

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE 165TH AIRLIFT WING OF THE GEORGIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 165th Airlift Wing of the Georgia Air National Guard, marking their tenth anniversary of mobilization for wartime missions.

Since 2003, the 165th Airlift Wing has served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn, with more than 80 percent of the wing's 900 airmen deploying during that time. Over the last ten years, the eight C-130H2 aircraft operated by the wing have seen 11,363 flying hours and 7,441 combat sorties.

When the 165th Airlift Wing was activated for the first time since the Korean War, its unit members responded admirably. Their first unit aircraft dispatched within 72 hours of notification. In 2004, the 165th Airlift Wing was the first C-130 unit to deploy and operate out of Iraq, flying under the famous "Red Tail" markings of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing.

In 2005, the 165th Airlift Wing had the solemn honor of supporting the rescue mission of the 16 Navy SEALs and Army Special Operation Aviation Regiment troops whose MH-47D was shot down while attempting to reinforce four SEALs under attack by the Taliban.

The 165th continued its tradition of excellence in 2011 as a part of the 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, during which time the 774th was recognized as the only squadron in the United States Central Command Area of Responsibility tasked at 100 percent. All 15 squadron aircraft flew every day for over 60 days.

In tribute to its outstanding service during wartime mobilizations, I am honored today to recognize the 165th Airlift Wing and its contributions to the United States of America.

102ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, October 10th marked the 102nd Anniversary of the Wuchang uprising, which led to the establishment of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on January 1, 1912. National Day of the Republic of China marks a significant day for the Taiwanese people as they celebrate each year with parades, fireworks and military regalia. The United States and Taiwan have been fortunate to share such a dynamic friendship that I believe will only continue to grow.

As the U.S. seeks to rebalance our comprehensive foreign policy strategy, and we

look to pivot to the Asian Pacific region, I feel that National Day deserves an appropriate commemoration from Congress. I believe it is vitally important for the U.S. to continue to bolster Taiwan's efforts as they are one of the most promising democracies in the region. Such stable regional partners should be valued and held in the highest regard.

This significant anniversary also provides an opportunity for this Congress to reflect on the current state of our bilateral relationship with Taiwan and to take proactive steps to enhance it.

As the 10th largest trading partner with the United States, Taiwan's economic importance is continuing to rapidly increase in a growing 21st century global economy. As longstanding friends and allies, I am pleased to add my voice to congratulate Taiwan on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH AN- NIVERSARY OF THE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 100th anniversary of one of my district's finest institutions: the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire. For one hundred years, the BIA has represented and protected the interests of New Hampshire's business community as the statewide chamber of commerce. Over that time, it has helped to strengthen the Granite State's robust economy, and it has played an essential role in creating and upholding the state's unmatched pro-business climate.

First known as the New Hampshire Manufacturer's Association, the BIA was born in 1913 from the minds of several small business leaders concerned about government legislation and over-regulation of business. Since that time, the Association has grown to represent more than 400 businesses across New Hampshire's strongest industries. Together, those businesses employ more than 86,000 workers across the state's manufacturing, technology, health care, and financial services sectors, among many others, and they contribute more than \$4.5 billion each year to the state economy.

Through the strength of its advocacy, the BIA has helped to shape public policies that encourage businesses to succeed and the community to prosper, now and into the future. On October 23rd, the Association will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a dinner and awards ceremony. As New Hampshire business leaders mark this special occasion, I urge all Granite Staters and all Americans to join them in honoring this essential community institution.

CONGRATULATING UNITED NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN ALEX- IS, IL

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate United North Elementary School in Alexis, IL, which has been recognized as a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School and will be honored next month at a ceremony here in Washington.

As the mother of three sons who were educated by our public schools, I know firsthand the importance of a high-quality education and I am proud that students in our community are learning at one of the best schools in the nation. United North Elementary has implemented several programs that identify struggling students early and provide them with individual attention to make sure all students have an opportunity to succeed. They have seen great results in students' math and reading abilities and I am happy they have been recognized for their achievements.

United North also succeeds in involving the whole community in education. Along with regular parent-teacher conferences and an active PTO, the school hosts classroom visits during American Education Week and recently started a Very Special Person Day for students to bring adult visitors to the school.

Mr. Speaker, I again want to congratulate United North Elementary School and Principal Sue Wilson for this remarkable achievement and I thank them for their service to students in our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF YVONNE WRIGHT

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Yvonne Wright, who celebrates her 100th birthday on October 23, 2013.

Yvonne Angelle Vigeant was born on October 23, 1913 in Brookline, Massachusetts. Growing up with twin sister Helene, she graduated from Brookline High School and was working at Boston State Hospital when she met Lewis Wright, who she married in 1935. A twin himself, Lewis and his brother were local entrepreneurs, purchasing English's Dairy and establishing Wright Brothers' Sports Center, the popular Holbrook bowling center and golf driving range. Together, Yvonne and Lewis raised four children, and went on to welcome nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wright has expressed a lifelong passion for art, having become an accomplished

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oil painter. She is also well-known in her community as being passionate about the environment, often advocating for greater environmental protections and voicing her opinion in local newspapers. Yvonne loves to spend time with her large family, and is often be found at her grandchildren's soccer games and school events.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Yvonne Wright on her 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing her many more years of health and happiness.

IN HONOR OF WORLD POLIO DAY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of the House that in many parts of the world, polio is on the run. What in the past was a worldwide epidemic is now a controlled, limited disease and the potential for total eradication is very real.

One of the groups that has dedicated much of its attention to this problem is our Rotary Clubs. Most of us think of Rotary as being that eclectic group of community volunteers who turn out at charity events or serve at pep rallies for the local high school football team. Their dedication to local goodwill is important, true, but they are actually much more.

In reality, more than 34,000 local Rotary Clubs throughout the world initiate and deliver service projects to address today's challenges, including illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty, lack of clean water, peace and conflict resolution, and environmental concerns. Back in 1985 Rotary began a mission to eradicate Polio. At that time more than 350,000 children were stricken with Polio every year at a rate of nearly 1,000 people afflicted by the crippling disease every day. Today, the reality is much different. The number of countries which are polio-endemic has been reduced to just three—Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Polio cases have been reduced by 99% to fewer than 700 recorded cases in 2011.

This advancement in health is due to the effort of many governments and charities and even individuals around the world dedicated to public health. But key among them is Rotary which has taken on as one of its central missions a positive initiative to create awareness and to educate the citizens everywhere about the vital importance of eradicating polio worldwide.

Mr. Speaker, on October 24 Rotary Clubs will mark World Polio Day and I commend them on their contribution to the worthy goal of eliminating polio around the globe.

REMEMBERING WALLACE "WALLY" BELL

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I am saddened to learn of the death of Wally Bell of Austintown, OH in my Congressional district. Wally Bell was a very well known umpire who

had risen to the highest level of officiating in the MLB. Wally was another great sports product of the Mahoning Valley. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to all of his friends and family.

I submit the following article that appeared in the New York Daily News on October 15.

[From the Associated Press, Oct. 15, 2013]

MLB UMPIRE WALLY BELL DIES OF APPARENT HEART ATTACK AT AGE 48

NEW YORK.—Major League Baseball umpire Wally Bell, who worked the NL playoff series between the Pittsburgh Pirates and St. Louis Cardinals that ended last week, has died. He was 48.

The commissioner's office confirmed Bell's death Monday. He died of an apparent heart attack in his home state of Ohio. "All of us at Major League Baseball are in mourning tonight regarding the sudden passing of Wally Bell," Commissioner Bud Selig said in a statement.

"I always enjoyed seeing Wally, who was a terrific umpire and such an impressive young man. On behalf of our 30 clubs, I extend my deepest condolences to Wally's family, fellow umpires and his many friends throughout the game."

Bell became the first active MLB umpire to die since John McSherry passed away of a heart attack on the field in Cincinnati on opening day in 1996.

Bell worked the 2006 World Series and three All-Star games, including this year's event at Citi Field, where he was stationed at first base. A veteran of 21 big league seasons, he had also worked four league championship series and seven division series since joining the major league staff in 1993.

According to Bell's biography on MLB.com, his proudest moment as a big league umpire was returning to the field after having open heart surgery in 1999. "I am deeply saddened and shocked at the loss of umpire Wally Bell," said Joe Torre, MLB executive vice president for baseball operations.

"Umpiring was his life, and he touched so many people within the game of baseball. Aside from being an accomplished, All-Star-caliber umpire, Wally was a loving dad to his two teenage children. I extend my deepest condolences to them, his girlfriend Renee, the rest of his family and his admirers across Major League Baseball."

Bell was 34 and 2½ weeks from leaving for spring training in 1999 when his heart problem was detected. He had quintuple bypass surgery on Feb. 18, 1999, that left him with an 8-inch scar down the middle of his chest. Two of his arteries had been 100 percent blocked. Two more had been 80 percent blocked, another 70 percent. But he returned to work 11 weeks later in San Diego for a game between the Padres and Atlanta Braves. That night, plate umpire Mark Hirschbeck took the first ball out of play, and planned to have all the umps sign it before presenting the souvenir to Bell.

Seven years later, Bell was behind the plate for Game 3 of the World Series between Detroit and St. Louis at Busch Stadium. During the 2013 regular season, Bell was a member of Tim McClelland's crew.

"Wally was a great umpire, a great partner and a great friend. The umpiring community is deeply saddened by this tragic loss. He will be sorely missed by many," said major league ump Joe West, President of the World Umpires Association.

Bell is survived by his son, Jason, and daughter, Lindsey.

