpayer dollars where the return is so high. We believe cost-effective, efficient, citizen-centered initiatives will provide common sense solutions to the challenges facing communities and citizens across the country.

We cannot turn our back on the enormous contributions and long record of success of

the Corporation for National and Community Service and its local programs. At a time when Americans face mounting challenges, made even more difficult by the struggling economy, it is vital that Congress stand firm in support of the programs that bring citizens together and marshal their ingenuity to address critical problems and create opportunities for our nation.

Thank you for your leadership and support.
Sincerely,

James Adler, Attorney, AdlerADR; Vijay Advani, Executive Vice President, Franklin Templeton Investments; Darren Aitken, Partner, Aitken*Aitken*Cohn; Wylie Aitken, Founding Partner, Aitken*Aitken*Cohn; Michelle AlDinar, President/CEO, Educational Television Programs, LLC; Michael Alter, President, The Alter Group; Anthony H. Anikeeff, Partner, Williams Mullen PC; Barbara Arnwine, President and Executive Director, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; William S. Ayer, Chairman, President and CEO, Alaska Airlines; Donald A. Baer, Worldwide Vice Chairman and Chief Strategy Officer, Burson-Marsteller; Ryan K. Bailer, Owner, Burson-Marsteller; Ryan K. Bailer, Owner, Ryan Bailer Support, LLC; Stephen Baker, President, Baker Design Group, Inc.; John M. Ballengee, President, United Way of Central West Virginia.

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HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

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I am very grateful for the chance to work with the Younger Generation Chorus of Plano over the past few months. I am always amazed at how wonderful they sound, especially given their very young age. They have taught me that age does not always dictate ability. Most of these choristers are not even in high school yet and they have performed all over the country. They have also taught me that once a talent has been discovered, it should be developed, though not at the expense of searching for one's other talents. I know that many of the choristers have other extra-curricular activities that occupy them and that they excel in those areas as well. The most memorable moment I had with the choir was the Christmas concert that was held on December 10, 2010. The work of these talented youth was technically astounding and spiritually moving. These students would not only sing the music or even perform the music; they would feel the music and give it life so that the audience could feel it as well. As a performer, that is not always easy to do. For these children to be able to do it so beautifully and consistently is astounding. It was an honor to be part of making it happen

—Kai Fujisaka.

RECOGNIZING MALCOLM REBENNACK (DR. JOHN)

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man known to his parents as Malcolm Rebennack, but known to the music lovers throughout the world as Dr. John.

At age of 70, after 43 years of sharing his musical talents, this native New Orleanian is now a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee. In the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame he joins notable New Orleanians such as Fats Domino, Dave Bartholomew, Allen Toussaint, Mahalia Jackson, Louis Armstrong, Professor Longhair, Jelly Roll Morton, Lloyd Price, and Earl Palmer.

Over the years Dr. John has brought us remarkable recordings such as Dr. John's Gumbo, In the Right Place, Desitively Bonnaroo which inspired Tennessee's Bonnaroo Music Festival, Goin' Back to New Orleans, Mercenary, In a Sentimental Mood, N'Awlinz Dis Oat or D'Udda and his Grammy Award winning City That Care Forgot. He was most recently featured on the Disney soundtrack for The Princess and the Frog and can be heard crooning the lyrics of Down in New Orleans.

As a songwriter, musician and singer, Dr. John has played in venues throughout the United States and Europe alongside musical icons like Eric Clapton, Harold Battiste, The Meters, Alice Cooper and many others.

I applaud Dr. John for his induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and wish him well.

RECOGNIZING WILMA BUFFINGTON BEDELL BALL

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding citizen of my district. Wilma Buffington Bedell Ball is a cherished resident of Van Buren, Missouri and the State of Missouri. She was born in Great Falls, Montana, on January 5, 1917, and moved to Missouri where she grew up on a farm between Van Buren and Doniphan, Missouri along the Current River.

After her education in a one-room schoolhouse in the Ozarks and graduation from Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, she returned and taught students in that same one-room schoolhouse for three years. After some time away from Missouri, Wilma and her husband, Kelly Ball, returned to Southeast Missouri where she served in the Poplar Bluff School System from 1962 to 1969. There, she discovered her true calling of caring for Missouri's senior citizens. She became a licensed nursing home administrator in 1969 and served as administrator for the Clarks Mountain Nursing Home in Piedmont until 1985. Then, she began working at the Riverways Manor in Van Buren where she still works full-time today. At 94 she is the oldest active nursing home administrator in the United States.

