

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## CONSOLIDATED LAND, ENERGY, AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 30, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3534) to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes:

Mr. FARR. Mr. Chair, BP's Deepwater Horizon oil disaster is the worst environmental catastrophe in United States history.

Change must be made for the future of our ocean, and they must be made now. Today, by voting yes to CLEAR, we can at last revolutionize our approach to how we use our ocean and coastal resources.

I am a fifth generation Californian who represents one of the most majestic meetings of land to sea in the world. My district encompasses the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, which spans of 276 miles of shoreline and is the largest marine sanctuary in the system. It is home to one of Earth's most diverse marine ecosystems, making it a nationally recognized center for marine science. For these reasons and many more, I have been entrenched in ocean policy reform since I served in the California State Legislature over two decades ago.

The National Oceans Conference, which took place in Monterey in 1998, kick-started a nationwide movement to review the status of our ocean resources. I helped pass the Oceans Act of 2000 to establish the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy and formed the House Oceans Caucus to promote ocean issues and advance recommendations by the commission.

Since the 108th Congress I have introduced the Ocean Conservation, Education, and National Strategy for the 21st Century Act (Oceans-21) to establish a comprehensive National Ocean Policy, create a regional ocean governance structure, and setup a trust fund for the ocean. In addition, since the president established his Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force over a year ago, I have pressed the Administration to come forth with a strong National Ocean Policy. As you know, a few weeks ago President Obama demonstrated his commitment to the ocean health by signing an executive order that establishes a comprehensive, integrated National Policy for the stewardship of our ocean and coasts.

Today, my hard work on behalf of the ocean and its resources culminates in this oil spill response package. I am proud to say the Act

sets forth both a regional ocean governance structure and an ocean trust fund that are central components of my Oceans-21 legislation. The CLEAR Act makes the necessary reforms needed for the health and sustainability of our ocean and it, coupled with the President's recent executive order, realizes the policies and principles of Oceans-21.

In short, with the passage of CLEAR, our ocean is better positioned for future sustainable management, protection, conservation and resiliency than ever before.

It is important to take a moment to note just how monumental it is that CLEAR contains a provision that will create a new trust fund for the ocean. A fund for the ocean has been recommended for years by leading voices in ocean management, including the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, the Pew Oceans Commission and my Oceans-21 legislation. Finally, funds raised from drilling in our ocean will go toward protecting and improving our ocean. We generate a great deal of revenue and benefits from the ocean and coasts; however, we reinvest only a fraction of the benefits we receive back into those resources.

We devalue our ocean and coasts each day that we continue to fail to invest in them, and today we can change that.

I am proud that my many years of hard work for the ocean are producing real results. It is high time we step up to protect ocean health just as we have done in the past for clean air and clean water. Today we must support the president and his recently enacted National Ocean Policy by enacting strong policies and regulations for our ocean.

As I said, leadership is about getting results, and the only way to get results for the ocean today is to vote aye to H.R. 3534.

## IN RECOGNITION OF THE 65TH AN- NIVERSARY OF KOREAN INDE- PENDENCE DAY

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 65th Anniversary of Korean Independence Day, and to join in the celebration of Gwang bok jeol.

Gwang bok jeol, literally translated as "Restoration of Light Day" commemorates the 1945 liberation of Korea from Japanese rule. This holiday is the most important public holiday in South Korea.

I am privileged to represent the 11th Congressional District of Virginia in the United States House of Representatives. This district is blessed by its diversity; our community is more than 40% minority and one in four residents is foreign born with Korean Americans comprising the largest single ethnic group. This diversity and vibrancy has enriched the entire region and contributed greatly to our robust economy, excellent schools, strong family values and achievement of common goals.

I would like to commend the Korean American Association of the Washington Metropolitan Area, the Korean American Association of Northern Virginia and the Korean American Association of Maryland for their work on behalf of the Korean American community of the Washington, D.C. region. These organizations exemplify community commitment and dedication. They strive to maintain and protect the rich Korean culture while aiding in the transition of newer citizens to ensure full participation in American society.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the 65th Anniversary of Korean Independence day. By joining in the celebration of Gwang bok jeol, we pay tribute the shared histories and mutual respect of our two nations.

## IN MEMORY OF KEITH RICHMAN

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of Keith Richman, a physician and California legislator who died earlier this month at the too-young age of 56.

Keith was a big man with big ideas who repeatedly expressed optimism in our political system.

He moved to California with his family when he was a toddler and made the San Fernando Valley his home. He was an early proponent of having the Valley secede from the City of Los Angeles. In 2000, the same year he was elected to the Assembly, the Valley electorate voted to secede from Los Angeles and voted Keith as mayor of the new city. However, Los Angeles voters outside of the Valley voted overwhelmingly against the change and the measure was defeated.

As the assemblyman for the 38th District, Keith initially represented parts of the north San Fernando Valley and Santa Clarita, and the cities of Simi Valley and Fillmore, which are also in my congressional district. In 2002, Keith's district was redrawn and Fillmore was removed.

During that term, the California Journal named Keith the legislature's Rookie of the Year. He would serve until term limits forced him out in 2006.

Keith was also one of the first leaders to advocate state pension reform. Although unsuccessful in qualifying a pension reform initiative for the state ballot, he continued his passion for controlling government spending by founding the California Foundation for Fiscal Responsibility after he left office. As part of the drive for reform, the Foundation posted the names of thousands of six-figure pension recipients online.

Keith's other passion was medicine. He followed his father Monroe into the business, had a practice in Sun Valley and founded Glendale-based Lakeside Community HealthCare, Inc.

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Tragically, Keith's brain tumor was diagnosed two days after he married Suzan in 2009.

In addition to Suzan, Keith is survived by two daughters, Dina and Rachel; his parents, Esther and Monroe; brothers, Craig and David; and a sister, Marla

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join my wife, Janice, and me in offering our condolences to the Richman family, and in remembering a remarkable man whose life of service will live on in all those whose lives he touched.

HONORING REVEREND EVAN AND  
CARRIE JOHNSON HICKS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, the union of Rev. Evan and Carrie Johnson Hicks in Allendale, South Carolina has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, the Hicks union produced six (6) well respected citizens—four girls and two boys, Eula, Lillie, Josie, Laura, Sammie and Haley—and from these pillars of strength, twenty children were born to make their mark across America; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have many members of the Hicks family, including Ms. Robin C. Pace, one of our most beloved citizens in our District who resides in Lithonia, Georgia; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Hicks family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Hicks family in our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 24, 2010 as Hicks Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 24th day of July, 2010.

CONSOLIDATED LAND, ENERGY,  
AND AQUATIC RESOURCES

SPEECH OF

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes:

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Chair, I rise today to speak in support of H.R. 3534, the Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources (CLEAR) Act.

The *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill is the worst environmental catastrophe that our nation has ever faced. Unfortunately, this human and environmental catastrophe revealed many shortcomings in our current oil spill pollution and response laws.

Today's vote on the CLEAR Act is an important step towards strengthening our nation's oil spill response and prevention laws. The CLEAR Act contains three critical provisions for which I have advocated.

First, this legislation ensures that oil companies will be responsible for 100% of the cost of cleaning up their mess, and every penny of the damages they cause to Americans. The current liability cap of \$75 million has proven to be grossly inadequate to cover the damage caused by a major offshore oil spill.

Second, immediately following the spill, President Obama and Secretary Salazar took immediate steps to reform the troubled Minerals Management Service (MMS). This legislation codifies those changes to prevent conflicts of interest.

Third, the bill puts in place safety regulations to reduce the risk of catastrophic spills. It requires new regulations on well designs, including blowout preventers, and requires a third party to certify safety plans.

I have concerns, however, regarding the bill's "Requirement of Certification for Responsible Stewardship," which makes the issuance of new Outer Continental Shelf leases contingent on a company avoiding citations from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I strongly support efforts to protect worker safety in our nation's oil and gas industry and have cosponsored the Protect America's Workers Act to give OSHA the tools it needs to enforce rigorous worker safety laws. I believe that strengthening OSHA and EPA authorities is a more effective way to improve worker safety than threatening oil companies with the loss of revenue from OCS drilling, and I am committed to working with my colleagues in the House to strengthen worker safety in the oil and gas industry.

As a representative from the Puget Sound, I understand how devastating an oil spill would be to a coastal region. I want to do everything possible to prevent an oil spill from occurring in Puget Sound and other areas of the country.

I am committed to continuing to investigate the impacts of this massive environmental disaster and examining the best ways to ensure any future offshore drilling will live up to oil companies' claims of safety and reliability.

IN HONOR OF CAROL HARTUNIAN  
GIRVETZ

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Carol Hartunian Girvetz of Santa Cruz, California. Carol Hartunian

Girvetz passed away on July 4th, 2010. Carol will be remembered always as a loving mother, loyal wife, and dedicated citizen committed to her community.

Carol Hartunian Girvetz was born in Hollywood in 1946 to Armenian immigrant parents. She spent her early years as a young adult studying Art and English at UC Santa Barbara. After college, she began her career as a teacher and quickly changed paths upon taking a job with Pan American as a flight attendant. During this time, she worked on many R&R flights tending to soldiers from the Vietnam War as they traveled to meet their loved ones back at home, and then returning them back to the battlefield.

After her days of traveling with Pan American, Carol returned to California to begin her new life as a wife and mother. Carol and her first husband Jon raised their two children, Evan and Shyla in the small town of Freedom in Santa Cruz County. Her connection with the community was immediate as she became enmeshed in the community's needs. She served on the Women's Commission and along with several women, started the first shelter for female victims of domestic violence. This achievement would be the first of many in her thirty years of service to Santa Cruz County. Carol most recently retired from the position of Assistant County Administrative Officer, where I had worked with her for years. During this time, Carol built a close and loving relationship with her second husband George Newell. Carol was known by her colleagues for her strong work ethic, great sense of humor, and devotion to public service. She was an extraordinary person and public employee who will always be remembered and missed by her colleagues.

In addition to her work in public service, Carol was also heavily involved in local fine arts in Santa Cruz. She played a large role in the development of the McPherson Center for Art and History. She also served as a board member for such organizations as United Way of Santa Cruz County and Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History, among others. Her hard work has given the community and future generations the opportunity to be immersed in fine arts. Her life is a testament to how the commitment of public service can leave a lasting impact on a community.

Madam Speaker, I ask members of the House to join me in honoring the life of Carol Hartunian Girvetz, and extend our nation's deepest gratitude to her thirty years of service to her community. Carol is survived by her husband, George Newell, son Evan Girvetz, daughter Shyla Girvetz and their father Jon Girvetz. Carol lived sixty-four years of life filled with the love of her family, passion for public service and the arts, and will be greatly missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. BOCCIERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. BOCCIERI. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall No. 454, on H. Con. Res. 292, Supporting the goals and ideals of National

Aerospace Week, and for other purposes, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 450, on H. Res. 1219, Expressing support for designation of September as National Child Awareness Month, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 449, on H. Con. Res. 126, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of Title VI international education programs within the Department of Education, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 448, on H. Res. 1472, Expressing support for designation of the week of September 13, 2010, as National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 372, on H.R. 5297, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 293, on H.R. 5330, To Amend the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004 to Extend the Operation of Such Act for a 5-Year Period Ending June 22, 2015, and for Other Purposes, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 292, H.R. 1017, Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 291, H. Con. Res. 278, Expressing the Sense of Congress That a Grateful Nation Supports and Salutes Sons and Daughters in Touch on Its 20th Anniversary That is Being Held on Father's Day, 2010, at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, the District of Columbia, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 213, H. Res. 1271, Honoring the Life and Achievements of Rev. Benjamin Lawson Hooks, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 212, H. Res. 1257, Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Financial Literacy Month, 2010, and for Other Purposes, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 172, H. Res. 1205, Providing for Consideration of the Bill (H.R. 4849) to Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to Provide Tax Incentives for Small Business Job Creation, Extend the Build America Bonds Program, Provide Other Infrastructure Job Creation Tax Incentives, and for Other Purposes (On Ordering the Previous Question), I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 153, On Approving the Journal, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 84, H. Res. 699, Expressing the Appreciation of Congress for the Service and Sacrifice of the Members of the 139th Air-lift Wing, Air National Guard, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 50, H.R. 4238, To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 930 39th Avenue in Greeley, Colorado, As the "W.D. Farr Post Office Building", I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 49, H.R. 4425, To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 2-116th Street in North Troy, New York, As the "Martin G. 'Marty' Mahar Post Office", I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 19, H. Res. 1003, Expressing Support for the Designation of January 10,

2010, Through January 16, 2010, As National Influenza Vaccination Week, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 18, H. Res. 1011, Recognizing the Importance of Cervical Health and of Detecting Cervical Cancer During Its Earliest Stages and Supporting the Goals and Ideals of Cervical Health Awareness Month, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 17, H. Res. 990, Expressing Support for Designation of January 2010 As "National Mentoring Month", I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 5, H.R. 3892, To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 101 West Highway 64 Bypass in Roper, North Carolina, As the "E.V. Wilkins Post Office", I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 858, H. Res. 868, Honoring and Recognizing the Service and Achievements of Current and Former Female Members of the Armed Forces, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 381, H.R. 2847, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 109, H.J. Res. 38, Making Further Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009, and for Other Purposes, I would have voted "aye."

On rollcall No. 108, H.J. Res. 38, Making Further Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009, and for Other Purposes, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall No. 107, On Approving the Journal, I would have voted "aye."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, on Monday, July 26, 2010 I was unavoidably delayed and thus missed rollcall votes No. 467, No. 468, and No. 469. Had I been present I would have voted "nay" on No. 467 and "yea" on No. 468 and No. 469.

On Tuesday, July 27, 2010 I was unavoidably delayed and thus missed rollcall votes No. 470 through No. 475. Had I been present I would have voted "nay" on No. 470 and No. 473 and "yea" on No. 471, No. 472, No. 474, and No. 475.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MANASSAS AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 20th Anniversary of

the Manassas African American Heritage Festival.

The first Heritage Festival was organized by a group of community leaders who sought to host an event that would feature the unique contributions and diversity of the African American community. Ethnic heritage is often a source of strength and inspiration for individuals seeking their piece of the American dream, and part of the American experience is proudly sharing that heritage with others. The Manassas African American Heritage Festival spotlights, celebrates, and commemorates the roots and rich history of the African American community.

During the past two decades, the Festival has supported organizations and causes that promote African American culture. Colleges, churches, nonprofit organizations, and civic groups are among the attendees. The Festival has awarded "Community Awards for Excellence," purchased and distributed school supplies, encouraged health screenings, and made education a community priority.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Manassas African American Heritage Festival. It is important that we preserve the values and traditions of African American culture and appreciate the indelible mark it has left on our Nation's history.

#### RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR TAA BENEFITS

#### HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to provide tangible evidence of the need to rethink the failed trade policies of the past. Bad trade deals result in job losses here at home, as companies decide to outsource to countries that pay their workers mere dollars a day and force them to work in factories with little or no labor or environmental standards.

Bad trade deals are a disaster for the American way of life. As a result of bad trade deals, companies that keep jobs in America get penalized for paying their workers a fair wage and showing concern for their workers' health. Most importantly, bad trade deals hurt the American worker, depriving him of much-needed jobs in an already tough economy.

You need to see nothing more than the list of successful TAA petitions in my district alone to know that these trade policies aren't working. I submit for the record a list compiled by CRS of approved TAA petitions from October 1, 2001, through March 3, 2009.

Madam Speaker, we must rethink the trade policies of the past and do everything we can to protect the American manufacturer and encourage investment in American industry.

TABLE I.—PETITIONS CERTIFIED UNDER THE TAA FOR WORKERS PROGRAM IN PENNSYLVANIA'S 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FROM OCTOBER 1, 2001, THROUGH MARCH 3, 2009

Petition No.	Company name	City	Date of TAA petition decision	Estimated number of workers covered by the certification	Products
63199	Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.	Morrisville	April 30, 2008	96	Specialty Gases
62864	Ametek, Inc.	Sellersville	April 18, 2008	n/a	Electrical and Mechanical Reels
61036	Jones Apparel Group, Inc.	Bristol	July 13, 2007	268	Patterns and Samples for Women's Apparel

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61103	Delbar Products, Inc.	Perkasie	March 22, 2007	27	Metal Outside Rearview Mirrors
59127	Cridge, Inc.	Fallsington	May 24, 2006	95	Ceramic and Porcelain Gift Items
58084	Draeger Medical, Inc.	Telford	October 31, 2005	90	Anesthesia Equipment
57199	Ametek	Sellersville	June 24, 2005	50	Component Parts for Compressors
55001	Newtech PA	Northampton	June 16, 2004	51	De-ink Recycled Pulp
54187	ABB, Inc.	Warminster	March 5, 2004	43	Fluid Flow Sensors and Actuators
53467	Gasboy International, LLC	Lansdale	December 4, 2003	250	Petroleum Dispensing Equipment
53439	AM Communications, Inc.	Quakertown	December 3, 2003	31	Status Monitoring Products for Cable TV
53440	Nestronix, Inc.	Quakertown	December 3, 2003	4	Status Monitoring Products for Cable TV
53049	Visteon Systems, LLC	Lansdale	November 19, 2003	132	Electronic Automobile Parts
50659	Ametek	Sellersville	May 8, 2003	69	Compressed Gas and General Equipment Gauges
40771	3M Company	Bristol	April 4, 2002	140	Sealing and Packaging Tape
40209	Laclede Steel Co.	Fairless Hills	December 20, 2001	160	Steel Bars and Semi-Finished Blooms

Source: Congressional Research Service analysis of Department of Labor database.

## HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MONSIGNOR T. PETER RYAN

### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Monsignor T. Peter Ryan, who is retiring after 20 years of service to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish in Centerport, New York.

Father Ryan has touched the lives of people all over Long Island and his dedication to our community will be remembered. His life has always been, and continues to be, marked by grace and humility. As a pastor, he has become a treasure to his parishioners and he has been a source of light to all who have come to know him. He is not only a gifted leader, but a confidant, a mentor, and a friend to so many.

After 20 years, Father Ryan's influence has reached far beyond the boundaries of our community. As a passionate advocate for education and human rights, he has raised funds, organized food drives and planned events to support so many worthy causes. He has touched lives from Centerport to Wyandanch to Nicaragua and I am sure he will continue to be a beacon of hope and love for many years to come.

On the occasion of his well deserved retirement, I would like to thank Father Ryan for his unwavering commitment to the people of Long Island.

## RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ERIC LIAW AND THE REST OF TEAM USA IN THE INTER- NATIONAL BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

### HON. CHARLES K. DJOU

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. DJOU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eric Liaw and the rest of the American high school students representing the United States at the 2010 International Biology Olympiad in Changwon, South Korea. Team USA placed first overall and placed among the top competitors in the individual competition.

Eric Liaw is the first student from Hawai'i to ever advance to the International Biology

Olympiad and I would like to congratulate him and the rest of the USA Team for their tremendous accomplishment.

I am proud that America's youth are excelling in the ever-growing science and technology fields. I will continue to support initiatives, like the International Biology Olympiad, which promote academic excellence, encourage our students to specialize in subjects that interest them, and allow our students to interact with peers from around the world who share those interests. Education is crucial to our success as a nation and we must continue to ensure that quality education remains a priority.

On behalf of the parents and teachers of the First Congressional District of Hawai'i, I would like to extend my congratulations to Eric Liaw and Team USA for their hard work and success at the International Biology Olympiad.

### ANDREW AND JANE FRIDAY JACKSON

## HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, the union of Andrew and Jane Friday Jackson former slaves in South Carolina has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, the Jackson union produced many well respected citizens today we honor some of the matriarchs and patriarchs, Mr. Nathaniel Jackson, Mr. Emanuel Jackson, Mrs. Lillie Ann Jackson Blow and Ms. Minnie Brown who are pillars of strength for the Jackson family; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have many members of the Jackson family, who are some of our most productive citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Jackson family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this

day to honor and recognize the Jackson family in our District;

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim Sunday, July 25, 2010 as Jackson Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 25th day of July, 2010.

## HONORING THE ACCOMPLISH- MENTS OF CONTINENTAL STRUC- TURAL PLASTICS (CPS), LLC— SAREPTA, LOUISIANA

### HON. JOHN FLEMING

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. FLEMING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work and dedication of a local Louisiana manufacturer. The manufacturer that I am recognizing has demonstrated innovation in manufacturing operations and business growth, as well as a commitment to community involvement.

Continental Structural Plastics (CSP), LLC—Sarepta located within my district in Louisiana, has invested over 10,000 training hours to prepare their workforce for today's advanced manufacturing technology and to be positioned for the next generation of manufacturing. The economic impact that CSP—Sarepta brings to North Louisiana is significant. The facility employs 195 people with an annual payroll and benefits exceeding \$5 million. Since construction began in 2001, \$12 million has been invested in facility and equipment modernization. This local manufacturer has made noteworthy advances in productivity throughout their organization resulting in substantial growth. Because of these accomplishments, CSP—Sarepta will be recognized for excellence by the Manufacturing Extension Partnership of Louisiana (MEPOL) at the fifth annual Platinum Award for Continued Excellence (PACE) ceremony on August 26th, 2010.

MEPOL, a non-profit manufacturing resource based at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, provides business and technical solutions to emerging and established manufacturing firms through the state of Louisiana. Since 1997, MEPOL, based on a philosophy of education, encouragement, and empowerment, has worked with manufacturers such as CSP—Sarepta to increase their productivity and profitability.

IN HONOR OF MR. JAMES H.  
GILLIAM, SR.

## HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize a great philanthropic Delawarean, James H. Gilliam, Sr., as he celebrates his 90th birthday. Jim Gilliam first came to Delaware in 1965 and was one of the only African Americans former Governor Russell Peterson allowed to break the curfew laws as a peacemaker during the Wilmington riots following the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Jim went on to be a strong activist and is recognized as one of Delaware's finest community leaders.

Jim Gilliam was born in Baltimore, Maryland and received a B.A. in sociology from Morgan State University. He continued his education at Howard University School of Social Work where he earned his Masters in 1950. Jim Gilliam has had a long career of service not only to local communities, but to his country. He won medals of distinction, including the Bronze Star, serving as a captain in the United States Military, and at 40, he integrated the Maryland National Guard.

Jim's leadership skills and activism had an immediate impact when he came to the state of Delaware. He served as president and chairman of the board of Delaware's Community Housing Incorporated from 1974 to 1990, and served as a consultant on a variety of community issues. Jim was a two-term president of the National Association of Non-Profit Housing Organizations in the 1970's. Retiring in 1990, Jim's community activism did not end; a decade ago he founded the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League. In just three years the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League won the National Urban League's highest honor, the Whitney M. Young Award, for advancing racial equality. This is a testament to Jim Gilliam's hard work and dedication to the local community.

Jim Gilliam has had a tremendous impact on Delawareans. His selfless service, positive attitude and determined work ethic have impacted countless people throughout our great state. I am honored to represent a state where individuals like Jim Gilliam reside, and I wish him a very happy 90th birthday.

## HONORING FANNIE MAE LAWSON

## HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of one of my constituents, Mrs. Fannie Mae Lawson of Pittsburg, California. Born to James and Onnie Manning in Arkansas on May 27, 1925, Fannie Mae attended the C.S. Woodland School. In 1946 she married George Van

"G.V." Lawson in her hometown of Magnolia, Arkansas. Together they had four children: George, Willie, Sharon, and Audrey. In 1946, Fannie Mae and her family moved to Pittsburg, CA where she began her outstanding service to the community. She began volunteering at her local church, first as a member of the choir, then serving in the Ministries of Convalescent, as well as a Deaconess, and as a Mother of the church. She served the church for 64 years! Fannie was also actively involved in the Pittsburg branch of the N.A.A.C.P. where she served as President for 28 years, and she was also a foster parent for over 30 years and served on the Advisory Board for the Pittsburg Unified School District. At the age of 85, surrounded by her loved ones on July 27, 2010, Fannie Mae Lawson passed away. Sadly, she was preceded in death by her husband, G.V., her son George Earl, and two grandchildren. She will be missed not only by her three children, six grandchildren and many friends, but also by the people of the Pittsburg community whom she helped so much in life.