IN TRIBUTE TO HAROLD SHARP

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Harold Sharp for his 44 years and 3 months of dedicated government service. Arizona is in sincere gratitude for the assistance, guidance, and leadership you have provided for the Federal Aviation Administration for so many years.

HONORING KA JOOG

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the organization Ka Joog, and to recognize its contributions to the Somali community of Minnesota through art, education, and political action.

Ka Joog launched in 2007 as an organization with no funding, but with an abundance of energy and dedication. The organizers, led by Mohamed Farah, worked tirelessly to establish an environment where Somali youth could gather and solve problems in their community. Their challenges were abundant—from the language and cultural separation of growing up in a foreign country, to the negative media attention of gang shootings and drug trafficking. The members wanted to help Somali teens "stay away"—the translation of Ka Joog—from "drugs, violence, radicalization and other negative influences, and instead to stay on the right path by attaining higher education and serving and volunteering in their communities."

And in that, they have been phenomenally successful. Last year, Ka Joog was awarded the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award by the FBI's Minneapolis Division, as well as the Ninth Ward's Youth Leader of the Year award. In just six years, Ka Joog has established itself as a political and cultural force in the Twin Cities.

Its programming is diverse and effective. Mentoring groups provide support and guidance to the youngest of the community through workshops, field trips and tutoring. A program called "Invisible Art" fosters discussions through prose, poetry and song, nurturing creativity and effective communication. A summer camp last year provided a new connection to Minnesota's natural environment for disadvantaged Somali youth, many of whom had never left the Twin Cities. Ka Joog regularly hosts conferences and roundtables on issues affecting the Somali community, gathering local, state, and federal officials to discuss gang violence, job opportunities, education, health and medical disparities, and the prevention of terrorism. Not only does their work solve many problems through discussion, coalition building, and personal engagement, it also demonstrates to youth who feel left out of the political process that they too can accomplish their goals by working hard and working together.

Ka Joog has already helped thousands of Minnesota youth, and it is poised to help even

more in the future. On behalf of all Minnesotans, I thank Ka Joog for its public service.

HONORING THERESA M.
DESFOSSES ON BEING INDUCTED
INTO THE RV/MANUFACTURED
HOUSING HALL OF FAME

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Theresa M. Desfosses of Scarborough, Maine on being inducted into the RV/Manufactured Housing Hall of Fame.

In August 2013, Theresa Desfosses was inducted into the RV/Manufactured Housing (RV/MH) Hall of Fame, becoming only the fifth member from New England, one of only a few women, and the first Mainer to receive the honor. Inducting its first class in 1972, the RV/MH Hall of Fame was established by the RV/MH Heritage Foundation to recognize individuals that have made a significant, positive impact on the manufactured housing industry.

Throughout her career, Theresa has helped grow and advance the manufactured housing industry on the national and state levels. On the national level, she most recently served on the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee, advising the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development on manufactured housing regulations and safety standards. On the state level, Theresa was instrumental in establishing the Manufactured Housing Association of Maine as well as Maine's Manufactured Housing Board, serving on its Board of Directors for many years.

Theresa has not only helped transform the manufactured housing industry, but has also had a direct impact on the lives of her fellow Mainers. As owner of State Manufactured Homes, a third-generation family business, Theresa has provided affordable, accessible homes to more than 700 Maine families. Her tireless work ethic and commitment to Maine have made our state a better place to live.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in recognizing the extraordinary accomplishments of Theresa M. Desfosses and congratulating her on being inducted into the RV/MH Hall of Fame.

IN MEMORY OF JOANN KOOBATIAN

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Foothill High School's choir teacher, JoAnn Koobatian, who sadly passed away on Friday, October 18 after an eight-year battle with a rare form of cancer. She was just 47.

JoAnn, an East Bay native, joined the faculty at Pleasanton's Foothill High School in 1996. She was vital to rebuilding its choir program, which had disappeared from the school's curriculum in the 1980s.

Since reviving the choir program, JoAnn's ability to connect with students made it ex-

tremely popular. Because of her dedication and passion for teaching music, she was named Pleasanton's Teacher of the Year for 2011.

Even while battling cancer for many years, JoAnn continued doing what she loved—teaching—and she always encouraged the best from her students.

Her students showed their love and devotion for their beloved teacher by hosting many local fundraisers to help JoAnn and her family pay for her medical expenses. JoAnn's legacy will continue in the lives of the students she touched.

I want to express my deepest condolences to JoAnn's husband Richard and daughter Amanda. JoAnn will be missed dearly. Her life is truly an inspiration to students, faculty, and the entire Foothill community.

CONGRATULATING BRAD WIL-
LIAMS ON HIS SELECTION AS
CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL
APARTMENT ASSOCIATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Brad Williams of Dallas, Texas, on his upcoming installation as chairman of the board of directors for the National Apartment Association (NAA), which will take place on November 8 in Dallas.

Mr. Williams and his work exemplify the spirit of business in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. He has forty years of experience in property management and, with Lincoln Property Company, manages 50,000 rental units in both Texas and the Midwest. He also has a history of leadership in the rental housing industry. He is a past president of the Apartment Association of Greater Dallas and of the Texas Apartment Association (TAA). He has chaired the Texas and National Legislative Committees; and, for the last three years, he has served as chairman of the NAA's Political Action Committee (NAAPAC). Mr. Williams has also worked as Secretary on the Executive Committee for the NAA.

Rental housing is a crucial and growing industry in Dallas, where almost half of the city's people live in apartments. Many of these buildings are new and bring construction, innovation, and an economic boost to the area. Nationwide, 35 million people reside in apartments which contribute \$1.1 trillion and 26 million jobs to the economy—from construction and skilled trades to leasing, operations, management, and even to the various businesses that surround residential buildings. To help ensure that rental housing is of a quality worthy of the public, the NAA makes it its mission "to serve the interests of multifamily housing owners, managers, developers and suppliers and maintain a high level of professionalism in the multifamily housing industry to better serve the rental housing needs of the public." Founded in 1939, the NAA today consists of 170 local and state affiliates, 63,000 members, and 6.8 million homes.

Mr. Williams is a native of Dallas, where he now lives with his wife, Ginny. He is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School and received a degree in History from the University

of Texas. He earned his Certificate of Real Estate from Southern Methodist University and his designation as a Certified Property Manager from the Institute of Real Estate Management.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Chairman-elect Brad Williams and wishing him well as he guides the National Apartment Association through the upcoming year.

IN HONOR OF BISHOP DONALD
HILLIARD, JR.

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr. on his 30th Pastoral Anniversary. As Senior Pastor at Cathedral International, Dr. Hilliard continues to provide outstanding spiritual leadership to the Perth Amboy, Asbury Park and Plainfield communities.

Dr. Hilliard received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern College, Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and Doctor of Ministry degree from the United Theological Seminary. He was ordained in 1978 by the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. and was consecrated a bishop in 1995. Dr. Hilliard became the Senior Pastor of Cathedral International at the age of 26.

Under Dr. Hilliard's leadership, the membership of Cathedral International has grown from 125 congregants in 1983 to 6,000 members today. The church is also expected to expand to a fourth location in Cranbury. In addition to leading Cathedral International, Dr. Hilliard is also the Founder and Presiding Bishop of the Covenant Ecumenical Fellowship and Cathedral Assemblies, Inc. and mentors other pastors. He founded and currently serves as CEO of the Cathedral Community Development Corporation, which provides resources and services to the community. He is also a member of many other religious and community organizations, including the NAACP.

Over the years, Dr. Hilliard has been recognized by various organizations for his contributions to the church and community. He has received the New York City Council of Churches' Clergy of the Year Award, the Perth Amboy Chamber of Commerce Executive of the Year Award and the National Conference for Community and Justice Humanitarian Award, among several others.

Dr. Hilliard is the son of Alease Hilliard-Chapman and the late Donald Hilliard, Sr. He is married to Pastor Phyllis Thompson-Hilliard and together they have three daughters.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in celebrating the 30th Pastoral Anniversary of Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr. His leadership, service and dedication to the church and community are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

RECOGNIZING WALTER MORRIS

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of the first African-American paratrooper to be enlisted in the U.S. Army. Walter Morris, a retired Second Lieutenant who passed away at the age of 92, was the first African-American man accepted for airborne duty in the Army. At a time where segregation existed prevalently in our country, Mr. Morris broke a barrier, setting the precedent for an additional 400 Black paratroopers to serve before the end of World War II.

At the time, then Sergeant Morris led training sessions to mimic parachute practice after duty hours to raise the morale of African-American soldiers. It is the strength, courage, dedication, and camaraderie of Mr. Morris for which I am humbled to honor his life here today.

Mr. Morris was an original member of the Triple Nickels, a battalion later assigned to a secret mission titled Operation Firefly, a maneuver for the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture. The Triple Nickels had to minimize the damage from aerial attacks by Japanese balloon bombs over the Pacific Northwest coast. The Army kept this operation secret because they wanted to disguise the fact that the Japanese balloon bombs had actually reached the U.S. coastline.

Mr. Morris's actions paved the way for African-American soldiers to become part of one of the most prestigious departments of the U.S. Army, the 82nd Airborne Division. He co-founded the African-American Cultural Association, an education facility for adults and children. Now in its 34th year, the association is a way to ensure the legacy of the Triple Nickels.

Together with Lt. Morris's two daughters, grandson, and two great-grandsons, we remember the life of an American Hero—someone who stood tall in the face of adversity and in unison with his fellow soldiers and his country.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANNETTE BOWLING

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding citizen and servant of humankind, Mrs. Annette Bowling, Executive Director of the Albany Advocacy Resource Center (ARC). The Albany ARC will honor Mrs. Bowling for her forty years of dedicated service and leadership at their 50th anniversary celebration on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 6 o'clock in the evening at the Albany Hilton Garden Inn in Albany, Georgia.