Wilma serves our community not only at work, she goes above and beyond through her affiliations with the Methodist Church, Women's Society of Christian Service, Business and Professional Women's Club, Missouri State Teachers Association, and the Missouri Healthcare Association. Even with all of these activities in her life, her number one priority is her family. She has four sons and daughters-in-law, ten grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren. Wilma Buffington Bedell Ball embodies what it means to be a great southeast Missourian. Today we recognize her for her service to our community.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION AND
REFORM ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 658) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Chair, I rise today to reluctantly oppose the passage of the legislation before us: H.R. 658, the FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2011. I say reluctantly because the FAA is in urgent need of a long-term authorization to guide it in this critical period of air traffic control modernization. As most folks know, FAA has been operating under a series of short-term extensions, the last of which passed the House on Tuesday. While these short-term extension have been necessary, they have made it difficult for the agency to engage in long-term planning.

However, while H.R. 658 reauthorizes the agency for four years, I must oppose this bill. There are several reasons for this opposition.

First, H.R. 658 imposes arbitrary and poorly considered spending reductions on the FAA. This bill imposes over 1 billion dollars of annual cuts from FY 2010 spending levels. These cuts will lead to costly job losses. This is not a "job-creating" bill—far from it! As Marion Blakey, the FAA Administrator under the Bush Administration, said at a hearing earlier this year about this bill, "the prospect is really devastating to jobs and to our future, if we really have to roll back [to 2008 levels] and stop NextGen in its tracks." As we begin to climb out of a deep recession, I question the wisdom of cutting air travel infrastructure spending which is critical to the continued growth to the industry. And this is an industry, I might add, that contributes approximately 1.3 trillion dollars and nearly 11 million jobs to our economy.

These funding cuts occur at a time when air traffic is increasing. It defies logic that we can cut funding for air traffic infrastructure and safety while at the same time experiencing a growth in civil air traffic without leading to reduced levels of safety. You cannot. Let's be clear: this bill will reduce the safety of the American flying public. Period.

In the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, where I serve as Ranking Member, the Majority pushed through a 23% cut to FAA's research account. What got cut? Fire safety research, icing research, and research into reducing pilot and ground crew errors—and many other important initiatives. My Democratic colleagues on the Committee tried to restore funding to the safety programs I just mentioned, at a modest cost to the overall bill. However, we were rebuffed in our efforts in party line votes. I find it unfortunate that the flying public will have to sacrifice their safety so that our Republican colleagues can hew to an arbitrary budget cutting number.

I would also like to express my strong opposition to the provision of this bill which repeals the National Mediation Board's Fair Elections Rule. The notion that your vote only counts if it is actually cast is a fundamental principle of democracy. I am particularly disappointed that the Republican Majority has decided to go about attacking worker rights in a bill that should be about creating jobs for American workers.

In addition, I want to comment about an omission in this bill. This bill does not address the issue of flight attendant occupational hazards. According to 2009 Bureau of Labor Statistics data, air transportation workers are exposed to more workplace injuries and illnesses than construction workers and workers on factory floors. Despite this, flight attendants are not protected by occupational safety and health standards. Moreover, flight attendant fatigue has been identified by the Civil Aerospace Medical Institute as a safety problem, and one that needs to be addressed. Unfortunately, H.R. 658 addresses neither of these important issues related to flight attendant safety.

There are several provisions in this bill that I do support. Namely, I am glad to see that the Airport Access Flexibility Program is included in the bill we are considering today. The Airport Access Flexibility Program was created through my leadership in 2009 and directs the Secretary to establish a pilot program at five airports where passenger facility charges may be used to finance the eligible cost of an intermodal ground access project. This program is of critical importance to Dallas Love Field Airport for a project that would link the airport to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) System. Congressional intent is quite clear that Dallas Love Field Airport should receive priority consideration to be included in this program. I look forward to working with colleagues in the Senate to ensure that this program is retained in the final legislation.