PITTSBURG ACTIVIST LEFT A LEGACY,  
LONGTIME RESIDENTS SAY

[From the Contra Costa Times, Aug. 4, 2010]

(By Rick Radin)

PITTSBURG—The city's residents lost a powerful voice for schools and for social justice with the death of longtime community activist Fannie Lawson last week. Lawson, 87, served as chairwoman of the Pittsburg NAACP for 15 years. She was a leader in promoting equal rights in hiring in Pittsburg businesses and advocating for after-school programs, said Darnell Turner, the chairman of the legal redress committee of the NAACP of East Contra Costa, the Pittsburg chapter's successor. Funeral services were held Saturday at First Baptist Church in Pittsburg, where Lawson was a member for more than 60 years. "She'll be missed," said Curlie Jackson, a former NAACP branch chairwoman. "If you had a problem, she was the one you went to." Lawson and her husband, George Lawson, moved to Pittsburg from Magnolia, Ark., in 1946, and Fannie Lawson took a job in a cannery in Pittsburg, Turner said. The Lawsons were the first black residents of Pittsburg's Bayside Knolls neighborhood in 1951, and Fannie Lawson felt some bitterness about the experience of being a pioneer. "Can you imagine being looked at as too low to live in this place or that place? It was hard," Lawson said in a 2006 interview. "A lot of things were said that hurt my feelings, but you couldn't give up if you wanted a place to live." Lawson took the experience and momentum from fighting for housing rights into a series of other campaigns for low-income residents in Pittsburg and East County. When a release from the Pittsburg PG&E power plant coated homes and cars in Lawson's neighborhood with dust, she worked with the company to make sure the material was tested for toxics, Turner said. "The police blocked off the neighborhood, and a hazardous materials team came in," Turner said. The utility agreed to repaint cars and homes that had been damaged by the release, he said. "(Lawson) continued to work with PG&E after the incident," Turner said. "They created a scholarship program to help underprivileged students get an opportunity to pursue a two- or four-year education."

Lawson was the driving force in the campaign to change the name of Montezuma Street in Pittsburg to Herb White Way, after the city's first black mayor. She also kicked into gear when Pittsburg teachers threatened a strike a few days before the end of the school year in the late 1990s. "She wanted to make sure the students weren't used as bargaining tools, that the graduation wasn't (tainted by a work stoppage)," Turner said. She responded to a cross burning in Brentwood, working with the city to improve communications and promote tolerance, he said. Lawson pushed for tutorial programs for children who were having difficulty in school, said former Contra Costa supervisor, state senator and Pittsburg school board member Joe Canciamilla. "She wasn't shy," Canciamilla said. "She was tenacious when it came to advocating for people."

## RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS

## HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Association of Civilian Technicians, which is headquartered in my district in Lake Ridge, Va.

In 1960, Vincent J. Paterno and twelve fellow New York technicians banded together to establish the Association of Civilian Technicians. Their stated mission was to represent the interests of our country's National Guard Technicians. Today, ACT represents the 48,000 employees of the Air and Army National Guard who are classified as Title 32 Civilian Technicians. A Title 32 Civilian Technician's duties and responsibilities are to maintain the working order of the aircraft, vehicles, tanks, helicopters and supporting equipment needed by the National Guard to carry out its mission. ACT members serve as mechanics, administrative personnel and technical support positions. They enable active duty personnel to keep our nation safe from attack and ensure that our military is always at the ready.

Through vigorous advocacy efforts, ACT has helped secure a number of rights and benefits for civilian technicians. In 1968, President Lyndon Johnson signed into law "The National Guard Technician Act." The legislation established the Technician Program and provided National Guard Technicians with fair and just compensation, employment benefits and access to a retirement system that is equitable to other federal employees. ACT honors the service of our nation's civilian technicians by fighting to deliver the care and consideration they deserve.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Association of Civilian Technicians. For half of a century, ACT has represented the best interests and welfare of America's National Guard Technicians and their families. I

would like to extend my personal appreciation to ACT members for their service and contributions to our national security.

#### HONORING ST. CECILIA ACADEMY

##### HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize St. Cecilia Academy in Nashville, Tennessee. This year marks a very important milestone in the school's history. For over one hundred and fifty years, St. Cecilia has played a vital role in the spiritual and academic lives of young women in Middle Tennessee.

For a century and a half, St. Cecilia Academy, an all-girl, Catholic, college-preparatory school, has proudly guided young women through their formative years, helping them become confident women leaders of faith. The school was founded by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, who arrived in Nashville in August of 1860. The Sisters' dedication to the Catholic tradition, as well as passion for education, made it possible for the school to flourish and become one of the educational leaders in college-preparatory education. Most notably, St. Cecilia has been recognized four times by the Action Institute as one of the Top Fifty Catholic High Schools in the United States. St. Cecilia's students have been awarded prestigious scholarships, and the school's seniors are regularly accepted into top colleges.

And so, Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to honor St. Cecilia Academy on its 150th anniversary. As Nashville's oldest private high school, it is an institution that embodies the ideals of excellence, creativity, and leadership development.

Today I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting St. Cecilia Academy for its many decades of service toward the betterment of our youth.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE 2010 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

##### HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2010 recipients of the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Presented annually by the National Ethnic Coalition (NECO), the Ellis Island Medal of Honor pays tribute to our Nation's immigrant heritage, as well as individual achievement. The medals are awarded to U.S. citizens from various ethnic backgrounds who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage. Since NECO's founding in 1986, more than 2,000 American citizens have received Ellis Island Medals of Honor, including six American Presidents, several United States Senators, Congressmen, Nobel Laureates, outstanding athletes, artists, clergy, and military leaders.

As we all know, citizens of the United States can trace their ancestry to many nations. The

richness and diversity of American life makes us unique among the Nations of the world and is in many ways the key to why America is the most innovative country in the world. The Ellis Island Medals of Honor not only celebrate select individuals but also the pluralism and democracy that enabled our ancestors to celebrate their cultural identities while still embracing the American way of life. This medal is not about money, but about people who really seized the opportunities this great country has to offer and who used those opportunities to not only better their own lives but make a difference in the lives of those around them. By honoring these outstanding individuals, we honor all who share their origins and we acknowledge the contributions they and other groups have made to America. I commend NECO and its Board of Directors headed by my good friend, Nasser J. Kazeminy, for honoring these truly outstanding individuals for their tireless efforts to foster dialogue and build bridges between different ethnic groups, as well as promotes unity and a sense of common purpose in our Nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the good works of NECO, and congratulating all of the 2010 recipients of the Ellis Island Medals of Honor. I also ask unanimous consent that the names of this year's recipients be placed into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD following my statement.

#### 2010 ELLIS ISLAND MEDALS OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

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#### HONORING McLANAHAN CORPORATION

##### HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my dear friends and constituents at the McLanahan Corporation on the occasion of their 175th anniversary, which they will celebrate on August 28, 2010. Located in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, McLanahan Corporation has long been committed to service, innovation, and family ownership. From its founding in the 1830s when James Craig McLanahan moved his family to Hollidaysburg, where the company first produced castings used in farm implements, McLanahan Corporation has developed into an international powerhouse as a supplier not only of equipment, but also of process solutions.

McLanahan Corporation is poised to remain a leader well into the future as its customer base has expanded from a small town in central Pennsylvania to reach around the world. Customers have grown to appreciate McLanahan's heavy-duty equipment and outstanding customer service and support. All of this has been done without abandoning its roots or compromising its sound values as the 6th generation of family now assumes a leadership and ownership role.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating The McLanahan Corporation on their 175 years in business.

#### REMEMBERING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF BRIAN A. PETRONELLA

##### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, It is with a heavy heart that I rise to mark the passing of a great ally and advocate for working families in Connecticut. Brian Petronella, President of The United Food and Commercial Workers Local 371 in Westport, died suddenly on Friday. He leaves behind a remarkable record of public service and long list of victories on behalf of workers and their families.

Brian was a skilled labor leader who never forgot his beginnings as a member of 371. He believed in decent wages, benefits, safety, and respect for his brothers and sisters and cared deeply about their rights. In his role at Local 371 and in his own life, Brian put these values into practice each day. He held leadership roles on the local and international levels of UFCW and had many successful organizing campaigns under his belt.

In addition to Brian's professional role and successes, he was a vibrant member of the community—one that worked tirelessly to help those around him. He generously raised money for and gave his time to the Leukemia Society, the Women's Network, and after school programs in the area.

Most important to him though was his family. His father was also a nationally recognized leader at UFCW, and Brian's success was a source of great pride in the Petronella family. Brian's wife Elaine and daughters Lindsey and Ashley were the number one priority in his world and his passing as a husband and father is the hardest loss of all.

I had the pleasure and honor to know Brian for over ten years. He was smart, funny, and down to earth. His success did not go to his head—if anything it made him more committed to working for the people he represented so ably.

Brian left us too early. He leaves behind a life of work that should be the envy of anyone seeking to better our society. He was a consummate professional, loving family man, and friend that I was lucky to have. I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning the loss and honoring the life of Brian Petronella.

#### SOLOMON PORCH MINISTRIES

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, Solomon's Porch Ministries has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our county for the past ten years; and

Whereas, Pastor Phillip Mosby and the members of the Solomon's Porch Ministries Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our county; and

Whereas, Solomon's Porch Ministries has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our District; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past ten (10) years by preaching the gospel, singing the gospel and living the gospel; and

Whereas, Solomon's Porch Ministries has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with DeKalb County and the world their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Solomon's Porch Ministries Church family on their 10th Anniversary and for their leadership and service to our District;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 13, 2010 as Solomon's Porch Ministries Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of August, 2010.

### CONGRATULATING THE COOPERS, BOONE COUNTY FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

### HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker I rise today to congratulate the Cooper Family who was earned the honor of being named the Boone County 2010 Farm Family of the Year.

The Arkansas Farm Family of the Year Program has honored farm families all across the state for their outstanding work both on their farms and in their communities. Recognition from the program is a reflection of the contribution to agriculture at the community and state level and its implications for improved farm practices and management.

The Coopers raise more than 700 cattle on 450 acres and are planning to expand. Since 1985 they have maintained a commitment to agriculture and have worked diligently to improve the health of their cattle and to protect the environment.

I congratulate Tim, his wife Debra Sue, and their family Caleb, Ethan and Amy Lippe for their outstanding achievements in agriculture and ask my fellow colleagues to join me in honoring them for this accomplishment. I wish them continued success in their future endeavors and look forward to the contributions they will offer in the future to Arkansas agriculture.

### HONORING STAFF SGT. AARON M. KENEFICK

### HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Staff Sergeant Aaron M. Kenefick who gave his life September 8, 2009, while supporting combat operations in the Kunar province of Afghanistan.

A few years ago on Thanksgiving, Aaron had asked his mom what time dinner would be served. He wanted to make sure he would have time to visit his fellow service members at the Veterans Administration hospital. "That's where the true heroes are," he had told his mother. Sergeant Kenefick did not brag about his own achievements and numerous missions. He had received a Purple Heart after being injured by shrapnel and had twice, during his 12-year career, been named Marine of the Year. Nevertheless, called to serve, Kenefick returned to combat.

Staff Sgt. Kenefick graduated from Roswell High School in 1997 after moving there as a 10th grader from Williamsville, New York. He joined the Marine Corps after high school. He is survived by his mother, Susan Price and father, Donnie Kenefick; two sisters; and his young daughter, Landon.

Madam Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and admiration that we honor Staff Sgt. Kenefick's sacrifice on behalf of our Nation. He is a hero to his countrymen, his family, and his fellow Marines. He reminds us that America is blessed to have so many young men and women willing to stand up and fight to

preserve our precious freedoms. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and all our military families, whose selfless dedication to this Nation is an inspiration to us all.

### RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAKE RIDGE OCCOQUAN COLES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 40th Anniversary of the Lake Ridge Occoquan Coles Civic Association, LOCCA.

The builders of the Lake Ridge Planned Community began development in the mid 1960s. The developers of Lake Ridge envisioned a community where people could live, work, shop and play. However, early residents desired a way to shape the vision for their community. They recognized a need for an organization that was capable of influencing planning and development decisions in Lake Ridge.

On July 6, 1970, the residents established the Lake Ridge Communities Civic Association, LRCCA, as a non-political, nonpartisan organization that gave citizens an organized community voice. The LRCCA hosted bake sales, dances and other fund-raising activities to support local civic projects and to foster a newfound sense of community in Lake Ridge.

In 1978, the organization matured into the Lake Ridge Occoquan Civic Association, LOCA, in response to growing concerns over unchecked growth and development in Prince William County. The membership created the Planning, Environment, Land-Use and Transportation Committee, PELT, to evaluate new development in the area. The organization encouraged quality development with appropriate infrastructure investments, compatible architecture, signage and landscaping and promoted the use of green community designs complete with sidewalks and trails. In 1997, the membership rewrote the bylaws to refocus the group and formally include the Coles Magisterial District within its jurisdiction, creating the Lake Ridge Occoquan Coles Civic Association, LOCCA.

The influence of this community organization on quality development standards in Prince William County cannot be understated. For four decades, dedicated members have sacrificed their time and contributed their considerable talents to the responsible stewardship of their community. Their work has not gone unnoticed. This was the first civic association to be awarded the Virginia Green Award, and it was recognized as one of the most influential civic associations in the Commonwealth of Virginia when it was honored with the Virginia Citizen's Planning Association Award.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the membership of the Lake Ridge Occoquan Coles Civic Association for the tireless advocacy efforts and congratulating them on their 40th Anniversary. I extend my personal appreciation to the past and current members of LOCCA for improving and safeguarding the quality of life of countless Prince William County residents.



HONORING LIEUTENANT JEFF  
RACINE ON HIS RETIREMENT  
FROM THE MICHIGAN STATE PO-  
LICE

### HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Detective Lieutenant Jeff Racine on his retirement after 25 years serving in the Michigan State Police. Lt. Racine has carried out his duties with bravery, dedication and enthusiasm for his work, earning the respect of both his colleagues in law enforcement and the communities he has served.

Lt. Racine has dedicated his career to keeping residents in Michigan's Upper Peninsula safe. Early in his career he served as a police officer in the Chocoma Township and Ishpeming Police Departments, later serving as deputy sheriff at the Marquette County Sheriff's Department.

In 1985, Lt. Jeff Racine joined the Michigan State Police, serving his first assignment as a trooper at the Flat Rock Post in Southeast Michigan. Before long, Lt. Racine returned to the Upper Peninsula serving as trooper at both the Munising and Gladstone State Police Posts. His hard work earned him a promotion to Sergeant, serving the Negaunee and Gladstone State Police Posts.

In 2000, Lt. Jeff Racine was promoted to Detective Lieutenant in charge of the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team (UPSET). He has spent the past decade combating drug trafficking and drug crimes in the Upper Peninsula, a particularly difficult task in a region with vast tracks of rural areas. The UPSET team has investigated more than 520 cases, including 130 federal cases, under Lt. Racine's leadership. He has been particularly effective at fostering working relationships with local law enforcement as well as federal agencies, including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the FBI; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and the U.S. Forest Service.

After his years in local law enforcement, and 25 years in the Michigan State Police, Lt. Jeff Racine will retire on August 27, 2010. His departure will be felt by law enforcement across the Upper Peninsula and the state of Michigan, but the impact he has had, especially during his 10 years with UPSET, will remain long after he has gone.

Lt. Racine's wife Crystal has been by his side throughout his career, and in retirement he looks forward to spending more time with her and their children. Lt. Racine is also an avid hunter, and his retirement comes just in time for him to dedicate his full attention to this year's hunting season.

Madam Speaker, Lt. Jeff Racine has devoted his life to enforcing the law and protecting the citizens of Michigan, and his commitment and hard work should be commended. Throughout his career he has touched the lives of countless individuals he has worked with and served. I ask Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in recognizing Lt. Jeff Racine for his courage, his dedication, and his years of service on his retirement from the Michigan State Police.

HONORING PASTOR IRA G.  
EDWARDS, SR.

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Pastor Ira G. Edwards, Sr., pastor of Damascus Holy Life Baptist Church. Pastor Edwards is being honored on August 22nd for his work in the Flint community.

Pastor Edwards has been pastor of Damascus Holy Life Baptist Church for the past nine years. He also serves as an instructor for the Great Lake Congress of Christian Education and is an Associate Dean for the Great Lakes Congress of Christian Education. As pastor he has established several programs to help the people of the Flint community. Pastor Edwards started summer feeding programs for youth, established community gardens, and took the lead in the purchasing of a local bar and converting it into a Training Center.

He is a member of Concerned Pastors for Social Action, and cochair of the Flint Area Congregations Together. He is on the National Steering Committee and Clergy Caucus for People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO) National. He was instrumental in bringing CEASEFIRE/LIFE LINE to Flint. He has devoted his life to assisting with health care, education, financial peace, nutrition, and home foreclosure recovery. Pastor Edwards strives to help the youth of the community to reach their full potential by developing social, economic and academic skills. He works diligently with local, state and federal officials to improve education, housing, and to curb violence and crime.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me today and applaud the work of Pastor Ira G. Edwards, Sr. as he is honored by his congregation and his community. I pray that he will continue to spread the Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, for many, many years to come.

### ACKNOWLEDGING MRS. MARION BUSH LICATA

### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Mrs. Marion Bush Licata, a remarkable Michigan citizen, upon her ninetieth birthday on August 16, 2010.

Marion Bush was born on August 16, 1920, in Highland Park, Michigan to James and Evelyn Bush. Growing up with two older brothers, Irving and J.V. Richard, Marion attended Cooley High School in Detroit graduating in 1938. While working at Bell Telephone, she went on to attend Wayne State University where she met Anthony Licata.

Marion and Anthony married in August of 1940, celebrating their love for more than fifty-nine years while raising their beloved daughter Susan who was born in 1943. With Anthony Licata serving in the United States Navy, Marion and Susan traveled by train to Virginia Beach, VA and Norman, Oklahoma to be near him.

Marion Bush Licata was actively involved during Susan's elementary school years as she became part of the "Mother Singers" choral group at Cadillac Elementary School in Detroit. She sang in various other choirs, as well. A great proponent of education, Marion returned to Wayne State and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Library Science. She dedicated more than ten years to the Detroit Public School system as an elementary school librarian, passing on a love of reading to the children under her tutelage.

Marion Bush Licata has enjoyed singing in musical groups, painting, using both oil and water color, creating stained glass, embroidery, making dolls, sewing, reading and listening to music. Marion also was very involved in her late husband Anthony's political activities. She actively supported Anthony's successful campaign to be seated in the Michigan House of Representatives during a special election in 1967. Marion Bush Licata maintained her interest in politics by attending local and state Republican Conventions for many years.

Marion Bush Licata finds great joy in her granddaughter Krista and continues to be a supportive and influential part of Krista's life. Mrs. Licata has continued to care for her immediate family and has always been a source of strength to the extended Bush and Licata families.

Madam Speaker, for ninety years Marion Bush Licata has graced the world with her kindness, hard work, and community spirit. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Marion Bush Licata upon reaching her ninetieth birthday and to honor her commitment to her community and her country.

### RECLAIMING POLITICS

### HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit the following.

Rick Levin, the President of Yale University, recently delivered this year's commencement address, "Reclaiming Politics."

While his comments were directed to graduating seniors, they speak more broadly to all those interested in public service and in improving our political system.

I hope my colleagues and others will appreciate a reasoned and articulate discussion of such a timely subject.

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS: RECLAIMING  
POLITICS

(By President Richard C. Levin)

What a journey you have had! Four years of exploring a place so rich with treasure: courses taught by some of the world's most brilliant and creative scholars and scientists, a library with few peers, museums that expose you to the full variety of nature and human cultures, musical and theatrical performances of the highest quality, vigorous intercollegiate and intramural athletic programs, and classmates whose excellence never ceases to astonish—and all this set within the imposing and inspiring architecture of a campus that is itself a museum. You have had the chance to interact with classmates from 50 states and 50 nations, and the great majority of you have taken advantage of Yale's abundant international programs to spend a semester or a summer abroad.



In the classroom, you were encouraged to engage thoroughly and rigorously in thinking independently about the subjects you studied. You were challenged to develop the powers of critical reasoning fundamental to success in any life endeavor. Outside the classroom, as you worked productively in the hundreds of organizations you joined or founded, you exercised the skills of teamwork and leadership. In your overseas experiences, you deepened your capacity for understanding those whose values and cultures differ from your own—preparing you for citizenship in a globally interconnected world. You may not recognize this in yourselves, but you are ready for what is next.

Understandably, you may be uncertain and a bit anxious about what lies ahead. But, if history is to be trusted, you will find many paths open to you. Because of the talent you possessed before you came here, as well as the intellectual and personal growth you have experienced here, you will find, with high likelihood, success in your chosen endeavors. And we expect you to stay connected. The vibrant life of this university is greatly enriched by the deep commitment and active participation of its graduates—think of all the master's teas and guest lectures and college seminars offered by our alumni. And keep in mind that when you thanked your parents a few moments ago, you might also have been thanking the generations of Yale graduates whose gifts past and present supported half the total cost of your education.

Perhaps I am overconfident about your prospects for personal fulfillment and professional success, but I don't think so. If you will concede my point for the sake of argument, let's ask the next question, one so deeply rooted in Yale's mission and tradition that for most of you, fortunately, it has become ingrained. And that question is: how can I serve? How can I contribute to the wellbeing of those around me, much as we all have done in building communities within the residential colleges and volunteering in so many valuable roles in the city of New Haven? Now is an important time to be asking this question. Let me suggest why, and then let me suggest an answer.

Aristotle tells us that we are by nature political animals. But one wonders whether he would recognize the species that we have become. Eighteen months ago, the United States elected a new president who was prepared to address, intelligently and collaboratively, the most pressing problems confronting the nation—education, health care, climate change, and improving America's image in the rest of the world. Late in the election campaign, the financial crisis intervened, and economic recovery and financial sector reform were added to this ambitious agenda.

What has happened since does not inspire great confidence in the capacity of our system to deal intelligently with important problems. We legislated a stimulus package that was less effective than it should have been, and far less effective than the corresponding measures undertaken in China. Fifteen months later, unemployment in the United States is still 9.9%. After months of stalemate, Congress enacted a health care bill that extends care to millions of uncovered individuals and families, but takes only the most tentative steps toward containing the escalating costs that will create an unsustainable burden of public debt within the next decade or two. We failed to address climate change in time to achieve a meaningful global agreement in Copenhagen. And, although financial sector reform now seems

to be a possibility, the debate has been replete with misunderstanding of what actually went wrong and a misplaced desire for revenge.

Why is this happening? Let me make two observations, and then trace their implications for how you might conduct yourselves as citizens and participants in political life. First, contemporary political discussion is too often dominated by oversimplified ideologies with superficial appeal to voters. And, second, political actors in the United States give too much weight to the interests of groups with the resources to influence their re-election, and too little attention to the costs and benefits of their actions on the wider public.

In *The Federalist* (No. 10), James Madison addresses the second of these observations, in the context of the fledgling republic established by the U.S. Constitution. He notes that the tendency to pursue self-interest can never be entirely suppressed, but it can be mitigated by the proper design of political institutions. In contrast to a direct democracy where individuals would tend to vote their own interests, a republican form of government, Madison argues, will have a greater tendency to select representatives who attend to the broader interests of the whole. And, he further argues, representatives in a large republic constituted of a wide range of divergent interests will find it easier to rise above parochialism than those in a smaller republic comprised of a small number of competing factions.

The protections that our form of government offers against ideology and faction have attenuated greatly since Madison's time, for at least two reasons. First, mass communication increases the opportunity to sway voters by appeal to simple formulations. Of course, the rise of mass communication could be a tool for raising the level of discourse through more effective education of the electorate. But it interacts with the second attenuating factor: that the money required to win elections through the media has created a dependence on funding from special interest groups. And it is these interest groups who distort reasoned dialogue by sponsoring oversimplified messages.

It is easy to see how these developments have thwarted recent efforts to shape responsible public policy. For example, the interest groups opposing health care reform defeated efforts to contain costs by labeling them "death panels," and they defeated the creation of a new public vehicle for providing health insurance by insisting that we must "keep government out of the health care business," when in fact Medicare, Medicaid, and the Veterans Administration already pay nearly 40 per cent of the nation's health care bill. I am not taking sides here, only pointing to the fact that intelligent debate on these subjects was crowded out by ideological distortion.

How can we create a national and global dialogue that transcends such oversimplification and parochialism? Let me suggest that we need each of you to raise the level of debate. You came here to develop your powers of critical thinking, to separate what makes sense from what is superficial, misleading, and seductive. Whether you have studied literature, philosophy, history, politics, economics, biology, physics, chemistry, or engineering, you have been challenged to think deeply, to identify the inconsistent and illogical, and to reason your way to intelligent conclusions. You can apply these powers of critical discernment not simply to fulfill personal aspirations, but to make a contribution to public life.

Every signal you have received in this nurturing community has been unwavering in its message that the growth of your competencies is not to benefit you alone. You have learned in your residential colleges that building a successful community has required you to respect and value one another, and, when appropriate, to moderate your own desires for the benefit of the whole. And so it should be in your lives after Yale. If you are to help to solve this nation's problems—or work across national boundaries to address global problems such as climate, terrorism, and nuclear proliferation—you will need to draw upon both these fruits of a Yale education: the capacity to reason and the ethical imperative to think beyond your own self-interest.