The Albany ARC was founded in 1963 to advocate on behalf of persons with disabilities in the Albany, Georgia community. In its fifty years of operation, it has become one of the largest and most successful private provider agencies in the state of Georgia.

Mrs. Bowling began working at the Albany ARC in 1974 after her son was the first child in the state of Florida to undergo open heart surgery. As a single mom, she relied on the support she received from her community to get through this difficult time. This inspired her decision to dedicate her life to helping others and she then embarked on what was to be a long and fulfilling career at the Albany ARC.

Mrs. Bowling's work with the Center since 1974 has made a difference in the lives of many Georgians, and has helped improve the quality and dignity of life for those individuals served by the Albany ARC. When she first arrived in Albany, there were no community services or resources for people with disabilities. Since then, she has passionately directed and advocated for many programs to improve the lives of so many Georgians with disabilities. Truly, any cause to which Annette Bowling's name was attached commandeered respect.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays once said, "He who starts behind in the race of this life, must forever remain behind or run faster than the man in front." Mrs. Bowling has been the driving force behind programs that have helped improve the quality of rehabilitation and disability services for those who need these services to help them to "catch up." She has contributed significantly to the Albany ARC, making it the great community resource that it is today.

In addition to her work with the Albany ARC, Mrs. Bowling has served on many regional and statewide boards of directors, including the ARC of Georgia, Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center, Southwest Georgia Easter Seals, Community Institute of Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, and the Georgia Budget Policy Committee. She also serves as Chairperson of the Division of Rehabilitation Services Council of the Georgia Department of Medical Assistance and has co-chaired the Governor's Blue Ribbon Taskforce on Community Based Services. Her office is filled with hundreds of awards and honors but the trophy that Mrs. Bowling is most proud of is the incarnation of her vision that those with disabilities can be productive members of society.

Mrs. Bowling has accomplished much in her life but none of this would have been possible without the love and support of her husband of thirty-two years, George, her son and her granddaughter.

Shirley Chisholm once said that, "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Mrs. Bowling has certainly paid her rent and paid it well. Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Through every stage of her life, Mrs. Bowling has always given of herself to others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife, Vivian, and the more than 700,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District in paying tribute to a phenomenal woman, Mrs. Annette Bowling, and in thanking her for her forty years of dedicated service to the Albany Advocacy Resource Center, to the Albany, Georgia community and to thousands of families with disabilities across our great state of Georgia.

TRIBUTE TO MS. DAWN DAUER

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Dawn Dauer of Cape Girardeau, Missouri for her outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the local community. Ms. Dauer currently works as a Community Bank President for the Bank of Missouri and serves in the Young Bankers Division and on the Government Relations Committee of the Missouri Bankers Association. Outside of work, she is heavily involved in several different community organizations including the Saint Francis Medical Center Foundation Board, the Southeast Missouri State University Foundation Board, the Missouri Innovation Corporation Board of Directors, the Evangel University Alumni Board of Directors, the Old Town Cape Economic Restructuring Committee, the Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce, and Cape First Church.

Ms. Dauer enjoys being able to mentor students from Evangel University in their career and life decisions. She reaches out to young women who are right out of college or trying to find a career path, and guides them to be the best they can be. Ms. Dauer sees her volunteerism and work in the community as her own form of ministry. I am grateful that we have such caring and hardworking members of the Cape Girardeau community, such as Ms. Dawn Dauer. It is my pleasure to recognize her achievement before the House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following remarks regarding my absence from votes which occurred on October 22, 2013. Due to a death in the family being Rita Miskewicz of Summerville, South Carolina, I was unable to make it to Washington. Listed below is how I would have voted if I had been present.

Roll No. 551—H.R.185, Paul Brown United States Courthouse, "aye"; Roll No. 552—H.R. 3205, Promoting Adoption and Legal Guardianship for Children in Foster Care Act, "aye"; Roll No. 553—On approving the journal, "aye."

HONORING L. GOEBEL PATTON FOR HIS YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE TO SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

HON. WILLIAM L. ENYART

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring L. Goebel Patton on his 100th Birthday—tomorrow, October 24, and in recognizing his many

years of community service in Southern Illinois.

Considered by many as “Mr. Southern Illinois,” Goebel Patton has worn many hats in his 80+ years of service to the people in his region. Educator, administrator, board member, lodge member, church and community leader, mentor—While this is an impressive list, it does not encompass all the roles that Goebel Patton has filled in service to the people of Southern Illinois.

Goebel Patton began his career as an educator at Logan School in West Frankfort, Illinois in 1931, just prior to his 18th birthday. He served as principal of several area elementary and middle schools before serving as Principal and Superintendent at Frankfort Community High School from 1946–1960. Between 1960 and 1970, Patton put his years of experience in education to use as Director of Public and Professional Relations for the Illinois Education Association before returning to Southern Illinois as Superintendent of Frankfort Community School District No. 168, the school district that he was instrumental in forming, from 1970 to 1984.

A member of the Second Baptist Church in West Frankfort for over 75 years, Patton has had the same impact and influence in that congregation as in his community. He was instrumental in constructing two sanctuaries for the church and organized a weekly Men’s Prayer Group in 1990.

Patton has served on virtually every community and charitable organization in Franklin County. The list includes: Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, Salvation Army, Franklin-Williamson Human Services, Egyptian Council, Boy Scouts, JALC Foundation, SIU Foundation and the American Cancer Society. As chairman of the fund raising committee, he helped raise \$600,000 for an Aquatics and Activity Center in West Frankfort. A banquet room in the center was named in his honor.

After his 98th birthday, Patton received a six year appointment to the Board of Trustees of a new private college being organized in West Frankfort. When asked about taking on such a lengthy commitment at his age, he repeated one of his favorite quotes for which he is famous in Southern Illinois—“Community service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this earth.”

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing L. Goebel Patton a Happy 100th Birthday and thanking him for a lifetime of community service.

OFFERING A SUMMARY OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING ON FLORIDA WATERWAYS ISSUES

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on October 3rd, we held an historic bipartisan Congressional briefing on issues affecting the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee waterways, bringing national attention to the issue of toxic waters that have been plaguing the Treasure Coast. For both those who were unable to attend and for those that were there, I hope the following summary of the briefing will be helpful. For more information on the briefing, in-

cluding a full transcript and video and presentations from panelists, please visit: www.PatrickMurphy.house.gov/IndianRiverLagoon.

COMMUNITY VOICES

It was great to see so many familiar faces from the district who were able to attend our briefing. There was an overwhelming showing of support, with over a hundred community members who came to bring national attention to this pressing issue, leaving us with standing room only. The bus full of dozens of residents that held fundraisers to make the long journey up to Washington, D.C. was unprecedented, and their presence helped demonstrate the gravity of this issue and its impact on the lives of those in the affected communities.

We heard from a variety of community members throughout the briefing including children who told of how their summer was dramatically affected by the pollution in the river, and long-time residents who have seen the problem year after year. We all came together to send many decision makers at the local, state, and federal levels a clear message: This is a serious problem that demands solutions.

PANELIST INPUT

Though because of the government shutdown our federal agency panelists could not attend the briefing, our state and local panelists gave many perspectives and insights into federal, local and state work underway and also discussed what else needs to be done in order to fully address the issue. They included:

Secretary Herschel Vinyard, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Ernie Barnett, Assistant Executive Director, Everglades Ecosystem Restoration, South Florida Water Management District

Dr. Tom Van Lent, Senior Scientist, Everglades Foundation

Senator JOE NEGRON, Chair of State Select Committee on the Indian River Lagoon and Lake Okeechobee Basin

Representative Matt Caldwell, Florida House of Representatives—District 79

Representative Heather Fitzenhagen, Florida House of Representatives—District 78

Thomas MacVicar, MacVicar Consulting, Inc.

Mark Perry, Executive Director, Florida Oceanographic Society

Martin County Commissioner Chair Sarah Heard

St. Lucie County Commissioner Frannie Hutchinson

Lee County Commissioner Larry Kiker

Mayor Kevin Ruane, Sanibel, Florida

Todd Bonlarron, Legislative Director, Palm Beach County

Mr. Roland Ottolini, Director, Lee County Division of Natural Resources

Dr. Brian LaPointe, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Florida Atlantic University

The panelists highlighted many important points and everyone agreed that continuing to fight and urge for funding for existing Army Corps projects is crucial, such as the C-44 Indian River Lagoon Project, Herbert Hoover Dike repairs, and other Everglades restoration projects to provide relief to our imperiled waterways. There was also consensus that provisions in the House Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) will help to move forward on Everglades ecosystem restoration, which has a huge impact on our area.

After passing WRRDA, we will continue to pressure the Army Corps to complete the Chief’s Report for the Central Everglades Planning Project so that these important projects can move forward as well.

MEMBER ADVOCACY

I also was thankful that over 20 Members of Congress came to learn more about this issue and to hear directly from community members on how these toxic waters have affected them. Below is a list of which Members of Congress attended and some of the comments they made:

Senator BILL NELSON—

“There are way too many nutrients in [the water], and I am sure you have already had the testimony of what happens when there is too many nutrients. It is not only that bottle, but that has been going on for years.”

“We have got to continue the appropriations for the Everglades restoration. We have to keep the fire under the Army Corps of Engineers.”

“My ask of you all would be to keep up the pressure.”

House Democratic Leader NANCY PELOSI—

“When PATRICK MURPHY came in with that bottle I was not sure what was going on. When he told me what that water was, it was really shocking.”