Finally, in the Manager's amendment there is a provision to prohibit any new safety regulations affecting crew or passenger spaceflight safety until 2020 or even later. That is bad policy that will have adverse consequences for safety if enacted. FAA has notified us that they are strongly opposed to the provision, as am I.

Mr. Chair, I would have liked to support a bipartisan FAA reauthorization today. Unfortunately, Majority has decided to bring a bill to the floor today that costs American jobs, attacks American worker rights, and sacrifices the safety of the American flying public. Therefore, I will oppose the bill today, and hope that we can work together to fix the problems I have identified in this legislation as we move forward.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. MARK
COLOMB HIV/AIDS ACTIVIST**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of a true champion and humanitarian, Dr. Mark Colomb. Dr. Colomb's life mission addressed the health needs and concerns of blacks within the State

of Mississippi and other southern communities. A community activist, public health educator and public policy advocate, Colomb founded My Brother's Keeper, MBK, a national organization dedicated to reducing health disparities in African American communities. A principal architect of the Minority AIDS Initiative and founding member of the National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, Dr. Colomb is credited with garnering more \$9 million dollars, the largest of 12 five year national grants awarded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2000, to train African American community-based organizations throughout the U.S. and its territories on HIV/AIDS prevention and education. He played a central role in shaping both state and national HIV/AIDS policy legislation with particular focus on African American men and women.

His academic appointments included assistant professor of sociology, adjunct professor and statistical laboratory coordinator at Jackson State University and instructor at Tougaloo College.

Dr. Colomb was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Madison, MS.; a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; and numerous social, professional and academic honor organizations, including, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Pi Lambda Theta International Honor Society and Professional Association in Education.

Again, I ask that my colleagues please join me in saluting the life and legacy of Dr. Mark Colomb.

THANKING MS. MARIE COLARUSSO
HIGGS FOR HER SERVICE TO
THE HOUSE**HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of her retirement on April 4, 2011, I rise to thank Ms. Marie Colarusso Higgs for over 38 years of outstanding service to the United States House of Representatives.

Marie began her career here in 1971, while a student at Potomac Senior High School in Maryland. She first worked as a clerk in the office of The Honorable Frank M. Clark of Pennsylvania. She went on to work for The Honorable Stephen L. Neal of North Carolina, The Honorable Martin Frost of Texas, the Office of the Clerk, and the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer. Marie has worked in every House office building from the basement of the Ford building to the fourth floor of the Capitol.

Marie's commitment to public service was best demonstrated following the events of September 11, 2001. During that time, she worked tirelessly to assist in setting up temporary offices for Members displaced by the anthrax evacuation. Marie's enthusiasm, professionalism, and attention to detail have made her an invaluable team member on many special projects. Her generosity and support of others have endeared her to her many colleagues and friends in the House community.

More recently, Marie demonstrated her commitment and dedication to serving others when

she travelled to Nepal with her daughter, Erica, to participate in a Habitat for Humanity project this past October. While Marie's long-term plans for retirement are not set, her immediate plans include planning her daughter's wedding, pursuing more volunteer opportunities, and visiting America's wineries.

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

HONORING CAILLEY FACTOR'S
OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENTS

HON. TIM SCOTT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 1, 2011

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, the members of the U.S. House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Cailley Factor captured the first-place award at the state math competition MathFest and was named a national champion of Le Grand Concours 2010 national French competition; and

Whereas, eight-year-old Cailley Factor compares competing in math to sports competitions because both require the same focus in order to win; and

Whereas, a consistently superior math student, she took the top honors last year in the first-grade division, and this year her brother Memorable Factor followed in his sister's footsteps when he took first place in the same competition; and

Whereas, for the first time in the six years of MathFest history, siblings became state winners in the same year when she and her brother took top honors for their respective grade levels; and

Whereas, this year she earned the highest score in the United States for Le Grand Concours competing in the more difficult 3A category because she won the 1A in 2008, and once again her brother followed in her footsteps and took the top honors in 1A; and

Whereas, fluent also in Mandarin and Spanish, she loves to speak French and would like to visit there again; and

Whereas, the national French exam, consisting of oral and written portions, is given by the American Association of Teachers of French to over one hundred thousand French students in all fifty states and abroad; and