I know that many of you are taking advantage of these first years after graduation to take up public service, and I hope that even more of you will consider this path. There are plenty of jobs in the public sector for enterprising recent graduates; many are short-term but others may lead to careers. Many of you have signed up to be teachers. Others will enter business or the professions. But whatever choice you make, you can help to strengthen the nation and the world—by treating political choices not as triggers for an ideological reflex and not as opportunities to maximize self-interest. To combat reflexive ideologies, you must use the powers of reason that you have developed here to sift through the issues to reach thoughtful, intelligent conclusions. To combat parochialism, you must draw upon the ethical imperative that Yale has imbued in you—an imperative that begins with the golden rule. Whether you serve in government directly or simply exercise your responsibilities as a citizen and voter, recognize that we will all be best served if we take account not merely of our own self-interest, but the broader interests of humanity. To move beyond ideology and faction, we need to raise the level of political discourse. You, as the emerging leaders of your generation, must rise to this challenge.

In first paragraph of *The Federalist* (No. 1), writing about the infant republic whose constitution he was endeavoring to defend, Alexander Hamilton asserts:

It has frequently been remarked, that it seems to have been reserved to the people of this country, by their conduct and example, to decide the important question, whether societies . . . are really capable or not, of establishing good government from reflection and choice . . .

There is much in America's history of the past two and a quarter centuries that would incline us to conclude that Hamilton's question has been answered in the affirmative. Our institutions of representative government have proven themselves to be durable; the rule of law has prevailed, and the scope of personal liberty has expanded far beyond what the founders envisioned. But today, in the face of oversimplified ideology and the dominance of narrow interests, we must wonder again whether Hamilton's question is still open.

Women and men of the Yale College class of 2010: It falls to you, the superbly educated leaders of your generation, to rise above ideology and faction, to bring to bear your intelligence and powers of critical thinking to elevate public discourse, to participate as citizens and to answer the call to service. Only with your commitment can we be certain that our future will be decided by "reflection and choice" in the broad best interest of humanity. You can do it. Yes you can.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING DEBORAH OBERLIN ON BEING NAMED "TOYS FOR TOTS" NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR

### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program collects toys every year for distribution to underprivileged children during the holiday season;

Whereas, since its founding, the Toys for Tots Program has distributed more than 400 million toys to more than 188 million children;

Whereas, the Carroll, Harrison, and Jefferson County Toys for Tots Organization served 2,656 children in 2009 under the leadership of Deborah Oberlin;

Whereas, the Toys for Tots Program considers a number of factors in selecting a National Coordinator of the Year, including the number of children reached relative to the community population and the spirit of teamwork demonstrated by the organization;

Resolved that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend Deborah Oberlin on being selected as the National Coordinator of the Year for the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program for 2009, and for her hard work serving the children of Ohio through this outstanding organization.

GERARD PLACIDE

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, The Caribbean community is a vital part of our Nation and its members are known worldwide; and

Whereas, Gerard Placide, not only talks the talk, but he walks the walk as it relates to our elected officials and our community working together to strengthen the relationships between the Caribbean community and citizens throughout our country; and

Whereas, Gerard Placide has served our nation honorably in the United States Army for six and a half years, he is a Goodwill Ambassador for not only the citizens in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, Trinidad and Tobago, the Cayman Islands, and all of the Caribbean Nations; and

Whereas, this wise psalmist and man of God has shared his time and talents for the betterment of his community and his nation through his tireless works, inspirational singing and words of encouragement and motivation that have and continues to be a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Caribbean community and Gerard Placide on this day and for outstanding leadership and service to our District:

Now, therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim June 18, 2010 as

Gerard Placide Day, in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 18th day of June, 2010.

IN HONOR OF 16 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BY THE NOVA-ANNANDALE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2010 AWARD RECIPIENTS

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank the NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra for providing our community with outstanding performances for the past 16 years and to recognize its 2010 Award Recipients.

In 1994, Dr. Claiborne Richardson of the Reunion Music Society (RMS) and Dr. Gladys Watkins of the Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), Annandale Campus, formed a partnership between to create the NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra combines the talents of local professional and amateur musicians and college students to develop their skills by performing the music of different cultures and heritages.

On April 16, 2010, during the NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra's "Colors of Spring" concert the RMS announced award recipients in two special categories: The Richardson-Watkins Founders Awards, which recognize persons or businesses from the community that have made significant contributions to the success of the RMS' programs, and The Orchestra/Players Awards, for which musicians are recognized by their peers for making significant contributions to the success and development of the symphony orchestra over several years.

The 2010 recipients of The Richardson-Watkins Founders Awards are:

Campbell & Ferrara Nurseries in Annandale, Va., and its Garden Manager, Karen Stay, for many years of providing complimentary flower arrangements displayed in the lobby of the NOVA Theater during the orchestra's concerts and for helping to promote concerts at its store. Ms. Stay always makes sure the floral arrangements are delivered on time.

Mr. Steven Metzger, owner of "Expert Software Design," who has hosted the RMS' website for many years, making timely changes, and absorbing all expenses. His diligence in maintaining the website is particularly noteworthy since he commutes between his home in Fairfax, Va., and his full-time job in Frederick, Md. Mr. Metzger has been instrumental in converting the website ([www.reunionmusic.org](http://www.reunionmusic.org)) to a new, exciting design.

Dr. Barbara Saperstone, Provost of NOVA's Annandale Campus, who has supported RMS programs over a decade, including needed resources for the orchestra such as acoustical enhancements in the college theater. Through her leadership the college has provided at no cost to the orchestra or the RMS use of rehearsal rooms and the theater, purchase of music scores and printing of "playbills" for concerts.

The recipients of The Orchestra/Players Awards are:

Mrs. Nancy McKinless, who has served for many years as the orchestra's librarian and plays the violin at concerts. Mrs. McKinless ensures that the musicians have appropriate music scores for rehearsals and concerts. This involves dealing with music libraries for renting or purchasing music.

Mr. Rolland ("Bucky") Roup, who plays the violin. Mr. Roup devotes many hours to carefully coordinate logistical matters with the orchestra's music director and with the NOVA theater technical staff, and he has trained a cadre of other orchestra members to assist in stage management.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra for continuing to offer outstanding concerts in collaboration with the RMS and NOVA, and I also ask that we commend the 2010 recipients of The Richardson-Watkins Founders Awards and of The Orchestra/Players Choice Awards.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF ROCK HILL FOR WINNING THE "EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNICATIONS AWARD" FROM THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

### HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate the city of Rock Hill, South Carolina for receiving a Municipal Achievement Award from the Municipal Association of South Carolina for excellence in communications. MASC established these awards in 1987 in an effort to encourage innovations and excellence in local government.

The city of Rock Hill won this year's award for RH19, the city's government access channel, which not too long ago was in a dire state. With no upgrades since the 1980s, malfunctioning cameras, a signal that did not meet broadcast specifications, and inadequate audio capabilities, the result was an unimpressive broadcast that was not taken seriously.

What RH19 did have, however, is a dedicated staff that responded with urgency when the Rock Hill City Council decided in 2008 that one of its strategic goals would be to provide "open and effective communication" to the citizens of that community.

After doing an inventory of the city's existing means of communication, the staff decided that the public access station was the most deficient and in need of modernizing. According to the Municipal Association of South Carolina, RH19 staff took a "modest budget and a rebate from a terminated franchise agreement with the local cable provider" and went to work, fixing existing equipment and buying new software and equipment to replace those items beyond repair. Moreover, they developed a "branded" look for the channel and established standardized production schedules, opting for "short, well-executed messages" to ensure the most current information was aired to the public. RH19 also recruited students from local colleges and universities to work as interns, providing them a significant and lasting experience in media production and journalism.

With the equipment updated and the quality of the broadcast signal enhanced, the city of Rock Hill began to air several programs of public interest and even posted the videos on YouTube to maximize exposure. These changes have met with widespread praise and appreciation across the city of Rock Hill, and are a perfect example of what can happen when people in our community see a problem, set a goal and carry out the arduous work necessary to achieve those goals. I congratulate RH19 for this impressive achievement.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EVIDENCE REGISTRY (SAFER) ACT

#### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today, I am proud to introduce this important bipartisan legislation, the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Registry (SAFER) Act, with my colleagues, Representatives POE, RICHARDSON, and COHEN.

I have been working on the issue of DNA technology since 2001 when I, along with former Representative Steve Horn, held a hearing in the Government Reform Committee where we heard from a courageous rape survivor, Debbie Smith. It was for Debbie, and the thousands of rape survivors like her, that I authored "The Debbie Smith Act" to provide federal funding to process the unconscionable backlog of DNA evidence. This legislation passed as part of the Justice for All Act of 2004, authorizing the necessary funding to start processing the backlog through the creation of the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program.

Since 2004, millions of dollars in funding have been appropriated under the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program. Efforts to eliminate the national backlog of rape evidence samples that have not been tested for DNA have been slowed or stymied by the lack of solid data on the extent and nature of the remaining backlog. While there is extensive evidence that we are making progress towards eliminating the backlog, policy makers lack a reliable estimate of the number of kits awaiting testing, or even how many kits remain at each stage of the process (in police custody, at labs awaiting processing, etc.).

This legislation addresses these issues by creating an incentive grant program to provide funding to cover the upfront costs of auditing state and local jurisdictions backlogs of DNA rape evidence samples. The bill would also direct the Justice Department to create the National Rape Kit Registry, a simple database that will track the status of every rape evidence kit waiting to be processed.

As Congress considers legislation to amend the Debbie Smith Act or make other changes to DNA testing policy, it is crucial that we first gather reliable, comprehensive backlog data. DNA evidence does not forget and it cannot be intimidated. By processing this evidence, we can prevent rapists from attacking more innocent victims and ensure that the survivors and their families receive justice.

#### RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE SYLVIA POITIER ON THE OCCASION OF HER 75TH BIRTHDAY

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dear personal friend and dedicated public servant, the Honorable Sylvia Poitier, who will be celebrating her 75th birthday on September 4. Sylvia is currently serving her second consecutive term as District 2 Commissioner of the City of Deerfield Beach, Florida.

Sylvia is a public servant, community leader, educator, philanthropist, and entrepreneur whose commitment to civic duty and the citizens of Deerfield Beach is truly inspiring. A lifelong resident of Deerfield Beach and of District 2, Sylvia has spent her entire career working to improve the lives of children, young people, and all those who live in Deerfield Beach. After opening the Deerfield Beach Cleaners and Laundry in 1956, Sylvia pursued a career in Early Childhood Education and earned a certificate in Early Childhood Development from Broward Community College. Combining her business expertise with her passion for children, she opened Kiddies Kollege Kindergarten and the Children's Cultural Center, Inc.

In 1973, Sylvia was elected to the Deerfield Beach City Commission, where she served from 1973–1985. Furthermore, she served as Vice Mayor in 1975 and as Mayor from 1976–1977. Following her three distinguished terms on the City Commission, Governor Bob Graham appointed her to the Board of Broward County Commissioners in 1985, where she served from 1986–1998. During her tenure as City and County Commissioner, Sylvia provided affordable housing to residents in Broward County, served as a founding Board Member of the Deerfield Beach Boys and Girls Club, and was involved in the development of Westside Park. As Commissioner of District 2 since 2005, she is now engaged with creating economic development along the Dixie Highway corridor and bringing a sense of unity to the City at large.

In addition to her many professional achievements, Sylvia also takes an active role in many public service, social, and community organizations. Currently, she serves as Chairperson for the Community Action Agency and is a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board.

In addition, Sylvia has served on several boards and committees, including Deerfield Beach's Unclassified Civil Service Board. She was also the first African American president of the Broward County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations, an Advisory Board member to the Red Cross, Broward County Chapter, and a member of the Community Service Council and Man Power Planning Association.

Madam Speaker, Sylvia Poitier is truly a friend to me, the City of Deerfield Beach, and to the State of Florida. It is with great honor and joy that I wish her a very happy 75th birthday.

#### RELIEF EFFORTS TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF THE FLOODS IN PAKISTAN

#### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my deepest sympathy and condolences to the victims of the floods that began on July 29, 2010 in northwestern Pakistan. Twelve million people have already been affected, and the Pakistani government estimates that millions more could be affected as the floods spread to the lower half of Punjab and the Sindh region. Already, there are counted more than 1600 dead, and the flooded regions have become plagued by water-borne diseases such as cholera and dysentery. The death toll could escalate tragically if major dams, such as the Guddu and Sukkur, fail as a result of the flood waters.

The United States has taken an active role in responding to this disaster in Pakistan. The U.S. military has rescued hundreds of people and delivered tens of thousands of pounds of relief supplies. Hundreds of thousands of halal meals have been provided to victims and relief workers. The U.S. Agency for International Development is coordinating the \$35 million in U.S. assistance funds that will help provide food, health care, water, sanitation, and shelter for those displaced by the floods. I commend the humanitarian efforts of our troops and civilian personnel in the region. We must continue to do all we can to assist the Pakistani people at this terrible time.

#### LANCE CORPORAL SHANE MARTIN MARINE

#### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and a heavy heart that I pay tribute to an American warrior from the 2nd District of Texas today: United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Shane Martin.

Shane was killed during combat operations on July 29 while conducting a mounted patrol in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

He is the 35th in an honored, sacred roll of American warriors from my district who have given their lives fighting the coward terrorists who attacked America on September 11th.

Shane was 23 years old. He had already served a tour of duty in Iraq with the 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion based out of Camp Pendleton.

Shane so loved liberty and freedom and this great melting pot called America.

Born in South Africa, Shane lived his early years there and in Kenya before moving to a ranch in Burton, Texas at age 12. When he was 16 years old, Shane moved with his family to Spring, Texas.

After he graduated from Klein Collins High School, Shane married his high school sweetheart, Lauren. Shane proudly joined the United States Marine Corps defending the country he so loved.

While serving America on the battlefields of Iraq, Shane proudly earned his American citizenship.

All of his fellow soldiers gave some, Madam Speaker, but Shane Martin gave all in his defense of freedom. We are honored and humbled by his service and sacrifice for America.

Our brave Marines go to war defending freedom and liberty in faraway lands. In the dark, cold desert night and the parched, insufferable desert heat, these brave warriors pay with their blood and sacrifice for freedom and liberty and for America.

They sanctify with their blood lands they have never seen, and they fight for people they do not know.

President Ronald Reagan once said, "Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But, the Marines don't have that problem."

Shane was a Marine. He gave all to others during his short 23 years to family and friends and his fellow Marines. He was the poster boy for what is best about America.

Shane Martin was a hero in the tradition of our great men and women who defend the flag and liberty. It is America's warriors who pay the price for our freedom.

In America's first war fighting for freedom, Patrick Henry said, "The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, and to the brave."

These words still ring true today as men like Shane carry those values into battle. Today we mourn the loss of Shane Martin, but we should thank God that a man like him ever lived.

Madam Speaker, we shall always remember Shane and the precious life gave for our freedom.

As early American poet Joseph Drake once said, "And they who for their country die shall fill an honored grave, for glory lights the soldier's tomb, and beauty weeps the brave."

Today we are humbled and in awe of the man who gave so much in his young life so that others might be free.

I extend my prayers and condolences to Shane's wife Lauren and his mother and father Debora and Kevin Wallace, his brother Kyle, his beloved little sister Diane, his grandmother Pammy, his fellow Marines and friends in the Spring community.

When a warrior goes off to faraway lands, the family stands vigilant at home because they, too, have really gone off to war.

Today we honor the life of Marine Lance Corporal Shane Martin.

Semper Fi, Shane Martin, Semper Fi.  
And that's just the way it is.

IN HONOR OF UT SOUTHWESTERN'S HAROLD C. SIMMONS COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center at UT Southwestern, UTSW, Medical Center for attaining the prestigious National Cancer Institute, NCI, designation.

The NCI designation is a national benchmark bestowed upon the top cancer centers in

recognition of their innovative research and excellence in patient care. The Simmons Center exemplifies this and is the first and only medical center in North Texas to attain this designation. Founded in 1989, the Simmons Cancer Center has been devoted to reducing the impact of cancer, aggressively striving to be at the forefront of cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. The dedicated clinical and research faculty and their staff conduct numerous clinical trials and develop and test new cancer drugs. I commend their commitment to conducting cutting-edge medical research and providing quality care.

I am also pleased to recognize the Simmons family for their generosity and firm belief in giving back to our local community. Their charitable donation established this cancer center and they have remained strong supporters. Over the years, they have given and pledged over \$100 million to enhance the cancer programs at UTSW. With the continued help of numerous supporters and foundations, UTSW will be able to expand its reach and help countless more individuals affected by cancer.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in recognizing the dedicated efforts of UTSW and the Simmons Cancer Center to combating cancer and in congratulating them on achieving this nationally recognized status.

#### RECOGNIZING SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK 2010 AND THE ONGOING EFFORTS OF CRISISLINK TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to address an issue of critical concern. As my colleagues know, Sept. 5–12, 2010, has been designated as Suicide Prevention Week, and I am honored to do my part in raising the awareness of this threat so that we can better protect those most vulnerable in every community.

Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death among teens and young adults. Every 2 hours, a person under the age of 25 commits suicide, resulting in estimated 12 youth suicides every day or more than 4,000 unnecessary deaths each year.

More than 78,000 veterans of current military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan have sought help for mental health related issues. I, along with my colleagues, have taken steps to provide the needed support to our warriors, but we must do more. More than 6,200 veterans commit suicide each year; our best and bravest feel that they have no options or way out of their despair.

Among our senior citizen population, the suicide rate is the highest. Although those over the age of 65 account for just 12.5 percent of the population, they account for nearly 16 percent of all suicides.

There is also an ethnic component to suicide rates. While CDC reports that the rate of white, non-Hispanic suicide attempts is 7.7

percent, the black non-Hispanic suicide attempt rate is nearly 10 percent and the Latino suicide attempt rate is an astonishing 14 percent.

We must do everything in our power to reduce this threat and to provide resources to those who need our assistance.

I would like to recognize and thank those people and organizations who are dedicated to reducing suicide rates and preserving life. One such organization located in the 11th Congressional District of Virginia is CrisisLink. CrisisLink is dedicated to reducing the frequency of suicide attempts and death and to providing resources that can ease the pain for the survivors affected by the suicide of a loved one. Through educational programs, research projects, intervention services and bereavement services, CrisisLink is at the forefront of providing needed support to those who need it the most.

For 40 years, CrisisLink has provided needed services to the community; answering more than half a million crisis calls, responding to more than 25,000 potential suicides, providing more than a quarter million referrals to community resources, promoting mental wellness, educating the community about depression and other mental illnesses, and reducing the stigma attached to mental illness.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in proclaiming September 5–12, 2010, as Suicide Prevention Week, and I ask that we commend CrisisLink for its unwavering commitment to providing assistance to so many in their time of need.

PASTOR GRACE C. WASHINGTON

### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, twenty-five (25) years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve as Senior Pastor; and

Whereas, Pastor Grace C. Washington has served twenty-five (25) years as a Senior Pastor with faithful service and devotion that has and continues to improve the lives of citizens in our district; and

Whereas, this great woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Counselor, Friend and Pastor, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar and a servant to all who want to advance the lives of our community; and

Whereas, Pastor Grace C. Washington's service to the Love Life Christian Church speaks volumes not only to our community, but to the nation as a whole; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Pastor Grace C. Washington on her anniversary as a Senior Pastor and to wish her well in her endeavors;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim October 9, 2010 as Pastor Grace C. Washington Day in the Fourth Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 9th day of October, 2010.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDITH  
HURLEY STANLEY COLEMAN

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the life of Mrs. Judith Hurley Stanley Coleman. Mrs. Stanley Coleman, an active philanthropist and environmentalist in her community, passed away on August 1, 2010, at the age of 75. She was a model citizen and adored by her colleagues. Her faithful dedication and commitment toward others is unquestionably worthy of this body's recognition.

Mrs. Stanley Coleman was raised in Asbury Park, New Jersey, by her mother and grandparents. She graduated as valedictorian from Asbury Park High School in 1952 and later went on to earn a bachelor's degree in history from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. Her academic accolades have earned her a position in the Asbury Park High School's Hall of Fame.

Judith Stanley Coleman's exceptional record of community service can be traced back more than four decades. Mrs. Stanley Coleman served as a trustee and held various leadership positions on the boards of the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, Monmouth Medical Center Foundation, Monmouth Medical Center, Monmouth University, Rumson County Day School, Stevens Institute of Technology, Count Basie Theatre, the SPCA, and Monmouth Museum. Her passion for better, more accessible health care was matched by her love of community activism, politics, historic preservation and environmental justice. As founder and president of the Monmouth Conservation Foundation, president of the Save Sandy Hook organization, and a trustee of the Monmouth Park Charity Fund, Mrs. Stanley Coleman fought hard to preserve Central New Jersey's beautiful natural resources for future generations to enjoy. Her work in the community continued with her involvement in public service and politics. Mrs. Stanley Coleman was a member of the New Jersey Highway Authority under former Governor Thomas Kean. She was also appointed the chairwoman of the Middletown Planning Board and served with this organization for over 30 years. Mrs. Stanley Coleman remained an active member of the Republican Party, serving as New Jersey's Republican National Committeewoman for 10 years and fundraising for various GOP candidates throughout the country. She was a leader determined to make a difference in the community. Mrs. Stanley Coleman's unending generosity and charitable activities have undoubtedly touched many lives and have helped countless people throughout Central New Jersey.

As a result of her exceptional work, Mrs. Stanley Coleman received countless awards and honors for her achievements. She was awarded the 1983 Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Salvation Army's Others Award in 1984, and the 2003 Christine Todd Whitman Award of Distinction. Mrs. Stanley Coleman was also listed in the 1987 edition of "Who's Who in American Women".

Madam Speaker, Judith Stanley Coleman dedicated her life to philanthropy and

environmentalism and her actions touched the hearts and minds of countless men, women and children. Her legacy has served as an inspiration to us all and she will be truly missed.

**GRATITUDE FOR THE SERVICE OF  
ANDREA CULEBRAS**

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank one of the most dedicated and productive members of the Judiciary Committee staff for her service to the House, Andrea Culebras. For 3½ years, Andrea has worked with exceptional ability and attitude for the Judiciary Committee, and I rise to commend her for her achievements.

After graduating from Fayetteville-Manlius High School in Manlius, New York, Andrea attended George Washington University, and graduated in 2005.

Following graduation, Andrea began her Congressional career. She first interned for former Congressman James T. Walsh. She soon found a staff position on the Hill, and worked for my colleague on the Judiciary Committee, the Gentleman from New York, ANTHONY WEINER. After her time in Mr. WEINER's office, she worked for the Gentleman from Texas, HENRY CUELLAR.

At the beginning of the 110th Congress, when I became Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Andrea was one of the very first new employees I hired. As a member of the committee's staff, Andrea has played a central role in the operations of the committee, coordinating the work of the subcommittees and full committee and assisting the Staff Director and General Counsel with the day to day organization of the committee. Recently, she has been instrumental to the committee's work on modernizing federal stalking laws.

Andrea is leaving the committee to attend Columbus School of Law at Catholic University this fall. On behalf of the Judiciary Committee, its staff, and this distinguished body, I would like to thank her for her exemplary work, grace under pressure, sense of humor, and relentlessly positive attitude. She will be sorely missed as a colleague and friend, but we wish her the best of luck and extend to her our deepest gratitude for her service. We know she will do well.

**RECOGNIZING MINNIE JONES'  
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE  
ASHEVILLE COMMUNITY AND  
HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
CAUSE OF CIVIL RIGHTS AT THE  
LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL**

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the long history of service that Minnie Jones has given to the Asheville area in civil rights and equal housing opportunities for the past forty years. Ms. Jones was recently awarded North Carolina's "Order of the Long

Leaf Pine," one of the state's highest civilian awards which has also been bestowed upon Maya Angelou, Billy Graham, and Charles Kuralt. She has also been recognized with the Buncombe County Democratic Woman of the Year award, the One Youth At A Time 2010 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award, the NAACP's Eighth Annual Sophie Dixon and Grace Dorn Leadership Award, as well as being the namesake and co-founder of the Minnie Jones Family Health Center in Asheville.

As a young woman, Ms. Jones moved to Asheville bringing experience working with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in voting registration drives throughout the Deep South. She continued to involve herself in Civil Rights in Asheville, becoming the first person to successfully integrate the Pisgah View Apartments. She went on to become the first president of the Pisgah View Residents Association and a tireless advocate for those residents. Ms. Jones also began the program for after-school education in this community.

Ms. Jones remains a vibrant force in the Asheville community to this day. She is a Deaconess of St. Paul Baptist Church. She is a life member of the NAACP, and a member of the Executive Committee of its Asheville Branch. She still teaches in her after school program at Pisgah View and continues her own education by taking courses at UNC-Asheville.