“The fact that all of you are here is a tribute to how important the issue is . . . I think your being here and their support for this elevates this to an issue of national significance.”

House Democratic Whip STENY HOYER (who was so moved by the briefing that he visited the district on October 14th to see the problem firsthand)—

“This is a crucially important issue, not just for Florida, but also for our nation. This is an extraordinary resource, and Florida is a resource. I want to thank you for doing those carwashes to come up here. Saying democracy works is a little tough today, but I have been in office for 45 years. Democracy works. Democracy works because conscientious people take their time and effort to communicate their concerns.”

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman BILL SHUSTER—

On WRRDA legislation: “We worked very hard in the committee to produce a bipartisan product and went through a number of listening sessions from local stakeholders to industries and companies that have interests in the ports, harbors, waterways, and environmental restoration projects.”

“Both Republicans and Democrats both saw the need to make sure we move these projects forward faster and I think anybody that runs any type of organization knows that time is money. So, we get this done faster and we can save money and get these projects closer to completion.”

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Ranking Member NICK RAHALL

House Natural Resources Committee Ranking Member PETER DEFAZIO

Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment Ranking Member TIM BISHOP

Co-chair of the Everglades Caucus Rep.

MARIO DIAZ-BALART

Co-chair of the Everglades Caucus and the Florida Delegation Rep. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Member Rep. CHERI BUSTOS

Florida Congressional Delegation Members: Rep. CORRINE BROWN; Rep. TED DEUTCH;

Rep. LOIS FRANKEL; Rep. JOE GARCIA; Rep. JOHN MICA; Rep. BILL POSEY; Rep. TOM ROONEY; Rep. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ; Rep. DANIEL WEBSTER; Rep. TED YOHO.

Every Member who attended was provided a comprehensive information on this issue, as well as actions Congress can take to help address this problem.

While I was extremely pleased to have a number of my colleagues attend this briefing to hear directly from our community, we have a long and challenging fight ahead of us to get the message to 200 other Members of the House to ensure that Congress continues to fund and authorize projects and initiatives that will help clean the waters of our local rivers and estuaries.

COMMON GOALS

One of the goals of this briefing was to isolate common goals among the many parties and stakeholders in the room. Some of the re-occurring points many stakeholders agree on that need work on the federal level are:

Continue to advocate to Members of Congress the importance of Everglades restoration funding

The shocking photos provided by local residents depicting this devastation to the ecosystem were on full display to all Members, as well as the presence of so many concerned citizens speaking personally about how these discharges have impacted them and the community. This education aspect of the briefing was crucial. With the 22 Members who attended, they now can help garner support for important measures related to local environmental projects when they come up for a vote, helping us advocate for the passage of the House Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) and including needed funding in the Administration's budget. But our advocacy work isn't done. We still must make the case that Everglades restoration funding is an important goal that ALL Members of Congress should support.

Funding to complete Everglades restoration projects

Everyone agreed that continuing to fight and urge for funding for existing Army Corps projects is crucial. With the involvement of Congress and federal agency officials, we can work together to prioritize funding for ongoing projects such as the C-44 Indian River Lagoon Project, the Kissimmee River restoration project, and other Everglades restoration projects that once completed will provide relief to our imperiled waterways. In order for the entire system to function better, many key components must be able to function. Completing projects that are already under construction will help us most effectively clean the waterways of southern Florida.

Continued funding to rehabilitate the Herbert Hoover Dike

One of the biggest problems affecting our waterways is that Lake Okeechobee can only retain a specific amount of water safely. That is why the community agrees that the Army Corps must continue its work of rehabilitating the Herbert Hoover Dike to get it to a state where it can contain more water safely. Holding more water in the lake is the most effective method of water retention in the area, and while this will be a long term project, Congress must act to continue to fund the critical work of rehabilitating this vulnerable structure.

Passing the House WRRDA bill

There was also consensus that provisions in the House WRRDA bill will allow state and

federal actors to move forward on Everglades ecosystem restoration, which in turn benefits our district. In addition to passing WRRDA, we also need to continue to pressure for the Chief's Report for the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) so that these important projects can move forward as well. While the CEPP Chief's Report isn't scheduled to be complete until 2014, the timing of passing a final WRRDA bill will be crucial.

Urging the Corps to safely reexamine the Lake Okeechobee Release Schedule

Another issue that was discussed is the need for the Army Corps to reevaluate at what level the lake can safely retain water by reassessing the Lake Okeechobee Release Schedule (LORS). I sent a letter to Army Corps officials just prior to the briefing but we must continue to urge them to take this action to reduce these harmful discharges from the lake into the St. Lucie.

Getting federal agencies more involved on the ground

Unfortunately, due to a government shutdown, our federal agency panelists were unable to attend. Although we were still able to have a robust and important conversation, it is vital that these federal agencies become more involved. They each have a role to play, and their engagement can be helpful to addressing the river issue. I will be working with my colleagues who attended the briefing to push for this involvement from agencies such as the Army Corps, NOAA, and Fish and Wildlife, as well as invite these officials to see the damage firsthand so they see the urgent need to move forward with these ongoing projects.

There was also unity on the state moving forward quickly and aggressively with their water quality implementation plans.

MOVING FORWARD

The briefing successfully brought this important issue into the national spotlight. Unfortunately, we are dealing with a Congress that could not even come together to keep the government open, so a fight for funding to address the pollution impacting our local waterways in the current "no spending" climate will be a challenge, but is a challenge we must take on. There is a difference between wasteful spending, something I've been tackling in the past 10 months, and smart investments such as these projects needed to help our local environment, that provide a three-to-one return on investments. While I can't promise that this issue will be solved in the next year or even the next several years, I do promise to do everything I can to move us towards this end. I remain focused on this issue of great concern to our community, our environment, our economy, and our entire way of life.

HONORING MR. KENNETH TILSEN

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kenneth Tilsen and recognize his contributions to the expansion of liberty and justice inside and outside the courtroom.

Mr. Tilsen measured his success by the number of people he helped, by the body of law he fought to uphold, and by the countless hours he worked to amplify the voices of dis-

advantaged and oppressed peoples. Born to immigrant parents in 1927, Ken learned compassion and understanding through example. His father founded the first company to build integrated housing in Saint Paul. Ken grew up in St. Paul's most racially diverse neighborhood, and attended integrated Marshall High School. He studied Law at the University of Minnesota, graduating at the top of his class in 1950. After practicing as a managing partner at a major firm in the Twin Cities, Mr. Tilsen left to begin his own private practice, so that he could represent anti-war, anti-draft, and civil rights cases. As his son described, "he wanted to define for himself a better kind of law practice and be a better kind of lawyer." And that is exactly what he did.

Mr. Tilsen's career traces a line through some of the most important social movements of our time. He defended the Minnesota 8, who were accused of raiding Selective Service offices in protest of the draft; he represented the Southern Landowners Alliance of Minnesota in a long battle to protect wilderness and farmland from unneeded power lines; he fought as one of the major attorneys of the Wounded Knee Legal Defense/Offense Committee against FBI and police misconduct, and continued the fight against historical revisionism of that case for decades afterward. He worked for the Venezuelan whistle-blower Rene Hurtado, the University of Minnesota's Afro-American Action Committee, and the protesters from the 2008 Republican National Convention in St. Paul. Many powerful individuals disapproved of his work, and he paid for his activism through years of harassment, and even questioning by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

But Mr. Tilsen's body of work did not go unnoticed, and he was recognized with awards such as the ACLU Earl Larson Award, the National Lawyers Guild Lifetime Contribution to Social Justice Award, and being named one of "Minnesota's 100 most influential lawyers of all time."

Mr. Tilsen practiced law until 1993, turning then to teaching at the Hamline University School of Law. "Ken loved the law," his son wrote. "He was personally offended when it was twisted to serve the rich and powerful at the expense of normal people trying to live their lives." He used that passion to better the law—to better the state of Minnesota and to better the United States of America. The legacy Mr. Tilsen leaves is a valuable lesson to every citizen: that our government is only as strong as those who are willing to fight for "the little guy."

THE PASSING OF BILLY THOMPSON HARDMAN

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Georgia lost a true champion and advocate for our great State last week. Billy "Bill" Thompson Hardman spent much of his life working to put Georgia on the map as a destination for both domestic and international tourists. His efforts, which spanned decades, helped draw millions to enjoy the wonderful natural and manmade wonders Georgia has to offer.

Bill was born in Colbert, Georgia on June 5, 1926. He served in the U.S. Merchant Marines in World War II, after which he attended Piedmont College and Mercer University.

In 1959, Bill was appointed Georgia's first tourism director, where he served for more than a decade. During his tenure, he built the state's first eight welcome centers, launched a tourism advertising program, conducted the nation's first Governor's Conference on Tourism, and promoted Georgia throughout the U.S., Canada, and Europe. Bill founded Hardman Productions after leaving state government in 1970. His company conducted a variety of events, including travel and RV trade shows.

During this time, Bill was hired to lobby on behalf of the Georgia World Congress Center. He met his goals of raising public support for the Center and ensuring that the Center would be built in Atlanta.

Bill also served as chairman of the Travel Association of America, now the U.S. Travel Association. He served more than 40 years on that association's board, which gave him the distinction of having the longest tenure of any member.

I have tremendous respect and admiration for all Bill did to promote tourism in Georgia and grow that industry into such a meaningful part of our State's economy. My family and I extend our prayers and thoughts to the large family and extensive circle of friends Bill leaves behind. Bill's impact on Georgia will be felt for generations to come, and we are grateful for his legacy.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF BEATRICE MURPHY

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the birthday of Beatrice Schaumburg Murphy who is turning 100 years old today. When Beatrice was born in 1913, Woodrow Wilson was President and her life has spanned sixteen presidencies.