Whereas, this year's South Carolina MathFest was held in Columbia, and four thousand math students from around the state competed in the state's competition of the national math contest; and

Whereas, a group of elementary educators created MathFest in 2001 to provide an extended math initiative that would motivate students, parents, and teachers to raise the standards and expectations in math; and

Whereas, the founder of MathFest, Dr. Ron Boykins, hopes to generate enthusiasm for math in the elementary years in order to provide students with necessary skills to compete in middle and high school; and

Whereas, the members of the U.S. House of Representatives are pleased that ability and

diligence have brought this success to Cailley Factor, and they are grateful for the pride and recognition she has brought to her family, her home school, and her community. Now, therefore, the members of the U.S. House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Cailley Factor of Charleston, SC and congratulate her for winning first place in the second-grade division at the state MathFest competition and for being named a national champion of Le Grand Concours 2010 French competition.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Cailley Factor.

RECOGNIZING SGT. DALE
MORELAND

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sgt. Dale Moreland of the Missouri Highway Patrol. Sgt. Moreland has served our state for 32 years in law enforcement. He daily put his life on the line to protect Missouri's citizens and to keep our roads safe as a public affairs officer.

Like many states, Missouri is blessed by patriotic Americans who volunteer to serve our communities by keeping them safe. Sgt. Moreland is an example of how this spirit of service is alive and well in the Congressional District I represent. By remaining an active part of our southern Missouri community, he will surely inspire others to find ways to contribute their time and talent to our communities, state and nation. The example he sets, especially for young people, is a great part of the long tradition in our country by which the desire and capability to serve remains strong and unbroken through the generations of Missourians who call our state home.

Words cannot adequately express how appreciative I am for his service. He has devoted much of his life to protecting the public and enforcing the laws of our state.

Thank you Sgt. Moreland for your service and we wish you the best of luck in your retirement!

Enjoy!

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
MS. ELIZABETH TAYLOR

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of a legend of the silver screen, a relentless leader in the fight against AIDS, and an extraordinary woman, Ms. Elizabeth Taylor.

Elizabeth Taylor was born in London in 1932 to American parents. She moved with her family to Beverly Hills on the eve of the Second World War. Elizabeth's love for cinema manifested at an early age. Her first well-known performance came at the age of 12, when she played the title role in "National Velvet." From that point, Ms. Taylor lived her life in the public eye, and her name became syn-

onymous with talent, beauty, and glamour. She went on to play such memorable roles as Angela Vickers in "A Place in the Sun," Helen Ellsworth in "The Last Time I Saw Paris," Martha in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and the title role in "Cleopatra," among many others. Throughout her more than 60 year-long career, Ms. Taylor was nominated for countless awards including two Academy Awards and the Screen Actors Guild's, SAG, Life Achievement Award in 1997.

Ms. Taylor was more than just a Hollywood icon. She was also known for her efforts in the fight against AIDS. She was an advocate for AIDS prevention and research at a time when the disease was still a taboo subject for many. She famously stated "I will not be silenced and I will not give up and I will not be ignored." She was the founding international chairman of the American Foundation for Aids Research, amFAR, and was known for her compassion for those living with the disease. As a result of her service, Ms. Taylor received numerous accolades. In 1992 she was the recipient of the Jean Herscholt Humanitarian Academy Award. On May 16, 2000, Queen Elizabeth II named her a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire. In 2001, Ms. Taylor received a Presidential Citizens Medal due to her work. On December 5, 2007, she was inducted into the California Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of a woman whose cinematic brilliance, grace, and devotion to fighting AIDS will not soon be forgotten. I extend my sincerest sympathies to her sons, Michael and Christopher, her daughters Liza and Maria, and to her friends and family.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CON-
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there the night before by little kids. I then assisted the mother of a small boy in setting up his birthday party. After this party was finished, I cleaned up and helped the patrons pack up the rest of their party supplies. I gained a lot throughout this process, but I believe I gained the most by working with others during this project. I gained a tremendous amount of respect for the people involved in this facilities operation. These kind folks work extremely hard to keep this facility running for children, and I assure you that most people don't get into public service for the money. I also of course gained a sense of accomplishment, pride, and joy in helping make this facility and my community a better place.

—Harrison Halbach.