I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the singular impact that Minnie Jones has had on the civil rights movement in Asheville. Her tireless and effective advocacy has established her as a champion for all people and a constant voice for the voiceless.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PASTOR KENNY  
FOREMAN UPON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY**

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of a distinguished member of my community and my friend, Pastor Kenny Foreman, upon his 80th birthday.

Pastor Kenny Foreman and his beloved wife Shirley are the leaders and founders of the Cathedral of Faith. The Cathedral of Faith is one of the most prominent and highly regarded Christian Churches in Santa Clara County. Pastor Foreman's life story is truly one of faith and commitment to his beliefs and his community.

In 1957, Kenny wed Shirley and they began their lifetime commitment of building a home, community and place of worship. Their work began modestly with the Calvary Temple in Louisiana, which soon grew to serve a congregation of more than 2,000. In 1964, Kenny, Shirley and their two sons, Ken and Kurt, were invited to San Jose, California to conduct a crusade and eventually lead the Friendly Bible Church. He was also given the opportunity to present a television show on a local channel titled, "Kenny Foreman Presents Abundant Living," which was eventually nationally syndicated.

In 1976, 14 acres of property were purchased in San Jose to house what is now the Cathedral of Faith. Through hard work, dedication and faith, the Foreman's and their congregation not only are a faith community but a congregation reaching out to help those in need in the wider community.

The Church established the Reaching Out Center in 1979 out of a simple church closet. I recall fondly working with Kenny in the early 1980s as their successful efforts were underway to grow this important service.

The program now operates from a 16,000 foot distribution complex, serves 50,000 families annually, and provides food for some 200,000 people. The California Department of Agriculture has recognized Reaching Out as one of the most efficient food programs in the state. The Cathedral of Faith also provides child care, early childhood education services as well as a Family Life Center.

Kenny is well known not only as someone who serves his faith but as part of his faith serves the poor. He has never forgotten his own humble roots. His life has been one of joyful, generous, forgiving and loving service.

It is an honor to call Pastor Kenny Foreman friend and my privilege to honor him as one of the most significant people in the 16th Congressional district. I'd like to take the occasion of his 80th birthday to thank him and his family for their many gifts and contributions to the community of San Jose and wish him many more healthy, happy and blessed years.

#### HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Social Security Act. One of the cornerstones of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal, the Social Security Act drastically enhanced economic security in our country.

Shepherded by then Labor Secretary, Frances Perkins, the Social Security Act marked the first time a President and Congress sought to offer financial protections for the elderly. Today, that groundbreaking legislation encompasses several programs, including: Supplemental Security Income; Federal Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance; SCHIP; Medicaid; Medicare; TANF; and Unemployment benefits.

On the third anniversary of the Social Security Act, President Roosevelt said, "We have come a long way. But we still have a long way to go. There is still today a frontier that remains unconquered—an America unclaimed. This is the great, the nationwide frontier of insecurity, of human want and fear. This is the frontier—the America—we have set ourselves to reclaim."

Today, much of that dream has been realized. While we may never completely eradicate poverty, great strides have been made. In 1935, more than 50% of the elderly population lived in poverty. Today that poverty rate stands officially at 9.4%. However, that rate may not truly reflect the number of elderly that

actually face poverty, as the formula instated in 1955 does not adequately take into account the cost of medicine or other factors that face the senior population.

As we recognize and celebrate this anniversary, we must still bear in mind the unmet needs and reforms needed to our current system. A strong society is the one which takes into account the needs of the least among us, as well as those who are better off. I believe strongly in fiscal responsibility, however we must not turn back the clock on the humanitarian policies created by the Democrats under the New Deal. It is a strong and proud legacy, and our country is certainly better for the security provided by the Social Security Act.

#### A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND A CALL TO ACTION

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I submit a statement from the Sudan Catholic Bishops' Conference (SCBC) titled, "A Message of Hope and a Call to Action." The bishops gathered in Juba in July on the eve of an historic time for the people of Sudan as they approach the referendum in January 2011.

(Addressed to all the people of Sudan, the Sudanese leaders, and all people of good will)

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." (Luke 4:18-19)

#### PREAMBLE

We, the Catholic Bishops of Sudan, gathered in an Extraordinary Plenary Session in Juba from 15th-22nd July 2010, reflecting and praying together on the present situation in Sudan, greet you and present to you this message of hope and call to action.

This is an historic moment. This is a moment of change. Sudan will never be the same again. After centuries of oppression and exploitation, after decades of war and violence which have marked and marred the lives of so many Sudanese in south and north with no respect for human life and dignity, and now, after 5 years of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), we have reached a time to move and prepare for change.

We believe it is not the will of God for human beings to endure such suffering and oppression, particularly at the hands of fellow human beings, and so we bring a message of hope and encouragement to our people and all people of good will.

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the person is at the core of a moral vision for society. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. Our tradition proclaims that the person is not only sacred but also social. How we organise our society directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Our Church teaches that the role of the government and other institutions is to protect human life and human dignity and promote the common good. Human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. "The Church

has always had the duty of scrutinising the signs of the times and interpreting them in the light of the Gospel" (Vatican II, The Church in the Modern World). The Church is a teacher of truth for humanity and has the right and duty to speak on political and social issues that affect the people.

#### ANALYSIS

##### *Agreement signed and hopes raised*

When the CPA was signed amid great hope in 2005, a key element was that the unity of Sudan should be made attractive and given a chance by addressing the root causes of the conflicts in Sudan.

These root causes include:

Identity—Sudan is a multi-cultural, multi-lingual, multi-ethnic, multi-religious society, but in practice one entity still dominates and imposes itself on others in an oppressive manner, at every level; and

A highly centralised system of governance which marginalises those on the periphery.

##### *Little progress*

The CPA has brought some progress. The conflict between south and north was moved from the military to the political arena. Space was created, after the fighting ceased, for development projects to go ahead in the south and the marginalised areas of Abyei, Nuba Mountains (which is in Southern Kordofan State) and Blue Nile. There have been attempts to address the Millennium Development Goals, particularly in the areas of health and education. Reconstruction and rehabilitation have taken place in many war-afflicted areas. A system of governance has been put in place in these areas which, while still new and fragile, is making great progress. Increased oil revenue has become available to both north and south. There is freedom of movement. There is an increased awareness of human rights. Elections have been held peacefully, although not perfectly.

However, war continues in Darfur. Islam continues to be the source of legislation in the north, which adversely affects the rights of all, particularly non-Muslims. The human rights climate is deteriorating again. A number of oppressive laws, including the National Security Act, have not been repealed or brought in line with the new Interim Constitution. The powers of the national security organs, characterised by torture, intimidation and detention without trial, have not been curtailed. Humanitarian organisations in Darfur and the rest of the north are subject to restrictive regulations and kidnappings, and many have been expelled.

Weak governance in the south gives rise to corruption, nepotism, lack of respect for human rights, harassment of humanitarian agencies and power struggles. Divisions among peoples are being exploited by some elements. Violence still afflicts many parts of southern Sudan. Incursions by the Lord's Resistance Army continue. Many people still suffer food insecurity and lack of basic services.

##### *Unity or secession, what do they mean?*

If unity is an option, we must understand what kind of unity we are speaking of. It must be a unity embracing all, in a just, free and open society, where the human dignity of every citizen is safeguarded and respected. All indications are that unity has not been made attractive to the people of southern Sudan. At the same time, the root causes of the conflicts have not been addressed. The leadership of Sudan and the political establishment bear a great responsibility for this tragic situation. A unity which binds and oppresses, prohibits all opposition, a unity which imposes uniformity and condemns those who differ in faith and culture must be rejected. If secession is chosen, what are the challenges that will face the people of both



north and south Sudan? How will the precious values of honesty and integrity, tolerance and respect, compassion for the weak and poor, be upheld and guaranteed? How will good governance and the rule of law be assured? How will the dignity of the human person and the common good be respected and protected?

#### THE REFERENDUM

##### *The process*

The CPA provides that the people of southern Sudan should exercise their right to self-determination through a referendum to determine their future status in accordance with the provisions of the Interim National Constitution of 2005 and the Southern Sudan Referendum Act of 2009.

We remain deeply concerned that the time remaining before the due date of 9th January 2011 is painfully short and inadequate, and there is a fear that the CPA signatories have not prioritised this and that transparency and inclusiveness are lacking.

The following have not been done or are behind schedule:

The Southern Sudan Referendum Commission has barely begun its work;

Demarcation of the north-south borders is not complete;

Regulations and procedures for the referendum have not been provided;

Establishment of High Referendum Committees in states is not completed;

Formation of sub-committees in counties and referendum centres is not completed;

Voter eligibility has not yet been clarified;

Registration has not even begun;

Registers and other referendum materials have not been provided; and

Voter awareness and education has barely begun, and indeed cannot proceed without clarification of some of the above issues.

Secession can be chosen by a simple majority of 50% plus one of votes cast. However there is also a requirement that 60% of registered voters must cast their vote in order for secession to take place. If fewer than 60% cast their votes, the status quo (unity) continues. We fear that this voter turnout condition may lead to confusion and manipulation. The registration of voters residing outside southern Sudan presents real problems in establishing voter eligibility and monitoring the legitimacy of the process.

##### *The transitional areas*

The people of Abyei also have a referendum to choose to remain in Southern Kordofan or to become part of Warrap State in Greater Bahr el Ghazal. Borders and voter eligibility have officially been agreed, but there remain currents of dissatisfaction amongst other groups in the area which could derail the process. The Abyei Referendum Commission has not yet been formed. Abyei has already experienced outbreaks of violence and we fear further violence. The people of the Nuba Mountains (in Southern Kordofan State) and Blue Nile State do not have the right of self-determination, despite the fact that many feel culturally and ethnically connected to the south and fought alongside southerners in the liberation struggle. They have a form of popular consultation which has still not been clearly understood, and which appears to give the decision to legislators and the Presidency rather than directly to the people. The popular consultation mechanisms are already behind schedule in the Nuba Mountains (Southern Kordofan). We fear that popular consultation, even if free and fair, does not meet the aspirations of a large section of the population of these two areas, as they have no choice but to remain under northern governance.

We fear that dissatisfaction in all three of these transitional areas may lead to violence which could derail any peaceful future for the whole of Sudan.

##### *Post-referendum arrangements*

We are encouraged to note that the two CPA signatories have created structures to negotiate post-referendum arrangements, which are crucial to a peaceful future, whatever the outcome of the referendum. However we are concerned at the late establishment of these structures, and the absence of Church, civil society and other actors, which could lead to a lack of transparency and inclusiveness.

#### CALL TO ACTION

We call upon our brothers and sisters and all people of good will to pray earnestly for a peaceful and fruitful referendum. May the God of Justice and Truth guide us all at this momentous time. We urge our leaders in both north and south to ensure that the referenda for southern Sudan and Abyei should take place on time, in a free and fair manner, and that the outcomes are recognised and respected. The referendum process must be conducted peacefully and transparently.

We urge those who are leading the referendum process to redouble their efforts to ensure that all outstanding measures are implemented in good time.

We call upon the international community to assist in the technical, logistical and operational stages of the referendum, to monitor and observe the process from start to finish, to guarantee implementation of the results and to mediate in case of any disagreement. We place our trust in those who have accompanied the peace process so far, particularly IGAD and friends of IGAD, (USA, UK, Italy and Norway), AU, UN, Arab league, to continue to encourage the signatories to implement the referendum, and to act in the interests of the people of Sudan as impartial and honest brokers.

We call upon all citizens who register, to ensure that they actually cast their vote. We urge international and domestic monitors to pay close attention to the registration process from the beginning, and particularly to the registration of those living outside southern Sudan. Our hearts are pained by reports of intimidation and threats causing fear among southerners living and working in northern Sudan as we approach the time of the referendum. We urge all parties to guarantee the safety and freedom of all people of Sudan in the run up to the referendum and beyond, regardless of the outcome.

In the event that unity of Sudan is the legitimate outcome of the process, we call for a change of heart among those in power, to bring about a unity embracing all, in a just, free and open society, where the human dignity of every citizen is safeguarded and respected. In the event that the people of southern Sudan choose secession, we call upon those in power to ensure good neighbourly relations and a smooth and peaceful transition. In particular we encourage the parties to reach amicable solutions to practical questions such as oil, citizenship and border issues—solutions which benefit all.

We urge the authorities in northern Sudan to respect the freedom and human rights, including freedom of religion, of all inhabitants. Given the fears which exist in the hearts of southerners in the north, it is important to create a climate of human security and well-being, and respect of basic human rights, in accordance with Sudan's obligations under the Universal Declaration

of Human Rights and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

We urge the authorities in southern Sudan to respect the rights of northerners in the south. We call for good governance, with zero tolerance for corruption and nepotism, and an increased delivery of basic services. We call on all parties, factions and ethnic groups to end violence and to unite for the common good.

We also call for ways to be found to meet the legitimate aspirations of the people of Nuba mountains (in Southern Kordofan state) and Blue Nile state.

#### COMMITMENT

We commit ourselves and our Church to the work of peace-building and reconciliation on a daily and practical basis, in collaboration with others and in line with Catholic Social Teaching. We pledge ourselves to journey together with our people towards a just and lasting peace.

#### CONCLUSION

"I call heaven and earth today to witness against you; I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live . . ." (Deuteronomy 30:19)

We have come a long way to reach this point. Our journey has not been easy and we have met with great difficulties. But we have faced these challenges as best we could with the help of God.

Our hope is not dimmed, and we look to the future with confidence in God's loving care for us all.

We therefore encourage all those who are entitled to vote in the referenda in Southern Sudan and in Abyei to choose what kind of future they, their children and generations to come will enjoy. We encourage them to choose what kind of life they and their offspring will have, a life of freedom with justice and equal rights for all. As the Shepherds of the Church in Sudan we place our hope in God and look forward to a just and peaceful society where each person's rights and dignity are upheld.

We encourage them to choose life.

"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

HONORING LAUREN BROWN

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent Lauren Brown. Mr. Brown has travelled from San Luis Obispo, CA, to Washington, DC, by bike this summer to raise funds for students to attend school in India.

His journey has taken him from the West coast through the Rocky Mountains and Great Plains, across the Great Lakes and through much of the East Coast. Along the way, he has met with countless Americans to spread his message of peace and the importance of quality education.

I commend him and his family today, and honor the end of this momentous journey. It's an honor to represent an individual who cares so much about not only his local community, but the world at large.

Thank you.



## COMMEMORATING RAMADAN

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the commencement of Ramadan, which begins tonight at dusk.

Most Americans are not familiar with Ramadan. In New Jersey, with our diverse, cosmopolitan population, we understand well the significance this month has for America's millions of Muslims and for Muslims around the globe. Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar, a time of fasting, prayer, spiritual renewal, and contemplation. The observance of Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam, and it is a time when adherents to the faith give generously to charities both locally and around the world. Ramadan is a time to strengthen ties to family and community in the form of meals shared among friends and neighbors at sunset, when the fast is broken. During Ramadan, our American-Muslim neighbors in the 12th District volunteer their time at area soup kitchens in places like Trenton and New Brunswick.

It has been my privilege to represent the American-Muslim population in Central Jersey, a vibrant, thriving community of doctors, engineers, lawyers, teachers, small business owners, entrepreneurs, U.S. servicemen and women, and working class Americans. Their concerns are the same as those of many Americans—maintaining high standards of education to ensure that their children can compete globally, sustaining their small businesses, rebuilding our economy, and seeking new energy sources to reduce waste.

There is no greater testament to the American way of life than the fact that Muslims, Christians, Jews, Hindus—people of all faiths—live and work side-by-side in our local communities across the nation. The vast majority of our Muslim neighbors reject the extremist ideologies that have taken root on the fringes of Islam, tarnishing the name of that religion. As I visit with my friends in the American-Muslim community of Central New Jersey, I see clearly that the relationship between American democratic values and a moderate Islam has been, and will continue to be, mutually beneficial.

I look forward to participating in Ramadan iftaars in the 12th District and to continuing to serve American-Muslims and members of all the faith communities in Central New Jersey.

HONORING MS. PATRICIA H.  
MURRAY

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, Thirty one years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Internal Revenue Service in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, Ms. Patricia H. Murray began her career with the I.R.S. as a Tax Auditor in 1979 and today retires as a Team Manager over the Taxpayer Advocate Service Team, ; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents, giving the citizens of our District a friend to help those in need, a fearless leader and a servant to all who wants to insure that the system works for everyone; and

Whereas, Ms. Patricia H. Murray is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Patricia H. Murray on her retirement from the Internal Revenue Service and to wish her well in her new endeavors;

Now therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. do hereby proclaim July 14, 2010 as Ms. Patricia H. Murray Day, in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 14th day of July, 2010.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING R.J.  
JACOBS' VICTORY AT THE AMERICAN  
QUARTER HORSE YOUTH  
ASSOCIATION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
SHOW

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the American Quarter Horse Youth Association held its World Championship Show July 30 through August 7 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,

Whereas, the show is the world's largest single-breed show for youth,

Whereas, R.J. Jacobs, who is 12, was among the 858 exhibitors,

Whereas, R.J. showed a 2-year-old gelding, Happy Hour,

Whereas, R.J.'s sister, Molli, also won a world championship at the event,

Whereas, the event's organizers said it was so unusual for two siblings to win world championships in the same year that they were unsure if it had ever happened before,

Resolved that along with the residents of the 18th congressional district, I commend R.J. Jacobs on winning a world championship at the American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Show, and for the hard work and dedication that led to this unique accomplishment.

HONORING TAYLOR HOSPITAL OF  
RIDLEY, PENNSYLVANIA ON 100  
YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. JOE SESTAK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the tradition of dedicated care upheld by Taylor Hospital of the Crozer-Keystone Health System and located in Ridley, Pennsylvania. This year, Taylor Hospital celebrates a significant milestone of 100 years of service to the residents of the 7th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. On February 10, 1910, Horace Furness Taylor, M.D. and his wife, Kath-

erine Manly Taylor, R.N., opened their Ridley Park home as a 10-bed hospital for local residents. On May 21st, the couple received a charter for their newly founded, medical institution "for medical and surgical treatment of the sick and injured . . ." Over the past 100 years, Taylor Hospital has continued to offer personal care to each patient, while remaining at the forefront of medical advancement. Its intimate size and the unwavering spirit of devotion embodied by the doctors, nurses, and hospital staff allow Taylor the unique ability to give each patient a highly individualized experience. Taylor employees develop relationships of trust with patients and have created a true partnership with local communities. Residents of this region do not have to travel beyond their own neighborhood to receive the finest healthcare. Directed at its founding by Dr. Horace Furness Taylor, and now by current president, Diane Miller, Taylor Hospital remains committed to excellence.

Today, Taylor continues to improve and expand upon its medical practice, and currently offers a variety of inpatient and outpatient services some of which include cardiovascular care, medical imaging, and orthopedic care. This institution has various specialty services including a Joint Commission Certified Primary Stroke Center, and the oldest nationally accredited sleep center in the Greater Delaware Valley of Pennsylvania. Additionally, 30 years ago, Taylor opened one of the region's first inpatient Rehabilitation Units. Taylor Hospital proves to be a leader in medical services in this region of Pennsylvania.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we recognize and show our strong appreciation for a truly historic and trusted institution of outstanding and comprehensive medical care to the communities of the 7th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, Taylor Hospital.

CONGRATULATING DELORES  
HASTINGS ON HER 75TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today and ask my colleagues to join me in wishing a happy 75th birthday to Ms. Delores Hastings.

Throughout her life, Ms. Hastings has worked tirelessly as a leader in her community. Most recently, she donated her time volunteering for a program that provides mothers and their children in rehabilitation centers with Thanksgiving Day food baskets. Additionally, Ms. Hastings was a staunch supporter of President Barack Obama during his 2008 campaign, registering over 200 individuals to vote.

In February of this year, she solicited medical donations to send to the victims of the earthquake that devastated Haiti on January 12, 2010, a cause very near to my heart. Ms. Hastings has also volunteered her time teaching inmates with children important parental skills before they are released. As a result of her work, these inmates are allowed visitation with their children prior to their release and have a smoother transition back into civilian life.

Ms. Hastings has always emphasized the importance of receiving an education. She has

worked as an advocate for young African American men who are pursuing higher education, ensuring that they have the necessary resources available to them. In 1958, Ms. Hastings received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia. Additionally, in 1963 she was awarded her Master's degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education from Florida A&M University. She has consistently utilized her knowledge, experience, and education working with families living in depressed areas as well as children with special needs.

Madam Speaker, on September 10, 2010, Ms. Delores Hastings will be celebrating her 75th birthday with her son Jody, her cat Tranz, and her service dog Dolce. It is my distinguished honor to wish her a very happy 75th birthday.

**HONORING THE LEGACY OF EDITH L. BORNN, A FEMALE LEGAL PIONEER, ENVIRONMENTAL VISIONARY, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND HUMANITARIAN**

**HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN**

OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge a visionary female pioneer, Edith L. Bornn, Esquire, who has left the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands an enduring legacy, through her trendsetting in the legal field; her unending diligence in fighting for the protection of the environment; and, decades of humanitarian contributions.

Edith L. Bornn was born to an prominent merchant family on the island of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. She received a public education, graduating from the Charlotte Amalie High School before attending Barnard College and the Columbia University School of Law. She was one of five women in her law school graduating class.

For two years after finishing law school, she served as a librarian, legal research secretary and a Goodwill Ambassador for the Caribbean nations, on behalf of the Caribbean Commission, on the island of Trinidad. Returning to her home on St. Thomas, she served as a U.S. District Court Law Clerk to District Court Judge Herman E. Moore, before opening her own law firm in 1955. Attorney Edith Bornn was the first female to open a private law practice in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Her law practice specialized in family law, residential and commercial real estate, zoning law, probate, wills, and trusts. More than half a century later, the Bornn Law Firm continues its excellent representation in these fields of law.

The entire community of St. Thomas was most attentive to this audacious move by a young woman, competing in a small but powerful bastion of men; however, much to everyone's surprise, the established men of the legal profession were often found going to her office on Nye Gade for consultations. Her success had an immediate galvanizing effect on the women of the Virgin Islands. Edith Bornn led by example, in unequivocally demonstrating that gender was not a barrier and that women had an equal right to pursue their dreams and aspirations. It is not surprising that she was called the Matriarch of the Virgin

Islands Bar Association, an organization she helped to establish.

Edith Bornn was also a strong advocate for government accountability. She became a founding member of the Virgin Islands' League of Women Voters which electrified and energized women in the Virgin Islands, a quarter of a century before Women's Liberation became the issue in American life. The League began the practice of summoning and questioning political aspirants on their platform agenda. It also indirectly forced a dialogue for the aspirants to articulate their thoughts on various matters affecting the territory, the nation, and the world. The League has become an institution today and appearing before the League is a rite of passage for every Virgin Islands politician.

As a result, this political passage became a harbinger, in that the then prevailing custom of soap box oratory, in the Market Place and Emancipation Gardens, ended; and political parties, their organizations, and conventions began to achieve more prominence in Virgin Islands life. Attorney Bornn served as President for the League for several terms; she was a director of the National League of Women Voters for many years; and also served as Chair of its International Relations Committee. Attorney Bornn represented the United States at women's conferences around the world, helping them enter civic and political activity to direct public policy, through the International Federation of Women Lawyers and the World Peace Through Law Center. In the 1960s she was active in politics and participated in the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City.

Attorney Bornn was a pioneer in the field of environmental law, decades before the environment became today's cause célèbre. Attorney Bornn diligently fought to protect the pristine beauty of the Virgin Islands from runaway unplanned development; and, later served in key roles in the Save the Long Bay Coalition and the Virgin Islands Conservation Society.

While on the island of Trinidad working for the Caribbean Commission, she met Andrew Bornn, whom she later married. They had three sons, who followed their mother's stellar example. Edith Bornn was an encouraging and supporting mother of her sons' athletic and scholastic activities. Her sons carry on aspects of her legacy through their activism, dedicated public service, and legal representation. Her husband predeceased her by a decade.

The Territory of the Virgin Islands has lost a giant, whose intellect, influence, and presence will be deeply missed. May she rest in peace.

**LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE**

**HON. SPENCER BACHUS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, the August work period is a time for Members of the House to listen to their constituents back home. Last year, I was greatly inspired by the many people in Alabama and throughout our country who came out to publicly express their views on health care and other pressing national issues. It is my hope that the people will

be just as engaged this year. During the America Speaking Out meetings I held in Alabama last week, my constituents shared their concerns about the weak economy and the direction that Washington is headed with excessive spending and borrowing, high taxes, and dangerous deficits. My constituents know that our nation is on an unsustainable path and are worried about what that means for their children and grandchildren. This month, we all need to listen closely to what the American people are saying in town halls, corner cafes, and online democracy initiatives like America Speaking Out. The strength of our country has always been our people, and we in Congress would be wise to listen and learn in order to guide our proceedings when the session resumes.