She married Frank Murphy on October 28, 1934, and I'm told they celebrated more than 60 wonderful years together. Their marriage produced four sons, Franklin, Marvin, Jerome and David. Beatrice assumed the role of mother, homemaker and involved herself with the family dairy farm. She is also proud of her role as grandma having been blessed with 15 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

Beatrice contributes her excellent quality of life at her age to "being positive, looking forward to things, being satisfied with what I have; which is good family and friends". Beatrice also says, "The ability to make friends is pretty important when you're my age. Many of my old friends aren't around anymore, so I have to keep making new ones!"

That is an outlook on life I hope we can all embrace. It is my honor to recognize this amazing woman on her 100th birthday. Beatrice, Happy Birthday!

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. SHETAL SHAH

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Shetal Shah and his efforts to promote the well-being of our nation's most vulnerable population, our children.

As a neonatologist and researcher, Dr. Shah has made many meaningful contributions to the medical field, notably in the area of vaccination rates. As legislative chairman of District II of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Dr. Shah has been tireless in his advocacy efforts in pursuit of increased access to health care for children and greater funding for pediatric research. His breadth of knowledge has helped to inform policy decisions on both the state and federal level.

I offer my gratitude to Dr. Shah on behalf of myself and on behalf of those who are undoubtedly better off due to his efforts.

RECOGNIZING HONORABLE JEFFREY R. HUGHES FOR 19 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Judge Jeffrey R. Hughes and his commendable service to Michigan's Western District as a Bankruptcy Judge.

Judge Hughes served Michigan's Western District as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for over 13 years. Further, his service to the state has been a long time commitment, as he has worked for Michigan communities for over 30 years.

Judge Hughes received his Bachelor's in Economics from the University of Michigan in 1977 and his J.D. cum laude from the University of Michigan in 1980 where he was an active member of Phi Beta Kappa. From there he remained in his home state, practicing law for Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett LLP for 20 years specializing in bankruptcy law and litigation. Throughout this experience he never forgot his local communities, participating in many community-based programs coordinated through the firm. Also during this time, Judge Hughes was annually recognized in "The Best Lawyers in America" until his appointment to the bench in 2000.

After 13 years of service to the nation and to West Michigan, he retired from Federal employment in September of 2013. Judge Hughes is a regular speaker at seminars, including those sponsored by the Institute for Continuing Legal Education and the American Bankruptcy Institute. In addition, he appears as a guest instructor each semester at Cooley Law School's Grand Rapids campus and has participated in the extern programs offered by Cooley Law School's Michigan campuses and Michigan State University Law School. While Judge Hughes will no longer be a Federal judge, he continues to ardently serve those in Michigan.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Judge Hughes for his service to Michigan and the Western District.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REGINALD LAWSON, SR.

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Reginald "Reggie" Lawson, Sr., a New Orleans resident who exemplified the true value of citizenship and worked every day to improve his community. Mr. Lawson recently passed away after a battle with cancer. While today I am saddened by his passing, I wish to pay tribute to Mr. Lawson and the inspiration he provided to all those who desire to improve their own corner of the world.

Mr. Lawson grew up in a single-parent household in public housing. He graduated from St. Augustine High School in New Orleans, where he played football and sang in the Glee Club, and was a proud Purple Knight alumnus. After studying at LSUNO and Straight Business School, he became a realtor in 1963. He remained in that trade for the rest of his life and developed a passion for helping those shut out of home ownership.

In 1993, an important event for both Mr. Lawson and the St. Roch neighborhood occurred: Mr. Lawson moved to a house across the street from St. Roch Park. His love for the neighborhood and his desire to improve it led him to found the Faubourg St. Roch Improvement Association in 1995. His hard work and determination made him a key figure and leading force in the drive to improve St. Roch.

Mr. Lawson's effect on the neighborhood can be seen in a wide variety of areas, including the physical improvements to the park, the development of youth sports teams, and the sponsorship of health and housing fairs by the Faubourg St. Roch Improvement Association. However, the best evidence of the great and positive influence he had comes from the testimony of those whose lives he touched. He was known throughout the city as "the face of St. Roch." His hard work and dedication were widely noted and he served as an example of the good that a responsible member of a community can have on the lives of those around them.

I want to join his family, the people of the St. Roch neighborhood, and the city of New Orleans in celebrating the life of an exceptional citizen.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL FRANKLIN E. CHALK, SR.

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Colonel Franklin E. Chalk, Commander, 186th Air Refueling Wing, Key Field Air National Guard Base, in Meridian, Mississippi, for his 35 years of faithful service to our country.

A native of Meridian, Mississippi, Colonel Chalk attended Meridian Community College and received an Associate of Arts Degree in Accounting in 1974. After enlisting in the Mississippi Air National Guard and completing Undergraduate Navigator Training, he attended Mississippi State University—Meridian where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting in 1984. Colonel Chalk received a Masters of Commercial Aviation from Delta State University on Dec. 14, 2002.

Colonel Chalk received his commission through the Academy of Military Science, Knoxville, Tennessee on Nov. 16, 1978. After commissioning, he attended Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather Air Force Base, California, which he completed on Nov. 17, 1979. On Dec. 27, 1979, he graduated from Tactical Navigation Training at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina.

Colonel Chalk served as the 153rd Air Refueling Squadron Detachment Commander while deployed in support of Operation Phoenix Duke II, Rhein Main Air Base, Germany, flying numerous air refueling missions over former Soviet Bloc countries. He also served as Detachment Commander for Operation Deliberate Forge, Operation Joint Forge, Istres, France and Operation Northern Viking, Keflavik, Iceland. Colonel Chalk was activated Oct. 17, 2001, deploying as Commander, 341 EARS, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He has served as the Commander of the 478th Expeditionary Operations Squadron, Manta, Ecuador, the 506th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, and Viking South, Bahia Blanca, Argentina in support of the 2005 Summit of the Americas.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with one device; Air Medal; Aerial Achievement Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal with two devices; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two devices; Combat Readiness Medal with two devices; National Defense Service Medal with one device; Kosovo Campaign Medal with two devices; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Service Medal with one device; Humanitarian Service Medal; Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short; Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border; Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with four devices; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one device; Air Force Training Ribbon; Mississippi Magnolia Cross; Mississippi Magnolia Medal; Mississippi War Medal with one device; Mississippi Emergency Service Medal.

Prior to achieving the position of Commander, Colonel Chalk served as Vice Commander, 186th ARW. Other military assignments include Squadron Navigator, Chief of Standardizations and Evaluations, Training Officer, Air Operations Officer, Squadron Commander, and Operations Group Commander.

As Commander, of the 186th Aerial Refueling Wing, Colonel Chalk distinguished himself by navigating the base through some of the most tumultuous times Key Field Air National Guard Station had seen since its inception in 1939. Due to a realignment of mission in the Base Realignment and Closure Round of 2005, Key Field lost its aerial refueling mission. When the last KC-135 refueling aircraft left in 2011, Key Field performed numerous different missions on behalf of the United States of America on numerous different plat-

forms. Of particular note, Colonel Chalk's leadership in the establishment of the MC-12W Project Liberty program significantly bolstered the Department of Defense intelligence gathering capabilities, directly contributing to the demise of countless enemy combatants and the safe return of American ground forces. Colonel Chalk also oversaw the standup of the C-27J Joint Cargo Aircraft program, and was instrumental in Key Field's designation as the C-27J Flying Training Unit for the United States Air Force. Ultimately in 2012, under Colonel Chalk's command, Key Field, the birthplace of aerial refueling, saw the return of the KC-135R aerial refueling mission.

Since coming to Congress in 2009, I have personally worked with Colonel Chalk to ensure Key Field was home to an enduring flying mission. I am pleased to say that under his leadership, the base has received that flying mission and is well positioned to play an integral role in the peace and security of this nation for many years to come.

I wish Colonel Franklin E. Chalk Godspeed as he retires and enters this next phase of his life. On behalf of the Congress and the United States of America, I thank Colonel Chalk for his commitment, sacrifice, and contribution to this great nation in protecting it and our way of life.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE THE ADMINIS- TRATOR OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO ALLOW FOR MONTH- LY INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS FOR FLOOD INSURANCE UNDER THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSUR- ANCE ACT OF 1968, TO CAP THE ANNUAL COST OF FLOOD INSUR- ANCE UNDER THAT ACT, TO PROVIDE FOR A TEN-YEAR PHASE-IN OF PREMIUM IN- CREASES RESULTING FROM THE ENACTMENT OF THE BIGGERT- WATERS FLOOD INSURANCE RE- FORM ACT OF 2012, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the Homeowners Flood Insurance Relief Act of 2013. This legislation seeks to ensure the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) remains affordable for homeowners and sustainable for taxpayers. Homeowners across the country face significantly increased rates as a result of reforms made to address the solvency of the program in 2012. Congress reformed the NFIP in 2012 as part of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. These reforms required premiums to reflect the cost of coverage to ensure the program was solvent, but rates are increasing so quickly that the reforms may be counterproductive. As the Tampa Tribune recently noted, "For properties in low-lying areas, especially near the coast, annual rates may double or go up tenfold, depending on base flood elevation, exceeding \$20,000 a year in some cases." Congress did not intend to create

such significant increases, and they have the potential to harm the program by limiting program participation and freezing the already fragile housing market. The bill would cap a homeowner's premiums to being no more than the appraised value of the structure over the course of a thirty-year mortgage. It also phases-in rate increases over ten years and would allow homeowners to pay premiums on a monthly basis, rather than an annual lump sum. These commonsense changes will ensure that the homeowners stay in the program and any increased premiums do not harm the housing market's recovery. This legislation continues the intent of the NFIP is to protect homeowners from devastating floods while ensuring the program is able to cover its costs. I look forward to working with my colleagues to move this legislation through Congress.

[From the Tampa Tribune]

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE HIKES THREATEN 'OLD FLORIDA' COMMUNITIES

(By Josh Boatwright)

PASS-A-GRILLE.—Many of the beach cottages, motels and storefronts on this barrier island have been here nearly 100 years.

They've endured a series of tropical storms but avoided a direct hit.

While dozens have been razed in recent decades, some replaced by palatial beach homes, Pass-A-Grille's character as a quiet Gulf Coast village has essentially endured.

What residents and merchants fear may wipe out their beloved historic district isn't a catastrophic flood—it's rising flood insurance costs.

"There aren't too many places like this in Florida anymore. We've got all these McMansions and condos," said Bill Thompson, a member of the St. Pete Beach Historic Preservation Board.

"If it [flood insurance reform] goes into effect, we're going to lose our historic properties in Pass-A-Grille. There's just no two ways about it."

For coastal towns that have built a community, and tourism economy, around offering visitors an authentic "Old Florida" experience, unaffordable flood insurance rates could drive shopkeepers out of business and retirees on fixed incomes out of their homes.

Only 20 percent of all policies provided by the National Flood Insurance Program nationwide will see their premiums rise this year as a result of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act. The changes are set to take effect Tuesday, unless Congress acts to stop or delay that from happening.

But as the government removes grandfathered rates for thousands of homes built before modern flood maps, owners of historic properties face a dilemma: raise their floor height above base flood elevation or pay exorbitant premiums.

There's another option Pass-A-Grille residents especially fear, and that's tearing down the old bungalows and replacing them with multimillion-dollar homes built to modern flood standards.

Former St. Pete Beach city commissioner Bev Jackson envisions rows of uniform two- and three-story homes raised above garages such as the Florida Panhandle community that became famous for its uniformity as a set for the 1998 film "The Truman Show."

"We're going to be Seaside," Jackson said. The full impact of the federal flood insurance reform still remains foggy for many historic districts along Florida's coast.

In St. Augustine, the oldest European settlement in the United States, shops, restaurants and cathedrals built of wood and coquina shell flood frequently when big storms sweep over the nearby Matanzas River.

Rather than raise these aging structures above flood elevation, many property owners are encouraged to take other measures, such as installing dams on their doorways to keep water out, city Planning Director Mark Knight said.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, which runs the flood insurance program, allows historic districts to avoid regulations meant to make property owners either raise their building heights or rebuild according to current code.

Improvements that increase a property's value by 50 percent or more generally trigger those requirements, but cities can make historic buildings exempt from the rule, as long as nothing is done to compromise their historic characters.

Those rules will still apply under Biggert-Waters, but historic properties won't be exempt from the same rate hikes facing all other older homes.

For properties in low-lying areas, especially near the coast, annual rates may double or go up tenfold, depending on base flood elevation, exceeding \$20,000 a year in some cases.

Because flood coverage is required only for holders of federally backed mortgages, Carl Hollenback says he'll drop his policy on the Seahorse Restaurant in Pass-A-Grille if rates climb as expected under the new law.

"I'll take my chances," said Hollenback, who has paid off his mortgage on the restaurant.

The Seahorse has operated as a restaurant for 75 years at the corner of Eighth Avenue and Pass-A-Grille Way, directly across the street from the Intracoastal Waterway.

In Hollenback's 35 years of ownership, the restaurant has flooded 15 times, being located at one of the lowest points on a narrow stretch of land between the Gulf of Mexico and the intracoastal.

Each time, he wipes down the tile floor, lets the building air out and reopens. He filed one claim when a commercial fryer he had just bought for \$4,500 was ruined; he got back \$2,400.

Many residents are galled by what they see as the unfairness of the national flood program, which has collected about \$16 billion from Floridians in the past 35 years—four times more than what they received back in claims.

Amy Loughery, the longtime owner of the boutique store Bamboozle on Eighth Avenue, says the government encouraged communities such as hers to embrace preservation by becoming part of the National Register of Historic Places. The new law undermines that preservation goal, she said.

"Which is it? We encouraged all these homeowners to keep their smaller properties, keep within the historic guidelines of our community," said Loughery, who has served on the city's preservation board.

"Only now we're going to say, oops, sorry; we're going to rip that rug right out from under you."

Loughery leases her store, a 1930s-era building, and doesn't yet know how much of an increase to expect in her rent in the coming years.

While state and federal grants are available to help homeowners purchase and restore historic properties, there's no assistance available to defray ongoing costs such as maintenance and insurance, said Anne Peery, executive director of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation.

The changes to the flood insurance law won't impact all Florida towns equally, but preservationists such as Peery worry it will cause more people to shy away from investing in historic properties.

The funky beach cottages in Florida's most famous waterfront town, Key West,

will largely be unaffected by Biggert-Waters because most of them were built on high ground and remain above base flood levels, said Diane Silvia, preservation planner for Monroe County.

What will become of the rickety wooden restaurants and shops that have come to characterize Old Florida in towns such as Cedar Key and Apalachicola isn't clear yet.

City leaders in Apalachicola had sought to cap building heights at about two stories to maintain the quaint character of this waterfront town, which has buildings dating back to the 1830s.

That may be impractical, as most of the town is already below base flood elevation and will need to rise to avoid high premium costs, said Anita Grove of the Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce.

"It's going to take some time to absorb everything that's happening," Grove said.

Bruno Falkenstein has spent years studying FEMA's flood program, which he blames for driving Pass-A-Grille property owners to prefer new construction to restoration.

As a former St. Pete Beach commissioner, Falkenstein urged the city to adopt the exemption that allows owners to improve historic buildings without bringing them up to flood code.

His grandfather moved here after World War II on the recommendation of a fellow soldier who told him that Pass-A-Grille was paradise.

His family owns several properties, including the two-story Hurricane restaurant on Gulf Way.

FEMA, he says, has long used a broad brush to create its flood maps, ignoring the fact that few Pass-A-Grille homes have sustained serious flood damage in the past 100 years.

Flood premiums ought to be based on history. Most properties in his community have clearly stood the test of time, he said.

"When you start looking at the history and you start saying to yourself 'What did they do at the turn of the century? Why was it that they built the homes like they did?'" said Falkenstein.

"The homes themselves, when they were originally built, were elevated. It's almost like the old-timers knew the height where the water was going to come."

HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF POWDER SPRINGS

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, every now and then, we have the opportunity to step back and reflect on our history, our accomplishments and struggles and think about how we want to shape our future. October brings a special opportunity for such reflection, as the City of Powder Springs, in my home district in Georgia, observes its 175th Anniversary. Considering that our nation is only 237 years old that is cause for much celebration.

Few people know that Powder Springs is not the original name of the City. It was first incorporated as the town of Springville in 1838. While settlers first came to the town in search of gold, they quickly discovered the medicinal properties of the seven mineral springs in the area. In the 1850s Springville widely became known as a health resort, and people came from great distances to experi-

ence the springs. The mineral water from these springs caused the sand around the springs to turn black, resembling gunpowder, which lead the city to be incorporated as Powder Springs in 1859.

The next several decades were hard on Powder Springs. The Civil War put an end to the use of the area as a health resort. After the Civil War, a thriving agricultural industry sprung up, but the coming of the boll weevil in the 1920s and the Great Depression devastated the region.

But the hard-working people of Powder Springs never gave up. With a population quickly approaching 16,000, the city is once again prospering. Its beautiful parks, nature trails and recreation centers draw in visitors from afar. The Silver Comet, for example, is a well known 59-mile "rails to trails" multi-use trail that runs through the heart of the City. Residents also have access to over 100 acres of permanently protected green space. I am always amazed at the level of community involvement in Powder Springs, which in part streams from the excellent leadership of Mayor Pat Vaughn, who was the city's first female mayor. My fellow colleagues, I hope you will join me in celebrating this historical milestone and this remarkable city.

HONORING MR. PHILLIP R. ROBERTS ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a devoted public servant, Mr. Phillip R. Roberts, who will be retiring from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) this month after a distinguished 32-year career in Federal service.

Mr. Speaker, Phil has provided a career full of exceptional leadership and strategic vision that have significantly contributed to safeguarding U.S. national security interests and strengthened our national intelligence and military intelligence capabilities during a challenging period in our nation's history. Throughout his career and in assignments around the globe, Phil has demonstrated an unyielding dedication to duty and an innate ability to inspire enthusiasm and the commitment to serve in those around him.

Mr. Speaker, I have seen firsthand the fruits of Phil's labor in my Congressional District where he was instrumental in the development of the DIA BRAC relocation effort to Charlottesville, VA. Since 2010 Phil has served as the first Chief of DIA's Field Support Activity at Rivanna Station in Charlottesville, working to bring onboard over 800 analysts to the Rivanna Station site to support DIA's Military and Counter-Proliferation Analysis and Scientific & Technical Collection efforts. Phil has worked tirelessly to ensure that DIA has been a good neighbor to the local community forging many important relationships with Charlottesville area governments, charities and institutions such as the University of Virginia.

Prior to his assignment in Charlottesville, Phil served three years as the DIA Chief of Staff. As Chief of Staff, Phil functioned as the

Agency's Chief Operating Officer and supervised the Agency's acquisition, financial, human capital, information technology and mission services elements spanning DIA's global footprint of over 150 countries.

Earlier assignments for Mr. Roberts include a tour in London as DIA's Chief Liaison to the United Kingdom and a tour as the Vice Deputy Director for Analysis for DIA where he oversaw over 2,000 military and civilian personnel, providing all-source intelligence analysis to the Combatant Commands including deployed U.S. and allied forces; the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and the Secretary of Defense.