**RECOGNIZING 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF PASSAGE OF 19TH AMENDMENT GRANTING VOTING RIGHTS FOR WOMEN**

**HON. LOUISE MCINTOSH SLAUGHTER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in recognition of the 90th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment of the U.S. Constitution on August 26th, granting voting rights for women. This day, also known as Women's Equality Day, marks a significant milestone in American history. I know that my colleagues join me in acknowledging the contributions that women have made to America and the importance of this landmark in history.

The 72-year struggle of suffragists, from the First Women's Rights Convention in July 1848 to the passage of the 19th amendment on August 26, 1920, bears witness to the sacrifice and dedication of the leaders of the early Women's Rights Movement.

We must thank Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, and the other courageous women who organized the First Women's Rights Convention in 1848. Their early advocacy for voting rights, protection from domestic violence, the right to own property, and other social reforms that promote equality are the same goals that we seek for women today. The "Declaration of Sentiments" speech that Mrs. Stanton delivered at the July convention called for "all men and women" to be recognized as created equal under the law. This is a sacred trust that we must continue to support.

On August 26, 1970—the 50th anniversary—the National Organization of Women (NOW) called upon women nationwide to strike for equality in protest of the fact that women still did not have equal rights. In New York City, 50,000 women marched down Fifth Avenue to demonstrate in support of the women's movement, as did women in 40 other cities across America that day. U.S. Representative Bella Abzug addressed the New York City crowd and was instrumental in getting Congress in 1971 to officially recognize August 26th as Women's Equality Day.

In 1776, Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams, sent an urgent message to her husband who was a delegate to the second Continental Congress. She stated, "In the new

Code of Laws, I desire you would remember the ladies." It took 144 years for women's equality rights to be sanctioned by Congress and I ask, Madam Speaker, that we take this opportunity to honor this 90th anniversary and the remarkable contributions that women have made to this country. The American people owe a debt of gratitude to the early suffragists for remaining steadfast in the face of overwhelming opposition to equal rights for all American citizens that our Constitution supports today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FLYING  
TIGER HISTORICAL ORGANIZATION

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the heroic Flying Tigers of WWII. In 1941 a group of former soldiers, under the direction of General Clair Chennault, formed the First American Volunteer Group of the Chinese Air Force twelve days after Pearl Harbor. I would note that the initial flight of the Flying Tigers took place at Half Moon Bay Airport which is now in my district.

Funded at first as private contractors by the Chinese government, the Flying Tigers were absorbed into the 23rd Fighter Group on the Fourth of July, 1942. The Tigers' shark-faced planes remain among the most recognizable of any WWII aircraft.

Some 300 Americans were members of the Flying Tigers, with 24 either killed in action, in accidents, captured or unaccounted for during the war. Comprised of three squadrons of 20 aircraft each, the Flying Tigers are credited with destroying 115 enemy aircraft.

In 2006 Retired Major General James Whitehead asked Chinese authorities to consider restoring the Tigers' decommissioned air base built inside a cavern that now serves as a public park in Guilin, China. The Chinese Government was receptive to the project and now has plans to commit \$23 million to a 300-acre resort that will include a museum, airfield and the original command cave used by General Chennault between 1941 and 1945. The Flying Tigers Organization has been asked to raise money for restoration of the command cave and construction of a museum that will inform visitors about the role of the Flying Tigers during WWII.

Madam Speaker, at a special dinner in San Francisco on October 26, 2010, the Flying Tigers Historical Organization will present Ambassador Gao, Consul General of the People's Republic of China, with Flying Tiger memorabilia to be placed in the museum in China. We should applaud this gesture and be supportive of this effort to restore a piece of American history in mainland China.

FIRST TO FIGHT, A POEM TO  
HONOR TYLER SOUTHERN, U.S.  
MARINE CORPS

**HON. ANDER CRENSHAW**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero, United

States Marine Corps (USMC) Corporal Tyler Southern of Jacksonville, Florida. CPL Southern was born in Anderson, South Carolina and moved to Jacksonville in 1991. After graduating from Mandarin High School in 2007, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps. CPL Southern chose the Marines because they are "First to Fight." He turned 18 in USMC basic training and celebrated his next birthday deployed in Iraq. He was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for his outstanding performance. For his 20th birthday, he was training for his next combat deployment at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twenty-nine Palms. Before CPL Southern could celebrate his 21st birthday, he made a sacrifice for our nation that we will never be able to repay. While on patrol in Afghanistan on May 5, 2010, he stepped on an IED. He lost both his legs, his right arm and severely damaged part of his left arm and hand. However even with these catastrophic injuries, he clung to life! He has been awarded the Purple Heart for his valor and combat injuries by the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps. He comes from a long line of family members who have served our nation. His father was in the Navy, and his brothers are currently serving. With the help of his family and the men and women of Bethesda Naval Hospital and Walter Reed Army Medical Center, he continues to make incredible progress. Each day, he teaches us with his courage, faith and can do attitude! On August 22, 2010, he turns 21 and in celebration of his birthday I ask that this poem penned in honor of Corporal Tyler Southern, his family, his incredible courage and the United States Marine Corps by Albert Caswell be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

FIRST TO FIGHT

First . . .  
First To Fight!  
Brilliant men who bring their light!  
Who go out on point, who evil must fight!  
All with hearts of courage full, oh so very bright!  
To win that day, to win that night! All out there in the night!  
Magnificent Men in green, who upon battlefields of honor . . .  
all of those wrongs so right!  
As all throughout our Country Tis of Thee, have but come such fine sons indeed . . . so bright!  
Who for all of us, so die and bleed . . .  
to give to this our nation, all of what she so needs! To Be Free . . .  
Yes, you Tyler our fine Southern Son . . . all in your short life, so much you have done! One of Florida's  
Brightest Son!  
As on that morning when you awoke, and saw all of the heartache that which this war had invoked . . .  
You had a choice, give up . . . or listen to your fine soul . . . your most inner voice!  
And as the tears rolled down your fine face, you did not so hesitate . . . all in what your heart, would create!  
Watching your courage, The Angels began to cry and sing!  
For you Marine, are but the most splendid of all things!  
While, all in such a short time . . . somehow your great heart has found the strength to find!  
To find your way back home, To Teach Us . . . all in what your strong soul now so owns!

To Beseech Us All, showing us what courage can now so conquer . . . can so own!  
Because, Marine's Do! Marine's Lead!  
HOORAH JAR HEAD in what your life's said!  
Are First To Fight!  
Whether, on battlefields of honor . . . or against all odds to death so cheat!  
For some men are but put upon this earth . . . to inspire us all, in their fine worth!  
Who live by a code, of Strength in Honor So . . .  
Who go out into that night, all in their most brilliant shades green to fight!  
So our children may awake, all in a world of freedom that they for us so make!  
For as long as we have such Strong Sons . . . Southern Men as you Tyler, who for us so do what must be done!  
Then, this our Nation's Flag of Freedom . . . shall forever wave against the sun!  
And if I ever had a Son, I but hope and pray that he could but be as fine as you the one!  
Who against all odds, all in the darkest of sun's!  
Will Always Be First To Fight! As Thy Will Be Done!  
For you see in Heaven, you need not arms or legs . . .  
And where, I pray to join you one day!  
Amen!

HONORING MS. PATRICIA E. MAY

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, Thirty-seven years ago a virtuous woman of God accepted her calling to serve in the Educational System in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, Ms. Patricia E. May began her educational career in teaching, she rose to the rank of Principal and has served the Lithonia Middle School well and our community has been blessed through her service; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents as a Teacher, Educator, Principal and Motivator, giving the citizens of Georgia a person of great worth, a fearless leader, a devoted scholar and a servant to all who wants to advance the lives of our youth; and

Whereas, Ms. May is formally retiring from her educational career today, she will continue to promote education because she is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Patricia E. May on her retirement from the DeKalb County Public Schools System and to wish her well in her new endeavors;

Now therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 4, 2010 as Ms. Patricia E. May Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of June, 2010.

STATEMENT ON CONGRESSMAN  
TOM PRICE'S LAME-DUCK PRIVI-  
LEGED RESOLUTION

**HON. PAUL C. BROUN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, shortly before Congress recessed for its August break, the Chairman of the Republican Study Committee, Congressman TOM PRICE, offered a privileged resolution calling on Congress not to hold a lame duck session after Election Day 2010 for the purpose of passing unpopular legislation like a national energy tax, additional deficit spending bills, "Card Check" legislation for union formation, or any type of amnesty for undocumented aliens.

I applaud Chairman PRICE's efforts to let Americans see for themselves where each Congressman stands on whether or not important legislation should be considered by an outgoing Congress after the November 2010 elections. Had I not had a previously scheduled commitment that prevented me from returning to Washington, DC, on August 10, 2010, I would have voted against the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair, rollcall No. 515.

This Privileged Resolution makes it immediately clear whether Members plan to govern in accordance to the concerns of hard-working Americans or continue after the November elections on the path they have paved that further increases uncertainty, government regulations, higher taxes, and federal deficit spending.

Americans deserve to know now about the Democrats' plans for after the November elections. Chairman PRICE's Privileged Resolution is the right vehicle to encourage transparency in our federal government, and it deserves all Members' support.

REGARDING MOTION TO TABLE  
THE APPEAL OF THE RULING OF  
THE CHAIR ON CONGRESSMAN  
PRICE OF GEORGIA LAME-DUCK  
PRIVILEGED RESOLUTION

**HON. DAVE CAMP**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I along with Representatives JEB HENSARLING of Texas and PAUL RYAN of Wisconsin, submit the following statement for the record with respect to the Motion to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on the Price (R-GA) Lame-Duck Privileged Resolution.

As Members of the Fiscal Commission, we are dedicated to getting spending under control and meaningfully addressing our fast-growing and unsustainable deficits. If the Commission reaches a bipartisan consensus, it is our hope that House and Senate Leadership would work on a bipartisan basis to determine how and when those recommendations would be brought to the floor. There is no greater crisis facing America than the unchecked growth of spending that is fueling massive increases in our deficits.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF  
MUSICCORPS AT WALTER REED  
ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

**HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of an important initiative that got its start here in Washington, DC but could one day make its way across the country for the benefit of our troops returning home from overseas.

MusicCorps is taking hold at Walter Reed Medical Center. This revolutionary program pairs injured veterans with working musicians to engage wounded warriors in the creation of music. Whether a particular servicemember seeks to become a professional musician, revive an old talent or simply find joy in learning a new skill, MusicCorps is offering a unique path to rehabilitating soldiers that has significant promise for the future of our Army.

Even as Congress is providing unprecedented levels of support for injured servicemembers, we must continue seeking out new and innovative ways to prepare the men and women of our Armed Forces for whatever path they desire when they return home, whether that is retirement, a new career or a return to service within America's military. I ask my colleagues to join me in voicing appreciation to the founders and participants of MusicCorps, along with our sincere desire that this important program continues to flourish at Walter Reed and elsewhere across the country.

THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES  
ACT AFTER 20 YEARS

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, last month we marked the 20th anniversary of the passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). Prior to this law's enactment, disabled Americans experienced discrimination in almost all aspects of society. They were denied educational opportunities and employment, denied access to buildings and transportation, and denied basic civil rights.

In passing the ADA in 1990, Congress strove to provide to people with disabilities full participation in society, defeating the false stereotype that they would not be able to live and work independently and self-sufficiently. Today, more than 50 million Americans with physical or mental impairments legally are protected from discrimination in the areas of employment, public accommodation, public services, transportation, and telecommunications. Two years ago, we strengthened the ADA by passing legislation broadening coverage to individuals with disabilities who had been excluded from protection as a result of several Supreme Court decisions.

Our Nation has come a long way since the passage of the ADA. Prior to the law's enactment, even the halls of Congress were not accessible to disabled Americans. On the 20th anniversary of the passage of the ADA, Con-

gressman LANGEVIN (RI-02), the first quadriplegic to serve in Congress, presided over the House, marking the first time a Member in a wheelchair ever has presided over the House of Representatives.

I have heard some comment that the Speaker's platform was specially modified to accommodate Representative LANGEVIN. When we made it possible for Representative LANGEVIN to preside over the House, we were not accommodating an individual—we were realizing the dream that any American, regardless of their circumstances, can preside over "the people's House." The same point can be made with regard to construction and modifications in some schools to comply with the ADA. I have heard school officials comment that an expensive change was made for a particular student. I react strongly against that way of thinking. We should all remember that the changes should not rest on a single student; rather, they are part of our ongoing attempt to provide full equality of opportunity in our great country.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVER-  
SARY OF THE ROSY ROOT BEER  
OPEN

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and salute the 40th Annual Rosy Root Beer Open, a proud Chicago tradition of food, families, and fun. A complete description of this unique and wonderful event is not possible—suffice it to say that it's a melting pot of reunion, carnival, and a small court tennis tournament.

Community leader and diehard Chicago Blackhawks fan Lee "Rosy" Rosenberg and his family have been organizing the day of competition, food, games, photos and conversation since 1971. I expect the tradition will continue for generations to come. All are welcome and anyone who wants to get involved in one of its many committees just has to show up—just know that Rosy recommends that you "wear gym shoes, leave your brain at home, and don't eat for a week prior."

I am looking forward to attending this year for a memorable summer day filled with, as Rosy promises, "extreme serious nonsense." Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Rosy Root Beer Open on its milestone, and in wishing the best of luck to this year's Open participants.

RECOGNIZING THE VIRGINIA AIR-  
BORNE SEARCH AND RESCUE  
SQUAD OF MANASSAS, VIRGINIA

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Virginia Airborne Search and Rescue Squad Air-Wing in Manassas, VA. This organization is the only all volunteer airborne search and rescue squad in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Established in June 2009, the squad is licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia, Office of Emergency Medical Services, as a non-designated area and statewide airborne rescue squad. The organization provides many airborne EMS, fire, rescue, and law enforcement airborne services including a helicopter equipped with trained search and rescue pilots and flight officers who are on call around the clock.

It has trained and dedicated volunteer members of the community, consisting of law enforcement officers, professional firefighters and EMTs, pilots, flight officers and many former U.S. military personnel, all providing their time, effort, and funding to ensure the safety of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia, District of Columbia, and state of Maryland. The squad is Project Lifesaver certified and equipped and ready to respond to a lost child or elderly adult registered with Project Lifesaver.

The leadership team includes Kevin C. Rychlik, chief of operations, president and CEO, and Ann Rychlik, chairman of the Board of Trustees, both prominent business leaders in our community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the vision, sacrifice and dedication of those individuals and organizations that have worked together to create the Virginia Airborne Search and Rescue Squad.

#### RECENT KILLINGS OF HUMANITARIAN WORKERS IN AFGHANISTAN

#### HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, I am profoundly saddened by the recent killings of humanitarian workers in Afghanistan on August 5, 2010.

We've seen many acts of terror by the Taliban, starting in the 1990s with public executions in soccer stadiums, brutal attacks against girls attending school, attacks against Afghans who did not live exactly as the Taliban dictated, and many other terrible actions. These terrorists have now escalated their brutality by burning down schools, engaging in suicide attacks, attacking civilians, and attacking humanitarian aid workers.

Many knew the lifelong service of Tom Little and Dan Terry, the two men heading the unarmed delegation of mostly medical workers returning from their humanitarian work in Northeastern Afghanistan. These two men were deeply dedicated to serving the health needs of Afghans, particularly those in remote areas, who had no access to medical care. These two men made their lives in Afghanistan, raised their families there, spoke local languages fluently, and knew the local culture. These two men, and the other members of this brutally murdered delegation, were committed humanitarian workers.

Many Afghans and non-Afghans who have known their work for years and have interacted with members of the delegation have come forward to talk of their passion for helping the Afghan people.

From my district, in Lancaster, PA, Glen Lapp came to Afghanistan in 2008 for a short-

term assignment, but decided to remain, leaving his life in Pennsylvania behind, in order to serve as manager of a much-needed provincial eye care program in Afghanistan. Glen wrote that his hope was to "continue to help this country work towards peace on many different social, ethnic, and economic levels."

Sadly, there have been accusations by some against this delegation regarding their humanitarian work. And, unfortunately, the Taliban's false accusations against them have been repeated by some who clearly do not know the facts. It is important for the world to note that the organization that sponsored these humanitarians signed the "Principles of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent for NGOs and Disaster Response Programmes" which states that "aid will not be used to further a particular political or religious standpoint."

It is deeply disturbing when a horrific attack against humanitarian workers, such as this one, is used for propaganda purposes by the Taliban and is then reinforced by some of their apologists.

Afghanistan's precarious stability means aid workers have played a vital role in serving the Afghan public over the last three decades. While in the past many aid workers were able to assist the Afghans and were given safe passage in conflict areas, sadly, in recent months, the Taliban have escalated their brutality by breaking this long-standing custom and resorting to targeting even those that are conducting humanitarian assistance programs.

It's obvious that the Taliban in Afghanistan are not only against progress for the Afghan people, but have also decided to attack anyone assisting the Afghans in achieving progress and bettering their lives, whether that be related to medical issues, education (especially for girls), the economy, or even Afghans expressing their culture, such as kite-flying competitions.

In light of this violent attack, there must be a joint investigation with the Afghan authorities so that those who perpetrated this horrific execution of innocent aid workers are brought to justice, no matter where they might be hiding or receiving sanctuary. From various reports, there are strong indications that the attackers were not local and some were speaking non-Afghan languages.

Given the location of the attack, the proximity to Taliban strongholds in Nuristan, a province that borders volatile areas of Pakistan, and given the cross border nature of the Afghan insurgency, I strongly urge the government of Pakistan to do its utmost to cooperate in rooting out extremism on its soil, in particular the safe havens that exist on the Pakistani side that have been the source of many acts of violence in both Afghanistan and Pakistan. The safe havens for the Taliban, Al-Qaeda, and the Haqqani network must end. And, the U.S. government must finally add the Afghan Taliban, the Pakistani Taliban, and the Haqqani Network to the Foreign Terrorist Organization list. This attack, which has been called by some observers "the worst attack on humanitarian aid workers in three decades of conflict in Afghanistan," as coupled with numerous other horrific acts of terror perpetrated by these groups against Afghan and American civilians and military personnel, warrant the addition of these groups to the Foreign Terrorist Organization list.

In addressing the wider context of these brutal attacks against humanitarians, we must

not forget the tragic impact on the families of those killed. I would like to thank Tom Little, Dan Terry, Glen Lapp, Thomas Grams, Cheryl Beckett, Brian Carderelli, Karen Woo, Daniela Beyer, Mahram Ali, and Ahmed Jawed and their families, as well as all the other aid workers in Afghanistan who have been so committed to serving the Afghan people.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families of these heroes and quiet leaders, as well as with the Afghan people who have suffered so many decades of conflict and loss.

#### INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO AMEND THE FEDERAL INSECTICIDE, FUNGICIDE, AND RODENTICIDE ACT TO IMPROVE THE USE OF CERTAIN REGISTERED PESTICIDES

#### HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. LUCAS. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). The aim of this legislation is to clarify that the use of a pesticide consistent with its registration under FIFRA should not be subject to a costly, redundant and unnecessary permit process under the Clean Water Act.

Though the intent of Congress was clear in exempting pesticide use from the Clean Water Act, it is unfortunate that the courts have chosen to ignore Congressional intent and instead order pesticide applicators to obtain these permits. It is even more unfortunate that the administration chose not to challenge the lower court's decision, despite the fact that former Solicitor General Elena Kagan stated in her brief to the Supreme Court that the lower court had erred in their ruling; and that this erroneous decision would likely apply to many thousands of pesticide applications each year.

The former Solicitor General and now Associate Supreme Court Justice acknowledged in her brief that under FIFRA, the EPA is required to determine that to be registered, a pesticide must perform its function without unreasonable adverse effects on the environment and that when used in accordance with widespread and commonly recognized practice, the pesticide will not generally cause unreasonable adverse effects on the environment.

The Obama administration, or at least Justice Kagan seems to recognize that this permit process is not only duplicative, but will not achieve any additional environmental protection.

I joined with several of my colleagues in an amicus brief in support of a petition to the Supreme Court to hear this case. The lack of support from the Obama administration ultimately led to this petition being rejected.

Instead of challenging this misguided decision, the Obama administration has chosen to leave our farmers, ranchers, foresters, mosquito control districts, and even States to face an enormous regulatory burden never intended by Congress.

Since the passage of the Clean Water Act, the EPA had interpreted the act to exclude lawful pesticide applications. Under the Bush administration, the EPA issued a final regulation codifying this long-standing practice. The

current political leadership of the EPA has chosen a different path, one that on a daily basis adds more and more to the regulatory nightmare that rural America faces in its fight to survive under this administration.

It is now up to the Congress to fix this problem before the EPA imposes this new bureaucracy on American agriculture. I am pleased to offer this legislative fix and invite all of my colleagues to cosponsor this bill.

#### COMMEMORATING AUGUST 15TH AS INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

### HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate August 15th as Indian Independence Day—a day for all Americans to honor the hardships and sacrifices that paved the road to Indian freedom.

After centuries of struggle and suffering under British rule, India won its independence from Great Britain on August 15th, 1947. Just as America struggled to achieve independence, thousands of Indian freedom fighters died in their efforts to attain sovereignty for India.

Coincidentally, my own birthday falls on this same day as the birth of the world's largest democracy, and I am pleased to share in the celebration.

Americans of Indian descent have made countless and distinguished contributions to the United States in numerous fields, including business, education, medicine, science, and public service. Nowhere is this more evident than in the 13th District of Illinois, which is home to a thriving Indian-American community deeply rooted in the traditions of Indian culture.

To honor this day, the city of Naperville, Illinois will conduct a flag ceremony as a tribute to India's independence and will host a cultural celebration to commemorate the occasion with traditional patriotic dances and youth performances.

Madam Speaker, let us join with Americans of Indian origin from across the country to celebrate Indian Independence Day and take this opportunity to appreciate the rich culture, traditions, and history that have contributed so much to the United States of America. I invite my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me, Naperville Mayor George Pradel, and the residents of the 13th Congressional District in celebration of India's Independence Day.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE INCORPORATION TRANSPARENCY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ACT

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Incorporation Transparency and Law Enforcement Assistance Act. The bill would require the States to obtain in-

formation about the true ownership of the corporation, when they allow someone to create a corporate entity. As some have put it, this bill is a "no-brainer." And it is fairly straightforward: it would require that the person creating the corporation to state the "beneficial owner" of the corporation and provide some form of identification.

Although this is as straightforward as it sounds, the implications for law enforcement are broad reaching. Criminal organizations are infamous for using shell corporations, both foreign and domestic to open bank accounts, launder money, perpetrate fraud, and finance terrorism. And it isn't difficult for them to do. Virtually no States require people applying to create corporations to provide the identity of the corporate owner. In fact, 48 of 50 States, except for Alabama and Alaska, allow for the unfettered creation of an anonymous corporate entity. As a result, just about anyone can easily manipulate the system to fund criminal activity.

Here is an example from a recent investigation in NY by the Manhattan District Attorney. The office announced investigations involving the movement of funds through banks in NY by entities controlled by the Iranian Military. In at least two cases, domestic shell companies were opened in two different States to further secret Iranian interests. Through a NY shell company, individuals working on behalf of the government of Iran were able to move funds to secret accounts held in offshore jurisdictions. Shockingly, the offshore government was able to give the Manhattan DA more information about the ownership of the NY entity than the State of NY could.

Although the DA does not contend that requiring a declaration of beneficial ownership would have stopped this activity, it would have at least been a piece of evidence to go on. And if the declaration of beneficial ownership had been required but falsified, it would have been an extra tool for law enforcement to shut down the entity and prosecute the perpetrators.

The bill I am introducing today will provide the kind of transparency that law enforcement needs to investigate financial crimes. However, it is narrowly drafted so that it is not overly burdensome on either States or incorporating entities. In fact, most corporations would be exempt from the bill's requirements including companies that are already regulated by federal banking regulators and companies that are over 20 employees. This bill is meant to capture beneficial ownership information from companies that are able to escape regulation and oversight through other federal entities.

Senator LEVIN has already introduced a similar bill in the Senate, and President Obama was the lead sponsor when he was a U.S. Senator. It is supported by numerous law enforcement associations, including the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys, the National Narcotic Officers' Associations Coalition, the United States Marshals Service Association, and the Association of Former ATF Agents.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

#### HONORING THE TOWN OF UPTON, MAINE

### HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Town of Upton, Maine as it celebrates its sesquicentennial on August 21, 2010.