Mr. Roberts has represented the Director, DIA at the NATO Intelligence Board and has also served as the Chief, Operational Support Group, where he was responsible for the production of all-source intelligence on foreign infrastructure and operational environment related issues, in support of deliberate and crisis planning requirements worldwide.

In August 1998, Mr. Roberts became a member of the Defense Intelligence Senior Executive Service when he was selected to be the Chief, Office for Counterproliferation Support. In this capacity, he was responsible for the production of all-source intelligence on foreign, nuclear, chemical, and biological warfare programs in support of U.S. counterproliferation efforts. From 1993 to 1998, Mr. Roberts was the Senior Intelligence Officer, Office for Counterproliferation Support.

From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Roberts served as the Director, Office of General Military Intelligence Functional Management. In this capacity, he oversaw program planning and budget execution for approximately \$520 million and over 7,000 personnel. During this period, Mr. Roberts chaired the Council of Intelligence Producers where he played a key role in the largest reallocation of Defense intelligence resources in the post-Cold War period. From 1989 to 1990, as the Special Assistant for Intelligence Production, Directorate for Research, he directed the production of finished intelligence and data base maintenance of over 800 analysts. Prior to 1989, Mr. Roberts served in other supervisory and analytical positions including Chief, North Korean Military Capabilities Branch, and Senior Intelligence Officer, Asia Division.

A career intelligence professional, Mr. Roberts has received the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive and is a recipient of the Defense Intelligence Agency medals for Exceptional Civilian Service and Meritorious Civilian Service, two Defense Intelligence Agency Director's Awards, and the Director of Central Intelligence Diversity Management Award.

Mr. Speaker, while DIA and the Intelligence Community will be losing a leader who has answered the call of public service at such critical points in our nation's history, I know that Phil will be happy to spend more time with his wife Teresa and children Taylor, Jonathan and Jordan. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful nation and my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives, I thank Phil Roberts and his family for his years of service to our country and wish him the very best in his retirement from the federal government.

HONORING MS. JULIE METZGER

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Julie Metzger of Cape Girardeau, Missouri for her achievements and impact in the community. A graduate of Southeast Missouri State University and St. Louis University, Ms. Metzger now serves as the Director of Case Management and Social Services at Southeast Missouri Hospital. She provides education, support, counseling, crisis intervention, and advocacy to patients and their families during difficult times. She has also published educational materials to help other volunteers and professionals in the social work field. Ms. Metzger also mentors and supervises student interns from a number of local universities. In addition to her social work, Ms. Metzger volunteers for many councils and foundations such as the American Cancer Society, Reach to Recovery, American Academy of Bereavement, the American Case Management Association, the National Association of Social Workers, and the Court Appointed Special Advocates.

Ms. Metzger has managed to achieve so much and help so many people, all the while fighting a battle with breast cancer. Having reached the five-year mark as a cancer survivor, she has used her experience to educate and support other women fighting cancer. Ms. Metzger has provided hope and inspiration for so many women and I truly admire her strength and dedication to helping others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TULSI GABBARD

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, on October 14, 2013, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes Nos. 547–549. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 547: “no”—On Motion To Table the Motion To Appeal the Ruling of the Chair; rollcall No. 548: “no”—On Passage; rollcall No. 549: “no”—On Agreeing to the Grayson Amendment.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN BILL YOUNG

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of solemnity that I wish to honor the passing and memory of our colleague, Congressman C.W. Bill Young, who passed away on October 18, 2013, at the age of 82.

Congressman Young was the most senior Republican in both houses of Congress and represented the best of public service. He served in the Florida State Senate for ten years before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the Tampa Bay area

in 1970. In his nearly 43 years in Congress, Congressman Young worked hard for the people of his district and was especially tireless in supporting military personnel and their families—both legislatively and personally. He and his wife, Beverly, were known for their countless visits to wounded soldiers. Himself a veteran of the Army National Guard and Reserves, Young was the current chairman of the Defense subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, and he had previously chaired that full committee from 1999 to 2005.

With decades of experience, Young naturally became a source of guidance for many of his colleagues. He had a balanced and well-regarded approach to the issues and affairs of Congress, and his personal kindness was known to many. While this moment is significant for the people of the 13th District of Florida and for the House itself, my prayers today are especially with Young's wife, Beverly, their three sons, and all of his loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring and remembering Congressman Young.

A TRIBUTE TO LOIS O'KEEFE

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this occasion to give congratulations on the retirement of my District Director, Lois O'Keefe. This is truly a bittersweet moment for me. I have known Lois for over 20 years just before I began my legislative career in the Wisconsin State Assembly. She has been a volunteer, an employee and most importantly a friend.

I am happy that Lois will begin a new journey after having such an illustrious career as a public servant. Lois O'Keefe has been employed by two U.S. Senators, Senators Proxmire and Kohl and a U.S. Congresswoman. The labor movement has also been an important part of her career. She was appointed as the Regional Representative of the Secretary of Labor for the Midwest Region in Chicago. During the Clinton Administration, Lois O'Keefe served under Secretaries Robert Reich and Alexis Herman. She also served as a union organizer for the Service Employees International Union representing workers who cared for the elderly. It is clear she has a passion for government service.

Lois O'Keefe also has a passion for working with youth. She ran the REACH Youth Program at the Milwaukee Private Industry Council and worked with the Milwaukee Job Corps to start an internship program in my district office.

Lois also has lived the reality of many women, juggling work and child care issues to return to school when her four children were young, ages 7–14. She earned both a BA in Political Science and an MA in Industrial and Labor Relations. After nearly 10 years on my staff serving as a caseworker and then District Director, I wish you well my friend.

While you have closed this door, another one is opening for you so that you may pursue life at your own special pace. Lois can now travel the world, which is something that I know she has wanted to do for a long time.

Lois O'Keefe, thank you for your service to the 4th Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I was absent due to the passing of my close personal friend and was not present for rollcall votes on Tuesday, October 22, 2013. Had I been present, I would have voted in this manner: H.R. 185—To designate the United States courthouse located at 101 East Pecan Street in Sherman, Texas, as the “Paul Brown United States Courthouse”—“yes”; H.R. 3205—Promoting Adoption and Legal Guardianship for Children in Foster Care Act—“yes”; Journal Vote—“yes.”

HONORING KEVIN SHANLEY OF GLADSTONE, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kevin Shanley of Gladstone, New Jersey. Kevin was a fine leader of the Newark Museum whose contributions will long be remembered. Kevin was also a successful businessman, a generous and caring philanthropist and a wonderful father and grandfather.

Kevin served as the Chairman of the Newark Museum for over 25 years. Under his leadership the museum underwent its largest expansion to date with the completion of its North Wing. His work at the museum expanded its mission and brought in objects and ideas that educated and inspired.

Kevin was a generous and caring philanthropist. He served as President and Treasurer of the Victoria Foundation, which assists young children and their families in the Newark community. Kevin also served on the Board of Trustees of New Jersey Futures, as a regent of St. Peter's University in Jersey City and on the boards of many other organizations. He was also a successful businessman working with a number of major companies. There he mentored many of his colleagues who appreciated his sound perspective and high degree of integrity.

Kevin's long devotion to his civic and personal responsibilities will forever be his legacy.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

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

Today, it is \$17,078,769,687,926.64. We've added \$6,451,892,639,013.54 to our debt in 4

years. This is \$6.4 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, on October 22, 2013, I was unavoidably detained and missed three votes. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 551, rollcall No. 552, and rollcall No. 553.

CRUCIAL NEGOTIATIONS ON HOW TO RESOLVE BUDGET CHALLENGES

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. MCKINLEY. Mr. Speaker, for months the President repeatedly pledged that he would initiate long overdue negotiations on matters ranging from tax reform to regulatory reform and work with Republicans on the flaws emerging with his health care law. His stipulation was that Congress must first reopen government and raise the debt limit. Consequently, Mr. Speaker, last week I voted to end the budget impasse and tentatively cooperate with the President. While this agreement does not solve our long term challenges, it does allow us to move forward and begin crucial negotiations on how to resolve our budget challenges.

Throughout the fall, President Obama and Senate Majority Leader HARRY REID demanded a blank check and refused to negotiate. This plan is not a blank check. It was forged through negotiations and provides a short term extension for funding at lower spending levels than the Senate wanted. It includes a long overdue conference on a federal budget. The plan also includes a much needed change in the Affordable Care Act to ensure the income of individuals receiving subsidies is verified instead of relying on an honor system.

Most importantly, the plan ensures a host of other negotiations pledged by the President will move forward so we can address our growing debt, improve our economy, and fix the problems with the health care law. President Obama has promised on numerous occasions that once the government was open and the debt ceiling was raised he would be willing to negotiate “on anything.” This includes the budget, economic reforms, entitlement programs, and even the health care law. In the next few months the American public should be keenly aware whether he does what he said he would do. Finally Congress can hold the President accountable for his pledge to negotiate with Congress over these impediments to economic recovery.

Over the past several weeks, conservatives put up a strong fight to stop President Obama's health care law from being fully implemented. After trying to defund the law, delay it for a year, and ensure fairness so that

members of Congress don't get special treatment, it became clear that our tactics weren't working and we needed to regroup.

Given that Republicans are a minority in Washington we need to be realistic about what we can achieve. That does not mean we will give up the fight. We just need to be smart about where and when we choose to fight and pick battles we can win.