Upton was incorporated February 9, 1860, prior to which it was known as Letter B. Plantation. In 1870, the population was 187 people; and in 1880, the population grew to 245 people. The Town of Upton now boasts 64 full-time residents.

The citizens of this small town have experienced their fair share of history, both within the State of Maine and the greater United States. During the Civil War, 16 soldiers from the town left to fight for the Union; six did not return. Today, the town continues to attract residents and visitors with its beautiful location and the outdoor recreation in the Umbagog Region. Author Richard E. Pinette described the Upton area as, "nature's playground with a rich forestland heritage."

Upton is steeped in the history of logging days and working forests and will honor its traditions on August 21, with an event recognizing Upton's history and celebrating with events such as a horseshoe tournament, skillet throwing contests, a quilt display, a spinning demonstration and a town-wide square dance in the evening.

I am pleased to share in the celebration as Upton looks back on 150 years of rich and varied history.

Madam Speaker, please join me in wishing all the citizens of Upton, Maine well on this joyous occasion.

#### HONORING THE CENTENNIAL AN- NIVERSARY OF THE PUBLICA- TION OF "OLD MOTHER WEST WIND"

### HON. BILL DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the publication of "Old Mother West Wind," the hallmark nature book penned by author and naturalist Thornton W. Burgess. The first of over 150 nature books and 15,000 stories, Burgess' "Old Mother West Wind" introduced children to a wide variety of local animals, their habits, and habitats. These engaging stories of the natural world have helped generations of children gain a greater understanding of the timeless importance of conservation of our natural resources and a love of wildlife.

A native of Sandwich, Massachusetts, Thornton Burgess (1875–1965) went on to achieve national and international recognition for these children's stories and his monumental leadership and initiatives in preserving our Nation's natural heritage. For 100 years, generations of children throughout the world have grown up with Old Mother West Wind. Her Merry Little Breezes skipping across the meadows, Peter Rabbit and his animal

friends—including Jimmy Skunk, Grandfather Frog, Johnny Chuck, Sammy Jay, Reddy Fox, Hooty Owl, and many others—continue today to both regale and teach us about our natural surroundings.

These characters have become friends to children and adults alike. Their antics, questions of “why” and “how,” and their love for one another, demonstrate and teach the value of our natural heritage. They stimulate and fascinate children’s interests in the natural world, all the while constantly reminding parents and adults of the importance of preserving and conserving our natural heritage for future generations.

Thornton W. Burgess’ work is continued today through the non-profit Thornton W. Burgess Society, headquartered in his native town of Sandwich. As we celebrate the centennial anniversary of “Old Mother West Wind,” I salute the Thornton W. Burgess Society for its preservation of the writings, teachings, and memorabilia of a pioneer environmentalist; its mission of inspiring reverence of wildlife and concern for the natural environment; for its operation of the Thornton W. Burgess Museum, Green Briar Nature Center and Shirley G. Cross Wildflower Garden, and the many programs and exhibits it provides in conjunction with their operation; and its 34 years of promoting the study of the natural sciences and environmental education in the schools of Cape Cod and throughout southeastern Massachusetts.

HONORING A TRULY OUTSTANDING LEADER, CAPTAIN STEVEN POULIN

### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the outstanding, dedicated service of Captain Steven D. Poulin, USGC, Commander of Coast Guard Sector Mobile, Alabama, from 2009 to 2010. Coast Guard Sector Mobile is one of the largest operations commands in the Coast Guard and is home to 750 personnel and 50 cutters and other vessels.

On July 9, 2010, Captain Poulin left the command of the USGC station in Mobile to assume sole duties as local incident commander for the Unified Command. In this capacity, Captain Poulin continues to marshal Coast Guard resources in the federal response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, which has been such an economic and environmental challenge to America’s Gulf Coast since the explosion occurred on April 20.

Specifically, Captain Poulin has led the relief effort along coastal Alabama, Mississippi and the Florida panhandle.

During his command of Sector Mobile, Captain Poulin demonstrated a level of professionalism and dedication to duty in keeping with the finest traditions of the Coast Guard. He was not only the leader of an important local defense installation, but also a visible and respected member of our community.

In fact, Captain Poulin has been a welcome presence in South Alabama for many years. Prior to assuming the command of Sector Mobile, he served in Mobile during earlier assign-

ments as Deputy Commander, from 2007 to 2009, and as Law Enforcement Officer and Assistant Operations Officer from 1986 to 1989.

Captain Poulin’s extensive service record also includes assignments as Deputy Commander of the Coast Guard Group Galveston, Texas, from 1996 to 1999, and Special Adviser for Border and Transportation Security for Vice President Richard Cheney from 2005 to 2007. From 2003 to 2005, he was Coast Guard liaison to the State Department’s Office of Oceans Affairs. He also served as Legal Counsel for the Coast Guard’s Port Security Director from 2002 to 2003, and Legislative Counsel in the Coast Guard’s Office of Congressional Affairs from 1999 to 2001.

A 1984 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Captain Poulin was awarded his Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from the Miami School of Law in 1992.

Although he will soon be leaving the Mobile area for a new assignment, he will continue to use his tremendous skills and dedication to country as the Coast Guard’s new director of Congressional Affairs in Washington.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of South Alabama, I wish to thank Captain Poulin for a job well done. Furthermore, I offer our heartfelt gratitude to his wonderful wife, Sherry, and their two children, Steven and Erin, for the sacrifices they have made as a family while their husband and father has admirably served his country with such distinction.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF SAREN H. SIMITIAN

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the remarkable life of Saren H. Simitian, a resident of California’s 14th Congressional District, who died on June 24, 2010. His 88 years were characterized by an intense passion for teaching, for traveling, and for engaging with those around him.

Born to Armenian immigrants in Jersey City, New Jersey, Saren Simitian quickly proved himself a promising intellectual and citizen of the world. He served in the Army during World War II, and attended New York University on the GI Bill. Saren went on to earn a Master’s Degree in history from Colorado University and began studying for his Ph.D at the University of Wisconsin before taking a different path and moving to California, where he later received a Master’s Degree in Library Science from San Jose State University.

Settling in the Bay Area, Saren Simitian embarked on a long and loving educational career. He taught social studies at Palo Alto High School for over two decades where he was known as a tough but well-liked teacher, deeply committed to all of his students. In his spare time, Saren taught English to Stanford students at the Bechtel International Center, and tutored with Project Read in Menlo Park. An educator to the last, Saren taught English in Beijing for six months a year well into his eighties.

In one of his most important lessons, Saren Simitian taught his son Joseph that “you can’t get a hit with the bat on your shoulder.” Tak-

ing his father’s advice, Joe Simitian went on to a distinguished career in public service, serving on the Palo Alto School Board, the Palo Alto City Council, and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors before being elected to the California State Assembly and State Senate. Taking his own advice, Saren dedicated himself to a lifetime of eclectic pursuits, shouldering a backpack instead of a bat and traveling the world.

Well-read and worldly, Saren Simitian traversed more terrain after his retirement than most people half his age. His wanderlust took him to visit friends, relatives, and his grandparents’ graves, always acquiring new friends and new stories. He walked across Portugal twice, first from top to bottom, and then east to west a decade later. Seeking adventure on multiple continents, Saren fell into a ditch in Eastern Europe, was mugged in Asia, and nearly drowned in Australia. Despite these mishaps, his family noted, he “never slowed down, never lost his passion for people and places.” Saren’s adventurous lifestyle no doubt owed in part to his healthy habits of eating homemade yogurt and exercising whenever possible, kept his mind as fit as his body.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest sympathies to Saren Simitian’s family. He is survived by his son, the Honorable S. Joseph Simitian, and his daughter-in-law, Mary Hughes. A man whose far-flung journeys never took him far from his core values, Saren Simitian taught in order to travel and traveled in order to teach, enriching everyone he met with his unique outlook on life and his singular sense of the world.

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR PAKISTANI FLOOD VICTIMS

### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise to offer my deepest condolences to the victims of the recent flooding in Pakistan, which is the worst this country has seen in 80 years. A monsoon that began at the end of July has resulted in at least 1,500 lives being lost, countless more missing or trapped, and at least three million people being displaced. It is estimated that up to half of those affected by the disaster are children. Critical infrastructure, crops, and homes have been destroyed and aid to impoverished areas has been disrupted. As the Pakistani people recover from this devastation, they should know that the United States stands with them and is ready to provide assistance.

There are immediate needs that must be addressed, such as supplying food, clean drinking water, basic shelter, disease prevention, and the rebuilding of roads and bridges. I am heartened by the efforts from the Pakistani government, the United States, the United Nations, philanthropic organizations, and charitable donations from private citizens across the world.

The United States has acted swiftly by committing \$35 million, as well as humanitarian aid experts and essential supplies, to assist Pakistani citizens affected by the flooding. The United States Army is providing four Chinook



and two Blackhawk helicopters to the Swat Valley, delivering 33 tons of supplies and airlifting 800 people to safety. Additionally, American citizens have been making small donations through their cell phones by texting the word "SWAT" to the number 50555. This money goes to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees to provide needed supplies like tents, clean water, food, clothing, and medicine.

This is an unspeakable tragedy. Sadly, monsoon rains continue to fall; further endangering populations and making relief efforts even more challenging. Increased international assistance is critical to helping the millions who are in immediate need of food or shelter. My thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Pakistan as they recover from this disaster.

#### RECOGNIZING FRIENDSHIP HAVEN

##### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Friendship Haven of Fort Dodge, Iowa on the occasion of their 60th anniversary. Friendship Haven provides housing to over 6,700 senior citizens in Fort Dodge.

In the 1920s, Reverend Clarence Thompkins, a Methodist minister, thought of creating a home for seniors; however it was not until 1947 when the city of Fort Dodge donated enough land and money to make this idea into a reality. Other individuals like H.C. Kirkberg and Julia Oleson gifted land or money to help support Friendship Haven. The first resident moved in 1950 and what started as a single building grew to a full campus.

Today, Friendship Haven offers town home living, two independent living apartments, assisted living, long-term and short-stay nursing care, second family home care, adult day services, and a rehabilitation program gym.

Friendship Haven has strived to meet the needs of area seniors by providing excellent living conditions and options, resources and encouraging citizens to live an active life. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating the residents, staff and friends of Friendship Haven on this historic anniversary. It is an honor to represent Friendship Haven in the United States Congress, and I wish them continued success well into the future.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF RANDY VOGEL

##### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Randy Vogel in honor of his 40 years of service to Junipero Serra High School in my district. Essentially, he started as a math teacher in 1970 and never left, although his responsibilities and influence have spread well beyond the classes he has taught.

He is a life-long resident of San Carlos and a graduate of Santa Clara University. At Serra he is the Director of Admissions who still finds time to teach an honors algebra class which

he says is the highlight of his day. He has served as baseball coach for 12 years, Director of Public Relations, Development Director, Rally Committee Moderator, Math Department Chair and the list goes on. He has taught eight fathers and sons, a testament to his longevity and skills in the classroom. In all he has worked for five principals and has seen more than 7,600 students graduate. He considers Serra to be like home and the school's spirit and sense of community to be extraordinary. Of this spirit Randy says, "We can teach values, not to be afraid to pray and to recognize the impact of God in our lives without criticism."

Madam Speaker, Randy Vogel is an inspiring educator, and it is fitting that the groundbreaking ceremony for the Serra High School's Center for the Arts and Sciences and Aquatic Center on August 23 include a special recognition of Randy Vogel's 40 years of service to the school.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AUTOMATIC IRA BILL

##### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I rise to offer legislation to create additional savings opportunities for workers who do not have access to qualified retirement plans through their employers. I am pleased to be joined by several of my colleagues in offering "The Automatic IRA Act of 2010," which will increase retirement savings for millions of workers. This proposal is based on one contained in the President's budget.

Over the years, Congress has improved incentives for employer-based retirement and pension plans by providing more flexibility, increasing the limits, and lessening the administrative burdens. Still, about one in four employees who have access to these successful retirement vehicles do not take advantage of them.

What is a much more difficult group to reach, though, are the estimated 75 million workers who do not have access to these employer-based plans. GAO estimates that half the private sector workforce has no access to an employer-provided retirement plan. That is why today, we are filing legislation to create automatic payroll deposit Individual Retirement Accounts, or Auto IRAs, for workers who do not have access to employer-provided qualified pension plans. Our bill would require employers to automatically enroll employees in an Auto IRA unless the employee opts out. These are "set it and forget it" payroll deposit accounts. Recent research from Fidelity showed that only one in 10 workers eligible for automatic enrollment in employer-provided plans proactively opted out of the plan. The non-partisan Retirement Security Project has estimated that the Auto IRA proposal could raise net national savings by nearly \$8 billion annually.

This is especially important for younger and low-income workers, as GAO projects that under current law, 37 percent of all workers will retire with zero plan savings, and of young and low-income workers, 63 percent will have no plan savings at retirement. According to a

"retirement ready" study from the Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI) released last month, 64 percent of workers earning less than \$30,000 a year will run out of money within 10 years of retirement. And this problem exists even among large employers with qualified plans. A recent study by Hewitt projecting the retirement needs of 2.1 million employees of 84 large employers finds that the baseline case for full-career contributing employees will only meet about 85 percent of their predicted retirement needs at age 65.

We are, of course, sensitive to any increased burden on small businesses, so the bill provides for a temporary tax credit for employers with less than 100 employees in order to offset the up-front administrative cost of establishing this program. Only employers with at least 10 employees, which have been in business for at least two years, would be covered by the bill. Further, the bill does not mandate any matching contributions by employers or any fiduciary responsibility for the management of the accounts. It is our sincere hope that once employers start participating, they will decide to convert these arrangements to the broader 401(k) plans. The IRA contribution limits are much lower than the 401(k) limits, so business owners may see incentives to switch to the bigger plans.

Employers have the option of choosing a private sector manager for the Auto IRAs, while allowing each employee the right to transfer, or simply allowing the employee to designate the provider at the outset. As a default, employers may also send these contributions to the Treasury Department for the purchase of newly created Retirement Bonds, or R-bonds. Employer-provided retirement plans are highly popular among workers, and in a 2009 survey for AARP, by two to one, respondents said employers should be required to provide a retirement savings plan for their employees. This bill merely requires the employer to set up the mechanism for employees to save on their own.

The automatic enrollment feature is not new. It builds upon the success of 401(k) auto-enrollment, promoted by the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Many of the workers who will benefit from our bill will likely be moderate to lower-income workers. GAO recently studied the impact of auto-enrollment on workers savings levels and found that universal access to retirement savings with automatic enrollment would result in 91 percent of all workers, and 84 percent of low-income workers, with accumulated defined contribution savings at retirement. EBRI's "retirement ready" study found positive benefits already from auto-enrollment and auto-escalation of contributions in 401(k) plans, particularly for those aged 56 to 62 years old who have a 47 percent chance of not having enough money at retirement, down from a 60 percent chance just seven years ago.

The Auto IRA proposal, which was jointly developed by Brookings Institution and Heritage Foundation scholars, has garnered widespread support, including AARP and the Minority Business Roundtable, and has been endorsed in editorials around the country.

Of the 75 million American workers who have no access to an employer plan, over 40 million work for employers of at least 10 employees. And, only 10 percent of these workers actually seek out their own IRAs or other retirement savings vehicles. The Auto IRA bill that we are proposing will reach this critical

group of workers and hopefully help them start on the road to retirement security. We urge our colleagues to join us in supporting "The Automatic IRA Act of 2010."

#### RECOGNIZING BECKLEY IMPACT

### HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Beckley Impact, a very special team of 16 and under softball players from my native town of Beckley, West Virginia.

This talented group of young ladies recently won the WV United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Championship and recently returned from Florida having competed in the USSSA World Series. Now the 9th ranked team in the Nation, originally formed in 1999, the team ended its recent tournament with a 3–3 record and 24–8 overall record.

While I applaud these players for their hard work, commitment and dedication to softball, I would also like to commend them for serving as a great inspiration to others both on and off of the field. Just recently, each of the team members dedicated herself to play in honor of the West Virginia coal miners who perished in the Upper Big Branch mining disaster in April. Most every family on this team had a relative, friend or neighbor who died in this tragedy.

In what has become a tradition, and a very meaningful moment, immediately following each game, the team invites their opponents to join them in a group prayer on the field, whether they won or lost.

It is my honor to salute this wonderful team, these giving individuals—Eryn Buchanon, Alexandria Garris, Alyssa Hunt, Kelci Jones, Alexa McCormack, MacKenzie Milam, Ashleigh Mills, Katie Muovich, Andrea Roles, Alissa Ward, Randi Wright, team manager Randy Hunt, and coaches Patti Ward and Willie Wright.

Their effort is aided and strongly supported by an array of local businesses who serve as sponsors. We recognize their commitment and dedication to this worthwhile community activity for our youth.

This partnership of coaches, team managers, small business, proud parents and players helps guide our youth to more productive adulthood and helps build citizens for our cities, towns, states and Nation who care and contribute of themselves in due turn. A valuable lesson for us all.

#### HONORING PETER SILVESTRI

### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Peter Silvestri on his receipt of the Illinois State Crime Commission's award of Municipal Leader of the Year for 2010. The commission chose Silvestri due to his exceptional leadership skills at the county and municipal levels as Cook County Commissioner and the Village of Elmwood Park president.

Elected in 1994 as Cook County Commissioner of the ninth district, Silvestri has played

a crucial role in nearly every area of county concern. He chairs the Zoning and Building Committee, the Building Ordinance Commission, the Litigation Subcommittee and the Environmental Control Committee. As Chairman of Environmental Control, he convened a committee of community representatives, engineers and environmentalists to discuss the Forest Preserve's proposed Storm Water Management Plan. Additionally, he sponsored an amendment to the building code to change group homes of 8 or less residents from multi-unit requirements to single family requirements, for which he will receive the President's Award from Oak Leyden Developmental Services. He serves as vice-chairman of more committees than any other commissioner. He also memorialized fallen police officers through the Cook County Peace Officer's Memorial.

As Elmwood Park President since 1989, Silvestri prides himself on an increase in building construction and expansion of village parks. During his tenure, the Village of Elmwood Park has seen a new public safety building, family aquatic center and gymnasium, and public library, as well as expanded open park space now known as Central Park. Additionally, he and the Village Board of Trustees enhanced the education requirements and training for drug and gang prevention and enforcement at the municipal police department.

While Pete Silvestri has received many awards, he sees himself as a caretaker for every person in the village and the county. I have seen firsthand Pete's extensive involvement in the community, and I applaud him on being named Municipal Leader of the Year.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Peter Silvestri on the Illinois State Crime Commission's acknowledgment of his positive effects throughout Chicago.

#### SPECIAL THANKS TO A VERY SPECIAL NATIVE SON: A TRIBUTE TO JIMMY BUFFETT FOR HIS SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE GULF COAST

### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the past few months have been tremendously stressful on the people of America's Gulf Coast as our area has been overwhelmed with the worst-ever offshore oil-spill in U.S. history.

Not a day has passed since the April 20th explosion of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig—which left 11 dead and many others injured—that coastal residents in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida haven't had to deal with the economic, ecological and environmental fears associated with this tragedy.

For many, our way of life and everything we have known—and loved—has been threatened. Even today, as news comes that the well has been permanently capped, there continues to be legitimate concerns about what the long-term scars will be in communities like Grand Isle, Pass Christian and Perdido Key.

Specifically, Alabama's coastal towns of Bayou La Batre, Dauphin Island, Gulf Shores and Orange Beach have been especially hard-

hit, with direct impact on our fisheries community, seafood processors and commercial and recreational boaters, not to mention hundreds of small, family-owned businesses that dot the Alabama Gulf Coast like seashells that wash up with the morning tide.

While the concern no doubt continues and the challenges, in many ways, remain daunting, Gulf Coast residents were recently treated to a brief respite from the worry and stress that has been hovering over our area like a Category 5 storm out on the Gulf.

As such, it is with a heartfelt voice of pride and gratitude from Parrot Heads all over the country that I rise today to give thanks to musical legend—and native son—Jimmy Buffett for his uplifting, outstanding performance on the white, sugar sandy beaches of Gulf Shores, Alabama, where Jimmy and some of his friends entertained over 35,000 people with a free concert on July 11.

Everything that afternoon—from the clear blue skies to the emerald green waters (without oil, I might add) led to a truly festive and remarkably uplifting performance. Without a doubt, Jimmy and his friends provided some much needed tonic for an area that has been in bad need of a big boost!

Jimmy—it's kind of hard to call him "Mr. Buffett" when he often goes to work barefoot, wearing only shorts and a t-shirt—is truly a man of many talents.

As his fans around the country know, he was born in Pascagoula but grew up in Mobile, attending St. Ignatius as a little boy and graduating high school from McGill Institute. A few years later, he received a history degree from the University of Southern Mississippi but long before he left the Mobile City Limits, Jimmy was well on his way to making a name for himself as a musical talent.

Today, Jimmy Buffett is known around the world for hits such as "Margaritaville" and "Cheeseburger in Paradise." Over the years, his 30 albums have earned 8 Gold Albums and 9 Platinum or Multi Platinum Albums. And in 2003, Jimmy was awarded the Country Music Award for his hit single with Alan Jackson, "It's Five O'clock Somewhere."

But not only is Jimmy a great singer and performer, he is also a highly successful songwriter, author, businessman, and movie producer. He owns or licenses two famous restaurants named after two of his very popular songs, "Margaritaville" and "Cheeseburger in Paradise."

Outside of his busy work life, Jimmy manages to go above and beyond with his charity efforts. In 1981, Jimmy and Bob Graham, former governor and senator from Florida, founded the Save the Manatee Club, a strong-willed group that is leading the world in preservation efforts of the West Indian Manatee.

In addition, he generously funded The "Singing for Change" foundation from his 1995 concert tour which provided grants to local charities concerning children and family, the environment and also disenfranchised groups.

Madam Speaker, when the chips were down and spirits were mighty low, it was our very own "Son of a Son of a Sailor" who came home to South Alabama to help remind his friends, his family and all who watched the concert live on CMT that the Gulf Coast will weather this storm—as we have so many others—if we'll just keep the faith and stick together.

And it is on behalf of a grateful Gulf Coast community that I would like to offer my deepest appreciation to Jimmy Buffett for what he did on the afternoon of July 11th to remind us all of what it will again be like "When the Coast is Clear." Thanks, Jimmy.

AWARDING A CONGRESSIONAL  
GOLD MEDAL TO THE WORLD  
WAR II MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL  
AIR PATROL

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5859, which will award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

During World War II, the volunteer members of the Civil Air Patrol—civilian men and women ranging in age from 19 to 81—provided extraordinary public and combat services at a critical time of need for the nation.

Civil Air Patrol members used their own aircraft to perform a myriad of essential tasks for the military and the entire country, including attacks on enemy submarines off the Atlantic coast and the Gulf of Mexico.

The Civil Air Patrol was established on December 1, 1940, one week before the attack on Pearl Harbor. After performing exemplary service in WWII, the Civil Air Patrol was chartered by Congress as a nonprofit, public service organization and in 1948 as the Auxiliary of the United States Air Force.

The Civil Air Patrol was initially mobilized in response to a massive German Navy submarine offensive off the east coast of the United States that targeted oil tankers and other critical shipping.

As 52 tankers were sunk by enemy submarines between January and March 1942 alone, neither the Navy nor Army had sufficient resources to patrol and protect the coastline—threatening the entire war effort.

The Civil Air Patrol Coastal Patrol undertook the challenge of protecting our sea lanes and supporting the military's efforts at this critical time. From March 1942 until August 1943, more than 40,000 volunteers at 21 Civil Air Patrol bases stretching from Maine to Texas coordinated thousands of patrols, investigations, and convoy missions.

Heroic Civil Air Patrol Coastal Patrol aircrews were responsible for attacking 57 submarines—destroying or damaging two—as well as reporting nearly 200 submarine positions, 17 floating mines, and 91 vessels and 363 survivors in distress.

In addition to the work of its Coastal Patrol, the Civil Air Patrol also established itself as a vital wartime service to the military, states, and communities across the nation.

These brave volunteers engaged in an impressive array of missions including border patrol, forest fire patrol, courier flights for mail and urgent deliveries, emergency transportation of personnel, search and rescue, and various military support duties. Overall, during the war the Civil Air Patrol undertook tens of thousands of missions and logged hundreds of thousands of flight hours in defense of our country.

The Civil Air Patrol's WWII service came at the high cost of 64 fatalities and 150 aircraft

lost. Indeed, the courage and sacrifice of the estimated 200,000 civilians in the Civil Air Patrol exemplifies the spirit and dedication of an entire generation who were willing to risk their lives for America and the cause of freedom.

In recognition of this remarkable volunteer service and commendable record, H.R. 5859 will award a single gold medal collectively in honor of the WWII members of the Civil Air Patrol.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the valuable wartime service rendered by the civilian volunteers of the Civil Air Patrol by supporting this legislation.

INTRODUCING H.R. 6081, THE STEM  
CELL THERAPEUTIC AND RE-  
SEARCH REAUTHORIZATION ACT  
OF 2010

**HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, today, I along with Congresswoman MATSUI, introduced H.R. 6081, the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act of 2010. This important bipartisan legislation will reauthorize for five years the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) and the National Cord Blood Inventory Program. These life-saving programs are set to expire on September 30th, so it is my hope that the Congress takes up and passes this legislation quickly. In drafting H.R. 6081, Congresswoman MATSUI and I worked with Senator HATCH who has introduced the Senate version of this measure along with Senators DODD, BURR, REED, ENSIGN, and FRANKEN.

Specifically, the legislation would:

Recognize that medical consensus supports a national inventory of more than 150,000 cord blood units by modifying the national goal;

Extend the term of initial and contract extensions from three to five years, making it easier for banks to engage in long-term relationship building with birthing hospitals;

Require cord blood banks to establish a plan for increasing cord blood unit collections and/or expand the number of collection sites with which they work;

Require cord blood banks to provide a plan for becoming self-sufficient, a core tenant of the original authorizing legislation;

Clarify the minimum timeframe for maintaining NCBI cord blood units on the National Registry;

Correct the definition of "first-degree relative";

Authorize \$23 millions for FY 2011 through FY 2014 and \$20 million for FY 2015 for the NCBI (when combined with the funding levels for the Program, the overall bill does not increase federal spending);

Allow HRSA to allocate funds appropriated in one year in the following year, as needed, for both the Program and the NCBI;

Update the annual reporting requirements for the Program;

Enhance the studies, demonstration programs, and outreach projects related to cord blood donation and collection to include exploring innovative technologies, novel approaches, and expanding the number of collection sites;

Update the confidentiality language that applies to adult donors to make it consistent with the requirements for cord blood donors and existing federal and state privacy laws;

Authorize \$30 million for FY 2011 through FY 2014 and \$33 million for FY 2015 for the Program (when combined with the funding levels for the NCBI, the overall bill does not increase federal spending);

Require a GAO report due one year after enactment to review studies, demonstration programs, and outreach efforts for the purpose of increasing cord blood unit donation and collection for the NCBI to ensure high-quality and genetically diverse inventory of cord blood units.

Madam Speaker, I would like to enter into the record a letter from the CEO of the National Marrow Donor Program, Jeffrey Chell, M.D., urging us to approve this legislation prior to September 30th. When the Congress originally created the NMDP in 1986, some thought we would only be able to register 50,000 eligible donors. Since that time, the NMDP has added over 8 million eligible donors to the national registry and has performed over 40,000 transplants. This program has exceeded expectations and saved thousands of lives throughout the years. H.R. 6081 has bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate, and I urge my colleagues to support its adoption to reauthorize the NMDP. It is truly a life saving program and this legislation will ensure that it continues without disruption.

AUGUST 9, 2010.

Re Reauthorization of the C.W. Bill Young  
Cell Transplantation Program and the  
National Cord Blood Inventory

Hon. C.W. BILL YOUNG,

Hon. DORIS MATSUI,

*House of Representatives, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR REPRESENTATIVES: I am writing on behalf of the National Marrow Donor Program to convey our strong support of the reauthorization of the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program (Program) and the National Cord Blood Inventory (NCBI). We applaud the efforts of Congressman Young and Congresswoman Matsui in introducing today's legislation and the continued bipartisan support for these life-saving programs. We especially want to thank their staff for their continued efforts. Because the NCBI sunsets at the end of the fiscal year, we encourage the Congress to support passage of this important legislation before October 1.

Every year approximately 12,000 patients search the national registry for a life-saving donor or cord blood unit. To ensure that all patients have access to these types of adult stem cell transplants, Congress must maintain its support of the Program and the NCBI. We commend the dedication of Reps. Young and Matsui, along with Senators Hatch, Dodd, Burr, Reed, Ensign, and Franken who introduced legislation in the Senate last week. Their hard work has resulted in a bipartisan and fiscally responsible bill, which will assist the NMDP in advancing our life-saving mission.

The reauthorization maintains important components of the existing programs, including a single point of access and a focus on building a diverse registry of adult donors and cord blood units. It also includes modifications necessary to continue the successful work of these programs.

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We look forward to working with the Congress, our network partners in the transplant community including, physicians, cord blood bankers, donors, and the patients and families they serve. On their behalf, we thank you for continued support of cellular transplantation and stand ready to support your efforts for successful passage of this act this year.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY CHELL, M.D.,  
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National Marrow Donor Program.

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#### HONORING ALICE WILLIAMS TOWERS HOUSING COMMUNITY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, since 2000, the Alice Williams Towers Housing Community for Senior Citizens has been and continues to be a great institution in our district; and

Whereas, under the vision of Pastor Jasper Williams, Jr., of Salem Bible Church, the Alice Williams Towers began and have given Senior Residents in Georgia, a place to live and play for ten consecutive years; and

Whereas, the residents and staff of this remarkable community continue to be involved in the matters of the district; and

Whereas, the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia is very proud and honored to have the Alice Williams Towers Housing Community as a partner in the district, mentoring our future leaders to better serve our nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the residents, family members, friends and staff of the Alice Williams Towers Housing Community for their outstanding service and leadership and to congratulate them on their ten year anniversary;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 18, 2010 as Alice Williams Towers Housing Community Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 18th day of June, 2010.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF EMMIT JAMES SMITH III

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize the inspirational career and achievement of Emmitt James Smith III, on the occasion of his recent induction into the National Football League's Hall of Fame.

A Pensacola, Florida native and a fellow University of Florida graduate, Emmitt Smith is regarded not only as one of the greatest running backs in the history of the NFL, but also as a role model for young athletes everywhere.

During his freshman year at Escambia High School, Emmitt Smith rushed for 19 touch-

downs and over 1,500 yards. He continued his training during the off-season. As a result of his hard work and determination, he improved his game and rushed for 26 touchdowns and over 2,200 yards during his sophomore year—leading Escambia High School to their first state football championship. Smith's high school football career did not stop there, and he had an even more impressive season junior year. Rushing for 33 touchdowns and over 2,900 rushing yards, he once again led the team to win another state title.

Throughout college and his career in the National Football League, Emmitt Smith overcame many odds to establish himself as a tremendous individual both on and off the field. He has many awards and accolades attributed to his name, including: being inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame, leading the league in rushing touchdowns, leading the league in 100-plus yard rushing games, winning 3 Super Bowl Championships and being named NFL Most Valuable Player in 1993. However, breaking Walter Payton's NFL record for the most rushing yards is certainly his greatest feat—a feat that he dreamt of many years before his first professional football game.

Madam Speaker, there are few athletes who walk onto the gridiron and play with the level of emotion and passion as Emmitt Smith. His impressive football career and his dedication to self-improvement have taken him to a level that transcends most professional athletes and have won the hearts of many in Northwest Florida and all across this Nation. On behalf of the United States Congress, I congratulate Emmitt Smith for all his great achievements. My wife, Vicki, joins me in this commendation and in extending our best wishes to him and his family.

#### TRIBUTE TO SPECIALIST FAITH HINKLEY

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment today to pay tribute to Specialist Faith Hinkley, a brave young woman from Monte Vista, Colorado. Specialist Hinkley died in Baghdad, Iraq on August 7, 2010, from injuries sustained from an insurgent rocket attack. Colorado, the San Luis Valley, and the country have lost a tremendously respected leader and soldier.

Specialist Hinkley led a remarkable life. Growing up in Monte Vista, everyone around her admired her hard work and incredible talents. She played the clarinet in the marching band, was a member of the National Honor Society, and of the National Business Leaders of America. She was also a Rainbow for Girls Worthy Advisor. After her first year in college, she enlisted in the Army, and was trained in military intelligence.

Her record in the Army again testifies to her incredible abilities. She was assigned to the 502nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 201st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade. While serving, her awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War

on Terrorism Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

Those who knew Faith Hinkley testify to the warmth of her laughter, her beauty, her intelligence, and her care and concern for others. As a veteran myself, I honor her commitment, her passion, and her sacrifice for this country. Specialist Hinkley is an example to all of us who strive to serve the public.

My sincere condolences go out to her family, especially her parents Dr. David and Annavee Hinkley and her siblings Matt and Shannon, and friends in this difficult time. She will be profoundly missed, and her legacy and inspiration will live on through all the lives she touched.

#### PORTS OF SEATTLE AND TACOMA: ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP

#### HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I'm always pleased to thank our business leaders for their environmental stewardship and leadership. In Washington State, our two largest ports—the Ports of Tacoma and Seattle—just received recognition from the American Association of Port Authorities for innovative and remarkable environmental stewardship.

The Port of Tacoma won the Environmental Enhancement Award and Honorable Mention in the Environmental Mitigation category. The Port was recognized because of its demolition program that produced 7,071 tons of recycled or reused materials—nearly 90 percent of the total materials used. The Port also converted a former public landfill along the Puyallup River into a wetland habitat for native plants, shore birds, and juvenile salmon.

Not to be outdone, the Port of Seattle earned this year's Comprehensive Environmental Management award for its Environmental Compliance Assessment Program. The program was implemented by the Port in 2009 to evaluate and assist with tenant environmental compliance to better meet high expectations and environmental quality regulations; obviously the program is working well!

The wonderful people of Washington State are very fortunate to have two world-class, busy ports that help drive our region's economy. The newly appointed Port of Tacoma CEO, John Wolfe, is a well-known and well-respected business leader committed to keeping the Port competitive in a global marketplace and making his Port environmentally sound. I can say the same for the Port of Seattle's CEO, Tay Yoshitani. My staff and I have enjoyed working with both Ports in the past and look forward to continuing our working relationship into the future. Madam Speaker, I offer my congratulations to Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Yoshitani, the executive leadership teams, and the staffs tasked with carrying out a forward-looking, innovative agenda.

#### RECOGNIZING CAROLE VACCARO UPON HER RETIREMENT

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of a dedicated and caring city of Buffalo employee, Carole Vaccaro.

Public service is both a difficult and fulfilling career. Carole Vaccaro served her term with her head held high and a smile on her face the entire way. Carole began her career with the city of Buffalo on March 7, 1988, assigned to the Parking Violations Bureau. Carole's spirit of understanding and her pleasant demeanor were widely recognized in the office. Carole had the task of receiving complaints from parking violators, but never failed to approach her job with a refreshingly pleasant and helpful attitude.

Carole was rewarded with a promotion in July of 1995 to the Department of Assessment and Taxation. She quickly became known in her new office for the same pleasant attitude and efficient manner of accomplishing any task which served her so well in her previous position.

Carole's dedication and work ethic were beyond reproach. She was the first to arrive at the office, often by 7 a.m., long before the official opening at 8:30 a.m. In addition to her strong work ethic, Carole always made time to promote positive relationships among her co-workers. A birthday, wedding anniversary, job promotion, or even an anniversary of one's first day on the job was a cause for a celebration with Carole's famous baked goods. Carole is the consummate example of a giving spirit.

Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Carole for her 22 years of exemplary service on behalf of the western New York community. Carole will always be remembered for putting a friendly face on Buffalo's City Hall. Buffalo, the City of Good Neighbors, is proud to call Carole one of her own.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF DONALD M. McCARTHY

#### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Donald M. McCarthy, a 30-year veteran of the Daly City Police Department.

Officer McCarthy graduated from the Basic Police Academy at the College of the Redwoods in 1979 after earning a B.A. in sociology at San Francisco State University. He was appointed as a police officer on August 6, 1979, and was assigned to the Detective Division in 1982. He received numerous department commendations during his career. Of special note was the day a woman pointed a gun at him before fleeing to her house which she then set on fire. Sergeant McCarthy was fired upon when he entered the house—he returned fire, extinguished the flames, then put the woman in custody—just another day at the office!

Sergeant McCarthy has been a mentor to many recruits and he served bravely for many years on the Daly City Police Tactical Response Team. He was long recognized for his compassion, knowledge of the law, public relations skills and an undeniable ability to problem solve; in other words, he was a great investigator.

Madam Speaker, on September 10, 2010, members of the Daly City Police Benevolent Association will honor Sergeant Donald McCarthy at a special dinner and, as such, I ask that this body extends its thanks for a job well done.

#### IN MEMORY OF THE HEROES OF 9/11

#### HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of the upcoming anniversary of 9/11 in New York City, and the lives which were lost in the World Trade Center buildings, and aboard the planes. And in honor of all of those heroes, The fire fighters and police officers and regular citizens who gave That Last Full Measure to help save lives. Our prayers lie with the families and the children of all of those lost loved ones. The world on that day, truly saw the very heart of America, and why we have such a great nation. I ask that this poem penned in honor of them, by Albert Caswell, be placed in the RECORD.

#### GOTHAM GLORY

In . . .  
In this great city . . .  
That which so towers . . .  
High above all of those clouds, throughout  
all of the hours . . .  
But, lie such majestic buildings . . . that  
which so make mere men so cower . . .  
All in their presence and circumstance, as  
this Gotham City they do so enhance  
. . .  
With but all of their power . . .  
But, nothing in this Gotham City rises . . .  
or will ever reach any higher, than  
what so happened all in these hours  
. . .  
Then, all of those Brave Hearts . . . who so  
on that fateful day of 9/11, would so inspire!  
All in the midst, of America's darkest of all  
hours . . .  
To bring their light! Showing us all, what  
lies within a soul to take us higher!  
As why high above all of this, their fine souls  
do so tower!  
With all of their faith and love, that which  
now so showers . . .  
So showers, this Gotham City forever more  
. . . all throughout her hours . . .  
For in life, there can be no greater story . . .  
Nor no Greater Gift, or so sacrifice . . . so  
then this their Glory!  
Then, to give up one's life . . . as was their  
fine story . . .  
All at the very height, of what a Hero can be  
. . .  
For No Greater Love, burns brighter through  
eternity!  
As why the face of God, they would see . . .  
As on that morning that which hate, evoked  
. . .  
As a time, now all so etched all in our hearts  
and souls that spoke . . .

As when, there came such hope . . .  
 As to this our Nation that love conquers all,  
 as their fine hearts so spoke!  
 As a time when, mere men and women acted  
 like Gods . . . So Wrote . . .  
 So Wrote Their Book of Love, as Heaven for  
 them lie close . . .  
 Running up, into The Face of Hell . . .  
 You Go . . . I Go . . . as was but their fine  
 heroes creed, their actions spelled!  
 As all of those fine hearts, so chose to swell  
 . . .  
 Running past death, as upward they climbed  
 towards this fiery hell . . .  
 With tear in eye, as they all knew that this  
 might be their last moments as well!  
 All in their most magnificent quest, but to  
 save lives! As they were all so at their  
 very best!  
 With each new step, closer to Heaven they  
 now so climbed . . .  
 For on that morning, courage came in all  
 shapes and sizes . . .  
 All in what their fine hearts, as so comprised  
 this!  
 Setting them all apart, from all of the rest!  
 Heroes, who our nation would so bless!  
 And too, all of these families now so left . . .  
 So left, without all of their greatest of loves  
 of all, may our Lord now so bless . . .  
 As each one but on their own, inside such sa-  
 cred Hearts did rest . . .  
 As to our Lord, they all came home . . .  
 But, to where they belonged . . .  
 And, what child may be born?  
 From all of this, their great love so worn  
 . . .  
 Who might Save The World, as born?  
 Mothers, Fathers, Rabbits, Teachers, Priests  
 and Preachers, tell this story!  
 All about, The Greatest Love . . . all about,  
 Their Gotham Glory!  
 And when, There Comes A Gentle Rain . . .  
 Their tears from up in Heaven, shall wash  
 down upon you to ease your pain . . .  
 Until, up in Heaven you shall meet once  
 again . . .  
 And you won't have to cry any more!

TRIBUTE TO MR. HAWLEY SMITH,  
 SR.

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a long time friend, Mr. Hawley Smith, Sr., who is celebrating his ninetyeth birthday this month. For as long as I have known him, Mr. Smith has been tirelessly devoted to his community, church, and family.

Throughout the years, he has served Troup County in many different positions, and I'd like to mention a few that I know are most important to him. Mr. Smith was the first elected Chairman of the Troup County Board of Commissioners, and he remained in that position for 12 years. During this same time period, he helped to shape many other organizations like The Georgia Heart Clinic, the West Georgia Tech Foundation, the Troup County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and the West Georgia Youth Council—just to name a few. Notably, Mr. Smith is the longest continuous member of the Optimist club in the State of Georgia, and he is still active today. He also served as President of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, as Chairman of the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority, as Vice-Chairman of the Georgia

Chamber of Commerce, and as Vice President of the Citizens and Southern National Bank. The list of leadership positions is nearly a page long, which is a testament to how much Mr. Smith cares for his community.

He has likewise given countless hours to First United Methodist Church of LaGrange—where he was as a member of the Building Committee, the Board of Stewards and served as the Treasurer and Trustee. His kindness and willingness to help others also led him to become the Director of The Harbor Incorporated, a home for the Christian rehabilitation of alcoholics.

He got married to Ms. Ercil Trussell in 1942 and they had 3 beautiful children together. A constant family man, Mr. Smith always tried to provide the best educational environment for his kids, whether that meant serving as the Neighborhood Commissioner for the Boy Scouts or working on the Board of Trustees for Rosemont Elementary School.

Madam Speaker, as you can see, Mr. Smith is a compassionate and selfless father, husband, and community member. I want to wish him a very happy ninetyeth birthday and thank him for his unwavering service to both Troup County and the great State of Georgia.

TRIBUTE TO VERNA NAYLOR

**HON. JEAN SCHMIDT**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, one of the best aspects of my job is the wonderful people from Southern Ohio that I have the opportunity to meet. I am often inspired by their stories, their struggles and their successes, and their commitment and dedication to bettering our communities. A few years ago I had the opportunity to meet one such person, Verna Naylor.

At the time, Verna was 91 years old and serving as Bentonville Postmaster in Adams County, Ohio. She was one of just 5 United States Postal Service employees over the age of 90. Her late husband, Harry, served as the Bentonville Postmaster until his death in 1968. At that time, Verna decided to take over the position, and greeted her customers each morning.

During the time that Verna served as Postmaster, she never took a sick day. She thrived on hard work, family and community. According to her son, James, "Mom just always wanted to help someone else and she would do anything for the people of Bentonville." And, her daughter, Sue, said, "There were many times where mom just opened her house to people, feeding them, giving them a place to sleep, and taking care of them."

Madam Speaker, Verna Naylor, the oldest female Postmaster in the U.S., passed away on July 6, at the age of 94. She was the heart and soul of Bentonville. Her tireless commitment and outstanding service to her community set a wonderful example for everyone she met. She will be missed.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the House join me in honoring the life of Verna Naylor.

MOTION TO TABLE THE APPEAL  
 OF THE RULING OF THE CHAIR  
 ON THE PRICE OF GEORGIA  
 LAME-DUCK PRIVILEGED RESO-  
 LUTION

**HON. PAUL RYAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I, along with Representatives DAVE CAMP of Michigan and JEB HENSARLING of Texas, submit the following statement for the RECORD with respect to the Motion to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair on the Price (R-GA) Lame-Duck Privileged Resolution.

As members of the Fiscal Commission, we are dedicated to getting spending under control and meaningfully addressing our fast-growing and unsustainable deficits. If the Commission reaches a bipartisan consensus, it is our hope that House and Senate leadership would work on a bipartisan basis to determine how and when those recommendations would be brought to the floor. There is no greater crisis facing America than the unchecked growth of spending that is fueling massive increases in our deficits.

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 FRANCE, EUROPE

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address the comments made by French President Nicolas Sarkozy that have caused quite the media flurry in the past few weeks.

On July 16, French police shot and killed a Romani man when he apparently tried to run a roadblock. This shooting sparked two days of rioting by some 50 members of his community damaging the local police station and private property.

In a story that has now been covered by the media from Vancouver to Moscow, French President Sarkozy subsequently announced



that he would look into “the problems created by the behavior of certain travelers and Roma,” with a view toward the closing down Romani camps and driving out Roma. Government statements have indicated these measures would focus on finding and expelling Romani citizens from Bulgaria and Romania—two European Union countries. Despite the fact that the Romani man in the July 16 incident was actually a French citizen—Mr. Sarkozy later spoke of stripping citizenship from nationalized French citizens convicted of serious offenses.

Not surprisingly, human rights groups have condemned the President’s remarks with one voice. Council of Europe Human Rights Commissioner Thomas Hammarberg rejected the notion of holding Romani people collectively responsible if one among them commits a crime. Good for you, Mr. Hammarberg. (It is a shame that the European Union has been so utterly silent and paralyzed in the face of this downward spiral.)

Many of the reports and analyses of these events, such as last Friday’s editorial in the New York Times, rightly placed these developments in the context of French politics and President Sarkozy’s political imperatives. Understanding the current political dynamic in France, particularly the ongoing debate over “national identity” and the situation of Muslim and African-origin minorities in France, is extremely helpful in understanding the President’s expansion into anti-Roma mudslinging. But there is a wider, broader European context for his remarks that I think must be addressed.

French Interior Minister Brice Hortefeux has stated that the new measures targeting Romani camps are not aimed at “stigmatizing a community” but rather at stopping illegal activity. This sounds remarkably like the rhetoric of Hungary’s far right wing party, Jobbik, which claims it is not against “Gypsies,” just “Gypsy crimes.”

In fact, rhetoric linking Roma to criminal activity or broadly portraying Roma as criminals—traffickers, prostitutes, thieves, and so forth—is pervasive throughout Europe. In early July, in the wake of a mass expulsion of Roma from Copenhagen, Danish Minister of Justice reportedly made remarks tying Romani culture to criminal behavior. Romania’s foreign minister remarked in February about “the natural physiology of Roma criminality.” For two years now, Italy has been gripped by anti-Roma policies, included targeting Roma for fingerprinting, that are built on a perception of the Roma as criminals.

The idea of Romani people as inherently criminal is not new. In fact, it was at the very center of Nazi racial theories regarding Roma. According to these theories, Roma—as descendants of an Aryan people—we’re just fine on their own. But Nazi racial hygienists concluded that, as a result of intermarriage between Roma and non-Roma, Roma had been left with mixed, “degenerate” blood and were genetically predisposed to criminality. Moreover, Roma were “unadaptable”—that is, this condition could never be changed. These Nazi racial theories provided the rationale for the sterilization, persecution, and eventual extermination of Roma.

Unfortunately, as Thomas Hammarberg, the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, has observed, “Even after the . . . Nazi killing of at least half a million Roma,

probably 700,000 or more, there was no genuine change of attitude among the majority population towards the Roma.” In other words, Nazi racial theories regarding Roma remain remarkably entrenched and are regularly given voice in the rhetoric about “Romani crime.”

Madam Speaker, last year Senator CARDIN and I, as Chairman and Cochairman of the Helsinki Commission, wrote to Secretary Clinton regarding the situation of Roma in Europe. In particular, we noted that “racist rhetoric directed against Roma today often uses terminology or images that have been in continuous use since the Nazi era,” and we argued that teaching about Romani experiences during the Holocaust is essential to successfully combat prejudice against Roma today. Perhaps this could start in France.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF DONALD A. GRIGGS

#### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Donald A. Griggs, a 29-year veteran of the Daly City Police Department.

Officer Griggs graduated from the Basic Police Academy at the College of the Redwoods in 1980 after earning an Associate Degree in Administration of Justice from the College of San Mateo. He was appointed as a Police Officer on March 10, 1980. He was a mentor to many recruits through his role as a Field Training Officer. In 1999 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He served bravely for many years as a member of the Daly City Police Tactical Response Team. He also served on the board of directors for the Daly City Police Athletic League. He is a dedicated police officer who forged many friendships during his career.

Sergeant Griggs received numerous department commendations during his career. Of special note, in 2003 he rushed into a burning building and evacuated the residents. He suffered smoke inhalation and was rushed to the hospital for treatment. He risked his life to save people in need. In another instance he was recognized for his professionalism by the victim of a particularly brutal sexual assault case. His professional and compassionate efforts helped restore the woman’s dignity. His actions serve as a source of pride for the entire police department.

Madam Speaker, on September 10, 2010, members of the Daly City Police Benevolent Association will honor Sergeant Donald Griggs at a special dinner and, as such, I ask that this body extends its thanks for a job well done.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. THOMAS GRAMS

#### HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great leader in humanitarian aid, Dr. Thomas Grams. Dr. Grams was tragically killed last week in Afghanistan by the

Taliban. Dr. Grams was in a remote region of Afghanistan fulfilling a medical aid mission with a group of nine other volunteers from the International Assistance Mission.

Dr. Grams practiced dentistry in Durango, Colorado for many years. Several years ago, he retired from private practice so that he could dedicate his life fulltime to the assistance of residents in developing countries. Dr. Grams took countless trips to India, Nepal, and Afghanistan to provide care for the indigent residents of these countries.

In particular, he was able to provide essential dental care for thousands of children in these countries. To the children he was known as “Dr. Tom.” Many of the children he treated had suffered for years with untreated dental problems. After their treatment when he returned to the villages and towns in future years, he would be able to see the lasting smiles on the children’s faces.

The focus of Dr. Grams’ life was to provide service to others and his mission was to provide access to dental and health care in some of the most remote corners of the world. His enthusiasm and devotion to the places he visited enabled him to cultivate great trust within these communities. He leaves behind him a legacy of countless people, especially children, whose lives were made better by his service. Dr. Grams represented western Colorado and his entire nation with honor. He exemplified that which is best in our country, a strong sense of compassion paired with the will and ability to help those in need.

Dr. Grams’ passion for service will be sincerely missed in both Durango and around the world by those he helped. Our nation and our world have lost a strong voice for compassion and healing. We will remember Dr. Grams as a shining example of that which is best in humanity. My condolences and prayers go out to his family and friends during this difficult time.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JERRY W. POTTS

#### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to recognize the life of retired Pensacola Police Chief Jerry W. Potts. Chief Potts passed away on August 6, 2010, after courageously battling cancer. He was a respected leader who spent his life serving his community and his country, and I am proud to honor his lifetime of dedication and service.

Even as a young man, Chief Potts recognized the importance of serving his country. At the age of 17, he joined the United States Army 82nd Airborne Division and served honorably for 3 years. During his time with the 82nd Airborne, he earned the Combat Infantry Badge for his active engagement in ground combat.

Shortly after serving in the Army, in 1973 Chief Potts joined the Pensacola Police Department. His commitment to excellence as an officer through his various assignments in Dispatch, Uniform Patrol, Investigations, and Traffic did not go unnoticed, and in 1995 Chief Potts was selected to serve as Assistant Chief. He continued to rise through the ranks



four years later and was appointed as Chief of the Pensacola Police Department, where he remained until his retirement in 2002. Chief Potts' positive impact on the department can be evidenced through the number of projects initiated under his leadership and through the number of improvements made in the Northwest Florida community.

Chief Jerry Potts will forever remain in the hearts and minds of those around him, not only as a cherished and well-respected figure, but as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his middle school sweetheart of 44 years, Linda, their 2 sons Jason and Justin, and their 5 grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize the life and deeds of Chief Jerry W. Potts. A committed community leader and loving family man—he will be missed by many, but his memory will live on through the timeless legacy he left. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our thoughts and prayers to the entire Potts family.

#### THE WIKILEAKS SCANDAL

### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I have taken some time to review some of the previously classified documents on the war in Afghanistan that were published by the WikiLeaks.org website. Before rushing to judgment about this very large, unauthorized disclosure of information, I wanted to review some of the documents myself to determine if indeed potential human sources of information had been compromised. After reviewing some of these documents, I have concluded that their release could indeed cause real harm to real people.

I have frequently taken the executive branch to task for over-classifying documents. There have been many episodes in our nation's history where the classification system has been used to hide improper acts or to shield policymakers and bureaucrats from scrutiny or embarrassment. The Pentagon Papers episode is perhaps the most well publicized example of the executive branch seeking to keep information classified because it is embarrassing. That is not the case with the so-called "Afghan War Diary" of WikiLeaks.org.

Some of the documents I reviewed contained the names of real Afghan insurgents who turned themselves in to U.S. or Afghan government forces. Those same reports say these defectors were interrogated, and we may presume that after they are released from custody they and their families could be in danger of assassination by other insurgents. The government has a legitimate need to keep secret any sources and methods that are truly important for our nation's security. The individual or individuals responsible for the release of these unredacted documents should be prosecuted. A criminal investigation into this matter is underway.

"KEEP THE SPIRIT OF '45 ALIVE!"

### HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to express strong support for the Spirit

of '45 Day celebrations that will be occurring throughout our country, including at the Alabama National Cemetery in my district.

On August 14, 1945, World War II officially ended, marking a victory for the cause of freedom over tyranny in the world. The Americans who served us on both the battlefield and the home front deserve our lasting gratitude. History will forever celebrate the men and women of the "Greatest Generation" who endured the Great Depression, preserved democracy, and rebuilt the postwar world, creating examples of service that continue to inspire and sustain our nation.

Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive is a non-profit grassroots campaign to encourage Americans to commemorate the 65th Anniversary of the end of World War II by holding events and inspiring young children to gather personal recollections of August 14, 1945 from family members and friends.

Their goal is to establish a permanent National Day of Remembrance to the legacy of service of the greatest generation so that their example of commitment to community and country will continue to provide inspiration now and in the future.

This commemoration will encourage our young people to learn valuable lessons from their elders about overcoming adversity through self-sacrifice, courage, perseverance and service to others. During my meetings, soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan have often told me how they were inspired by the service of their fathers and grandfathers.

It is my hope that Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive will serve as an example to Americans of how we always come together with a shared sense of national unity and purpose during challenging times in our nation's history.

Therefore, I would like to provide my heartfelt endorsement for the Spirit of '45 Day celebration at the Alabama National Veterans Cemetery on Saturday, August 14, 2010.

#### A PROCLAMATION HONORING MOLLI JACOBS' VICTORY AT THE AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, the American Quarter Horse Youth Association held its World Championship Show July 30 through August 7 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,

Whereas, the show is the world's largest single-breed show for youth,

Whereas, Molli Lyn Jacobs, who is 17, was among the 858 exhibitors,

Whereas, Molli showed a 2-year-old bay mare, RTH Style and Grace,

Whereas, Molli's brother R.J. also won a world championship at the event,

Whereas, the event's organizers said it was so unusual for two siblings to win world championships in the same year that they were unsure if it had ever happened before,

Resolved that along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend Molli Lyn Jacobs on winning a world championship at the American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Show, and for the hard work and dedication that led to this unique accomplishment.

#### HONORING BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA

### HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, since assuming office in January 2007, I have had the privilege of working with the Blue Star Mothers of Greater Philadelphia. That group has been in the forefront of countless efforts to support our troops engaged in two protracted conflicts. Though the "all volunteer force" has provided our nation with the most capable and powerful military in our history, it has also shifted the burden of waging those conflicts to a decreasing percentage of our overall population. As a result, the vast majority of Americans benefit from the security wrought by the sacrifice of relatively few families. In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, we are blessed by the work of Marian Moran of Media, PA who leads the Philadelphia Chapter, Laurie Menges of Hanover who leads the South Central Pennsylvania Chapter, Laura Zazworsky of Camp Hill, President of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter, and Sue Donaldson of Easton PA, President of the Lehigh Valley Chapter.

For our families with serving members of the military, it has always been the case that the greatest emotional toll of sending our sons and daughters to war is borne by our nation's mothers. Since 1943, the Blue Star Mothers of America (BSMA) have stepped forward to offer support, counsel and advocacy on behalf of their children and one another. In addition to the thousands of phone calls, letters, and emails of support that flow daily between BSMA members, they are actively engaged in policy making at the highest level. Their support for H.R. 2647, "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010", which directs states to provide both electronic and mail absentee ballots in a timely fashion, is helping to right a long-standing wrong in the provision of absentee ballots for serving members of our military. For years, our men and women in uniform have been denied their vote by inefficient and often indifferent bureaucracies at the local, state, and federal levels. The BSMA is also a tireless morale builder for our troops, providing 'care packages' from home, that not only nourish them but offer essential items to mitigate the extremely harsh climates in Iraq and Afghanistan. Most noteworthy is how Blue Star Mothers rally to the side of their sister Gold Star Mothers. When a Blue Star turns to Gold our entire nation mourns. But for the Blue Star Mothers that tragedy is their call to arms. An old Spanish proverb holds that "An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy." Certainly it is a fellow mother who is best qualified to offer comfort when a child has been lost in service to our nation. For over sixty seven years, the Blue Star Mothers have been there for their children, one another, their Gold Star sisters, and our nation.

As the Blue Star Mothers of America gather in Grand Junction, Colorado for their National Convention under the leadership of President Wendy Hoffman, I request that all Americans

acknowledge the maternal love, patriotism, and courage that distinguish that remarkable organization. Our entire nation has reason to be grateful for their service.

RECOGNITION OF MADLYN AND  
JAMES AARON

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of James and Madlyn Aaron's long-standing dedication to their community and to applaud their many contributions to the public. I hope that their faithful devotion to the State of New Jersey may serve as an example to us all.

James Aaron has been practicing law for 41 years and is a member of the New Jersey State Bar and Monmouth Bar Association. He is currently partner at the distinguished firm of Ansell Grimm & Aaron, based in Ocean, New Jersey. Jim has been able to connect his professional career with his desire to contribute to his community. He has served as a panelist for the Monmouth University Real Estate Institute and has lectured for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. In addition, Jim has been the City of Long Branch's City Attorney since 1994, has served as the municipal prosecutor and attorney for the zoning board for the City of Long Branch, and has held the position of Asbury Park's City Attorney. In fact, he is the only City Attorney in the history of New Jersey to serve these cities at the same time. Jim's impressive legal career includes practicing before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals, and the United States Court of Claims.

Mr. Aaron's active participation in New Jersey civic life extends to a variety of other spheres as well. In 2006, Jim was appointed the Commissioner of the New Jersey Racing Commission. He also sits on the Board of Trustees of the Hollywood Golf Club. In addition, because religion is important to him, Jim has attended Temple Beth Miriam for his entire life. He is now a member of the Temple's Board of Trustees.

Jim's wife Madlyn Aaron was a school teacher in the Long Branch school system for over 33 years. She holds a BA and an MBA from Monmouth University, and her commitment to education has continued even after retirement. Madlyn and Jim sponsor the Leslie B. Aaron Scholarship Fund which provides a scholarship to a deserving Long Branch High School senior every year. They also sponsor the Heimlich-Aaron Scholarship Fund which provides a scholarship for a worthy graduate of Temple Beth Miriam's Hebrew high school. The couple supports Monmouth University and the Monmouth Medical Center, and their contributions to civic life also include their active membership in the Long Branch Chamber of Commerce. Perhaps most notably, Jim and Madlyn recently served as co-chairs of the Temple Beth Miriam's "Capital Campaign." The campaign successfully raised over \$2.5 million dollars for the Temple.

Madam Speaker, please join me in leading this body in acknowledgement of the dedica-

tion of James and Madlyn Aaron to their community. Their contributions to civic life and charitable and religious organizations make them tremendously valued citizens of my district and the state of New Jersey.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 63RD AN-  
NIVERSARY OF PAKISTAN INDE-  
PENDENCE

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 63rd Anniversary of Pakistan independence. The 11th Congressional District of Virginia has benefited from being home to a diverse range of ethnic and religious peoples from all over the world. Northern Virginia as a whole is strengthened by this diversity. One community I wish to recognize today is the Pakistani community, which is an integral part of the makeup of Northern Virginia.

I am honored to represent a district with such diversity and prosperity. The Pakistani community has been vital to that success, contributing expertise and hard work in some of our fastest growing industries. The work ethic displayed is consistent with so many immigrant groups who have come before and who have contributed to building the United States of America into a great nation. By celebrating our respective traditions and heritage, we reaffirm our identity as Americans.

Pakistan Independence Day celebrates the end of British rule in the region and the founding of Pakistan as a sovereign nation by Muhammad Ali Jinnah. August 14, 1947, is officially recognized as the day that Pakistan won independence, and it is celebrated with lights, fireworks, and displays of national pride. The Pakistan Festival USA was originally held at the Lincoln Memorial in 1987, and has grown into a must attend event for the Pakistani community. Pakistan Festival USA has since moved to Lorton, VA, in the heart of the 11th Congressional District, in order to meet the needs of the growing attendance and demand of the Washington area Pakistani community. Today, this is one of the largest celebrations in the country celebrating the independence of Pakistan and recognizing the contributions of the Pakistani-American community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the 63rd Anniversary of Pakistan's Independence, and in recognizing the many contributions of Pakistani-Americans to our country and wishing them Yaum-e-Azad Mubarak (Happy Independence Day).

GOVERNMENT MOTORS AND  
MEXICO

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, Government Motors is investing \$500 million to re-

furbish an old manufacturing plant. GM is going to make a whole new line of engines at the new plant. And a whole new line of cars.

This GM investment of taxpayer bailout dollars will bring hundreds of new jobs!

The problem is the shiny new GM plant is in Mexico.

The Ramos Arizpe plant in northern Mexico will get a hefty half-billion dollar makeover.

Mexico will get the 390 new jobs that go along with it.

I thought the GM bailout was to "save or create" American jobs?

The American taxpayers bailed out GM. Its taxpayer money. Why isn't Government Motors investing a half billion dollars in an American Plant?

American jobs are going to Mexico. And Mexicans are coming to the United States to take American jobs.

Would these 390 new Mexican jobs be saved or created?

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING ROGER T. BOBB

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, the Genesee Charter Township Fire Department will honor Chief Roger T. Bobb for 45 years of service to the community at their 7th Annual Picnic. The Picnic will be held at the Township Fire Station Number 1.

After graduating from Kearsley High School in 1959 and attending Michigan State University, Chief Bobb was hired as a firefighter on June 7, 1965. During this time, Roger Bobb was also a member of the Michigan National Guard, and began working as an insurance agent. In 1973, he was promoted in the Fire Department to Captain. The following year, he was a member of the first graduating class of the Genesee County Michigan Firefighters Training Council Basic Firefighter Training program. He has also completed the Michigan Firefighters Training Council Fire Officer I Training Program. He was promoted to Assistant Chief in 1977 and became Fire Department Chief on January 6, 1985.

As part of the Genesee County Association of Fire Chiefs, Chief Bobb was elected a Trustee in 1985, elected Vice President in 1986, and elected President in 1987. He received the President's Award for Exemplary Service in 1999. He has also served as Chairman of the Radio Committee.

Chief Bobb and his wife, Carol, have a daughter, Jennifer, and a son, Brian. As part of a firefighting family, his brother served with the Fire Department for 35 years and his late father was a charter member of the Fire Department and served 22 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Chief Roger T. Bobb for 45 years of service to the Genesee Charter Township Fire Department. He is to be commended for his commitment to the safety and welfare of the community and I wish him the best in the future.

HONORING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN MANISTIQUE

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Manistique on the church's 125th anniversary. Members of the congregation selected the following passage as their theme for this historic anniversary, "We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word." It is a mission this congregation has been carrying out successfully for 125 years.

Zion Lutheran was founded on August 15, 1885 by missionary pastor J.J. Maakestad. Located on the shores of Lake Michigan in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the church's founding coincided with the decision in 1885 by the lumber community of Epsport to officially change its name to Manistique. Originally called the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church, 19 Swedish families totaling 65 individuals comprised Zion Lutheran's original congregation. By 1906 the congregation had already outgrown the original church built by J.J. Maakestad, and that year the present church was constructed at a cost of \$10,143.

Services at Zion Lutheran continued to be held in Swedish until 1947. Over the last century and a quarter, 20 pastors have served Zion Lutheran and the congregation elected its first women to the Church Council in 1974. The first lay person to serve as president of the Church Council was elected in 1979.

Members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church reach out to those in need with open arms and a strong sense of community. The congregation sponsors Boy Scout Troop #400 and Cub Scout Troop #402 and it has been involved with local Habitat for Humanity efforts. Zion Lutheran is also active in Lutheran World Relief and its members make an average of 250 quilts a year to be distributed to hospitals, orphanages and the sites of natural disasters to help those in need. In February 2002, the church began the "Sharing Prayers Ministry" program, which provides a homemade lap robe, or prayer shawl, to church members who are going through a stressful or difficult period in their life.

As a member of the Great Lakes Synod, Zion Lutheran has formed a cultural and spiritual fellowship with its sister congregation, Magomeni Lutheran Church in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. This includes an exchange of letters from Sunday schools classrooms, luncheons featuring foods from Tanzania, and this past fall two members of Zion Lutheran travelled to visit Magomeni Lutheran Church, bringing the Upper Peninsula to Tanzania.

Madam Speaker, the spirit and principles that are intrinsic to the Upper Peninsula can be found throughout the history of this church and the actions of its congregation. Over the past 125 years, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Manistique has shared the joy of the Lord with the community of Manistique and with open arms has reached out to those in need. For these many blessings, Madam

Speaker I ask that you, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in recognizing Pastor Dave Hueter and the members of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Manistique on its 125th anniversary.

HONORING LT. COL. WILLIAM "BILL" C. BRYAN

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today and invite my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Lt. Col. William "Bill" C. Bryan, longtime resident of Vacaville, California, and to recognize his many accomplishments and contributions to our country and the community.

Sadly, Bill passed away at home with his wife at his side on August 1, 2010 at the age of 90.

I was honored to have recently visited with Bill, his wife Betty and daughters Geri and Karen, as well as two of his grandchildren at their family home. Bill and Betty shared stories about their lives together and proudly showed off a mini time-line of photographs from their wedding day, their growing family and Bill's 90th birthday party. Bill also recalled his service in WWII and shared with me photographs of his early years in the service and throughout his distinguished career. Bill took great pride in serving our country and his love of flying was evident and everlasting.

William "Bill" Charles Bryan was born on April 27, 1920, in Big Timber, Montana, to William Franklin Bryan and Lena Bryan. Bill's outstanding character was no doubt evident to all who knew him, and his commitment to the United States Army was a true indication of his sense of duty and love of country.

Bill's long career with the military started when he was drafted into the Army in 1942 and served in the Army Coastal Artillery Unit. In 1943, he cross-trained and started pilot training in the Army Air Corps. In 1944, on his 17th mission over Germany, his B-24 was shot down over Austria. Bill courageously spent 14 months as a Prisoner Of War (POW) in Northern Germany at Stalag Luft #1. Despite often frightening and harrowing conditions as a POW, Bill returned to flying upon his release in 1946 and piloted the Douglas C-124 Globemaster and the Douglas C-130 Hercules. In 1947 Bill became a member of the newly designated United States Air Force where he continued to serve until retiring in 1966 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Bill would not remain idle after retiring from the Air Force for long. Following his distinguished time in the military, he embarked on a second fulfilling career and started his own business, "Bill's Refrigeration". Bill not only ran the business, but he also worked as a repairman on refrigeration systems through the neighboring communities until his retirement in 2004. For many years he volunteered his services and repaired the Vacaville Veterans Hall refrigeration system to continue showing his support to the veterans community.

Over the years, Bill donated his time and talent to the Veterans Community and was

often called upon as guest speaker at various veterans' services such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Remembrances and Prisoner of War and Missing in Action ceremonies. Bill served as an advisor to his local veterans groups on POW/MIA issues and was a member of the Quiet Birdman, Order of the Daedalians, American Legion Post 165, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7244 and Sacramento POW Club.

Bill's patriotism in the community was frequently recognized by his peers. Bill was seen standing proudly along the front row of veterans holding the POW/MIA flag for two hours at one event. He refused several attempts during the event to use a chair and he proudly proclaimed he was standing up, "in support of our troops".

Bill is survived by his wife, Betty C. Bryan; son, Wesley William and wife Jerri; his daughter, Geri Bryan Hann; stepdaughter, Karen Novak and husband Joe; stepson, Steve Croft and wife Oolah. He was also the proud grandfather of eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, once again, I would like to pay tribute to the life of a true American hero, Lt. Col. William "Bill" C. Bryan and further recognize his unwavering devotion to his family, his community, and his country.

HONORING RANDALL G. MEADOWS

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Whereas, Forty-six years ago a tenacious man of God accepted his calling to serve at Snapping Shoals EMC in Covington, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mr. Randall G. Meadows began his career with Snapping Shoals EMC and worked his way up to become President/C.E.O and today retires after forty-six years of outstanding service and leadership; and

Whereas, this remarkable man has shared his time and talents, giving the citizens of our District a friend to help those in need, a fearless leader and a servant to all who wants to insure that service truly comes with results and a smile; and

Whereas, Mr. Randall G. Meadows is a cornerstone in our community that has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mr. Randall G. Meadows on his retirement from Snapping Shoals EMC and to wish him well in his new endeavors;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim July 15, 2010 as Mr. Randall G. Meadows Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 15th day of July, 2010.

INVESTING IN AMERICAN JOBS  
AND CLOSING TAX LOOPHOLES  
ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this bill to invest in American jobs and close tax loopholes.

This bill is about one thing, and one thing only: jobs. It extends initiatives that are making a difference creating jobs and rebuilding our communities, and it closes tax loopholes that are helping big businesses ship jobs overseas.

North Carolina is creating jobs and saving money using Build America Bonds to improve communities across the Second District. This bill will expand these bonds to put more people to work, on projects like expanding sewers in Youngsville, Fayetteville, and Pittsboro, building schools in Lee County and Franklin County, and expanding hospitals and roads where they are most needed. The bill also extends and expands job subsidies that are helping struggling workers and small businesses at the same time. The other side has repeatedly said that we must help private companies expand; this funding makes sure that businesses can grow and workers whose jobs are at risk can keep their skills up-to-date.

This bill is an important step in our effort to promote an American Manufacturing Jobs agenda that will close loopholes that help companies move jobs overseas, support American jobs at home, and enable U.S. companies to bring back "Made in the U.S.A."

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this legislation.

AIRLINE SAFETY AND FEDERAL  
AVIATION ADMINISTRATION EX-  
TENSION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5900, the Airline Safety and Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act.

Today we have the opportunity to make good on the promise we made to the Families of Flight 3407 when we passed the Airline Safety and Pilot Training Improvement Act in October of last year. Our promise that Congress would act to correct the lack of oversight and safety standards that contributed to the crash of Continental Flight 3407 in Buffalo, NY in February of 2009, taking the lives of 50 people.

Three residents of New Jersey's 12th Congressional district were on this flight; Lorin Maurer, Ron Gonzales and Coleman Mellett. I have spoken with and heard from their families and friends, and my thoughts and prayers go out to them as they cope with the loss of these outstanding individuals. Lorin was a rising star at Princeton University whose positive attitude and volunteerism served as a shining example for the community. Ron was a tireless advocate for his community and he worked hard to save children who were in crisis due to domestic violence, drugs, gangs, and other social ills. And Coleman was a talented musician. Their passing was a huge loss to our community. I have been vigilant in working to ensure that we address the serious safety concerns that led to the crash.

A series of National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) hearings exposed the disturbing fact that the crash of Flight 3407 was preventable. The pilots had received inadequate training on how to recover from a stall and how to proceed in icing conditions. Severe pilot fatigue also was identified as the cause of the crash. The NTSB found that regional carriers are held to lower safety standards than national carriers despite regional airlines' accounting for one-half of all scheduled flights in the United States. As a result, five of the last seven fatal commercial plane crashes involved regional carriers.

As more Americans rely on commuter airlines for air service, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must take aggressive action to ensure that there is no difference in the level of safety provided by different air carriers. The NTSB hearings also made clear that the FAA has failed to issue regulations based on previous NTSB recommendations to establish uniform standards for training and performance. We owe it to the families and friends of the victims of the Flight 3407 to take action to prevent such tragedies in the future.

Last year I joined my colleagues from Upstate New York, CHRISTOPHER LEE and BRIAN HIGGINS in introducing the One Level of Safety

Act. Our legislation would require regional carriers to meet the same training and safety standards of national carriers.

Additionally, it would require the FAA to implement the unfulfilled NTSB recommendations that were found to be responsible for this crash. I would like to thank Chairman COSTELLO for including these important provisions in the Airline Safety & Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

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**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Duane Fouts, who was recently elected the 2011 President of the Arizona Association of Realtors®. Mr. Fouts will be installed as President on October 6, 2010.

Though his career began in 1988 as a salesperson, Mr. Fouts climbed his way up the proverbial ladder of the real estate industry. Frequently recognized for his contributions and leadership in the past, I am confident that Mr. Fouts will continue to demonstrate such leadership and admirably represent the 42,000 plus membership of the Arizona Association of Realtors®.

Mr. Fouts has earned numerous leadership appointments and industry awards for professional contributions, including the 2008 Realtor of the Year in Phoenix. He also gives back to his community as volunteer for the Scottsdale Boys and Girls Club as a basketball coach, and with Habitat for Humanity. I am proud to represent Mr. Fouts and his family—he and his wife Jill have two children and five grandchildren—in Arizona's 5th District.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Duane Fouts as an important member of Arizona's 5th District and the 2011 President of the Arizona Association of Realtors®.