As we move forward with negotiations over the budget and other issues, we need to focus on ways we can achieve our objectives. We need to seek true reforms that don't just put off hard decisions to the next crisis. The challenges we face—a weak economy, a growing debt, a health care law that isn't working—are too important to just push off into the future.

The next step to overcome these challenges is for the President and Senator REID to open the negotiations we were promised.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL DARRELL D. JONES

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Lieutenant General Darrell D. Jones, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower, Personnel, and Services, Headquarters United States Air Force, for his 34 years of faithful service to our country. The Air Force's senior personnel officer, General Jones is responsible for comprehensive plans and policies covering all life cycles of military and civilian personnel management, including military and civilian end strength management, education and training, compensation, resource allocation, and the worldwide United States Air Force services program. Over the course of Lieutenant General Jones' distinguished career, he commanded a squadron, group, two wings and a direct reporting unit. As previous Commander, Air Force District of Washington, and Commander of the Air Force Forces for Joint Forces Headquarters-National Capital Region, he organized, trained and equipped combat forces for aerospace expeditionary forces, homeland operations, civil support, national special security events and ceremonial events. He also provided major command-level support for 60,000 worldwide military and civilian personnel and was the Uniform Code of Military Justice authority for 40,000 Airmen.

General Jones graduated from Mississippi State University's Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program in 1979. He began his career as a personnel officer at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona in the Consolidated Base Personnel Office. He excelled in a variety of jobs as the Chief of Customer Assistance, Chief of Quality Force, and Chief of Personnel Utilization. Immediately after this assignment, then-Lieutenant Jones reported to Randolph Air Force Base, Texas where he was the Chief of the Assignment Analysis Branch and later the Executive Officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at Headquarters Air Training Command. Then-Captain Jones reported to Washington, District of Columbia as part of the very elite Air Staff Training Program as a personnel adviser and board member of the Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council.

Then Captain-Jones and later Major-Jones held the first of his many assignments as a

leader in our Air Force, becoming the Consolidated Base Personnel Office Chief and Director of Personnel, and Commanding the Mission Support Squadron at McConnell Air Force Base. As a testament of his skills and abilities, he was chosen to attend in-residence professional military education at Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Upon graduation, he showcased his talent in a variety of joint positions at Headquarters United States European Command, Stuttgart, Germany. He was the Chief of Entitlements, Compensation and Education, followed by Chief of the World War II Commemoration Branch and later Deputy Chief of the World War II Commemoration Division. Now-Lieutenant Colonel Jones was selected to return to Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama as an Air War College Student with a follow-on assignment to Headquarters United States Air Force as the Chief of Force Structure Plans and Policies in the Military Personnel Policy Directorate. Later, he was selected by the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel as the Chief of the Personnel Issues Team.

Based on his successes and ready for increased responsibilities, now-Colonel Jones took command of the 62nd Support Group at McChord Air Force Base, Washington. He then became the Director of Personnel at Headquarters Pacific Air Forces at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii followed by Commanding the 66th Air Base Wing at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts. Later, he was selected as the Director of Manpower and Personnel at Headquarters United States Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

Then-Brigadier General Jones took command of his second wing, the 37th Training Wing at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the largest wing in the Air Force at 21,000 people and graduating 60,000 Airmen from basic, technical, international and joint training annually. He followed command to Washington, District of Columbia, where he became the Director of Force Management Policy, Headquarters United States Air Force. In this position, he established force management policies guiding accessions, assignments, evaluations, skills analysis, promotions, readiness, retraining, separations and retirements of the Air Force's human capital. He also oversaw aspects of total force management to include contingency, mobilization, training management, and rated force policy.

Now-Major General Jones with his vast knowledge and experience took command for a fifth time as the Commander of Air Force District of Washington and Commander of the Air Force Forces for Joint Forces Headquarters-National Capital Region at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. He was again extremely successful in this position which ultimately led to his most recent assignment as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower, Personnel and Services, Headquarters United States Air Force where he and his team were responsible for comprehensive plans and policies covering all life cycles of military and civilian personnel management, and the delivery of fully-qualified, ready Airmen for the Joint warfighter while also meeting all the needs of our Airmen and their families. He planned, directed and evaluated programs, ensuring a qualified, productive and well-maintained work force of over 180,000 civilian employees. Additionally, he oversaw the execution and programming of the Manpower, Personnel and

Services portfolio with an annual \$40.9 billion personnel budget for 660,000 military and civilian total force Airmen.

Under General Jones' leadership, the Air Force implemented sweeping policy changes to enlisted developmental special duty assignments and the Air Force fitness program. He led the Secretary of the Air Force-directed Personnel Readiness Review task force, ensuring our current population is ready to meet the needs of current and future war time requirements. Additionally, he led the Air Force Personnel Center in a historic consolidation with the former Air Force Manpower Agency and Air Force Services Agency, integrating three unique functional areas designed to reduce overhead, achieve efficiencies and maximize customer service. Finally, he guided Air Force senior leadership through the impacts of the Secretary of Defense's General Officer Efficiency Study. He provided critical Congressional interaction to ensure all timelines of the reductions were met. In every instance, General Jones was a steadfast advocate promoting the Air Force's mission, and its over 660,000 Total Force Airmen and their families.

Today, I wish Lieutenant General Darrell "DJ" Jones good luck and Godspeed as he retires and enters this next phase of his life. On behalf of the Congress and the United States of America, I thank General Jones, his wife Holly, their sons, Taylor and Stewart, and daughter-in-law Lindsay for their commitment, sacrifice, and contribution to this great Nation in protecting it and our way of life.

HONORING MARCUS D. WOODS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Marcus D. Woods. Marcus is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

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

HONORING MS. LINDA MCKINNIS

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Linda McKinnis of Cape Girardeau for her charitable work in Southeast Missouri. An event and wedding designer by profession, Ms. McKinnis volunteers her de-

sign expertise to a number of local groups. She has provided design services for the United Way of Southeast Missouri, the Southeast Missouri University Booster Club, and La Croix United Methodist Church.

Most notably, Ms. McKinnis founded the International Crisis Aid, Heartland hub dedicated to helping victims of sex trafficking in the United States. She has worked to raise money and spread awareness of the issue of sex trafficking by selling ICA's can tab bracelets. She has inspired many more people to volunteer and advocate on behalf of this important issue. I offer congratulations to Ms. McKinnis on her outstanding achievements and look forward to her future work in the Cape Girardeau community.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON THE MARINE BARRACKS IN BEIRUT, LEBANON

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 30th anniversary of the terrorist attack on the Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, which took the lives of 241 American servicemen, as well as 58 French servicemen in a separate building. It was the deadliest attack on the Marine Corps since Iwo Jima during World War II.

This attack against our country by Hezbollah, which was coordinated with the Iranian regime, marked the first major terrorist attack targeting the U.S. This is the same Iranian regime that continues to sponsor terrorism, develop nuclear weapons and threatens the U.S. and our allies in the Middle East still today.

In some respects it was an opening shot fired in a battle that continues to this day against radical Islamists and terrorist elements bent on the destruction of this country and all that it represents.

I have visited the site of the barracks near the airport. Today, there's nothing left but a parking lot—not even a memorial or plaque to recognize the lives that were lost. In a cruel twist of history, the airport itself, which the Marines were guarding in 1983, is now controlled by Hezbollah.

However, there are now memorials to the servicemen at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut as well as at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. This morning, the 30th Beirut Observance Ceremony was held at the memorial at Camp Lejeune.

Today we pause to remember those lost in the attack—to honor them and their family members. We remember their sacrifice and reaffirm our commitment to learn the lessons of the past to prevent such tragedies in the future.

As President Reagan said in a televised address from the Oval Office following the attack, the Americans serving in Beirut, "were not afraid to stand up for their country or, no matter how difficult and slow the journey might be, to give to others that last, best hope of a better future. We cannot and will not dishonor them now and the sacrifices they've made by failing to remain as faithful to the cause of freedom and the pursuit of peace as they have been."

REMEMBERING MR. JOSHUA
RABORN

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Mr. Joshua Raborn of Victorville, CA who passed away on October 16, 2013 after a fatal motorcycle accident.

A dedicated public servant, Joshua served in the United States Marine Corps as a Lance Corporal before becoming a firefighter with the United States Forest Service. He held the position of Lead Water Tender Operator on the San Bernardino National Forest, Mountain Ranger District.

Joshua started his career in 2008 as a seasonal firefighter with the Big Bear Hotshoots. In 2009, he was admitted into the Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program before entering Basic Academy number 49 and the Advanced Academy in 2010. After converting to full-time in January of 2011, Joshua spent the remainder of his career on the Mountaintop Ranger District as the lead water Tender Operator at Deerlick Station number 12 in Hesperia.

In a very special way I would like to extend my most sincere thoughts and prayers to Joshua's wife Kristen, his four kids, and his parents. His work, legacy, and dedication will never be forgotten by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

HONORING ENZO ANTHONY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Enzo Anthony. Enzo is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 41, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Enzo has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Enzo has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Enzo has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Enzo led a reforestation effort, planting over 900 saplings across four acres at the Circle O Tree Farm and Quail Preserve in Marcelline, Missouri.

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

TRIBUTE TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S
RECIPIENTS OF OPERATION RECOGNITION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a group of individuals—heroes—who are receiving the recognition and honor they deserve for their service to our country. Operation Recognition is operated by the Riverside County Office of Education with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veterans' Services. The program awards high school diplomas to veterans who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, or for those who were interned in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps.

A recognition ceremony will be held on November 12, 2013, for the following individuals who received their high school diplomas through Operation Recognition:

Austin Elmer Lee Acord; David M. Barnes; Kenneth James Becker; Raymond Frederick Carter; Robert Dale Cloyd; Michael William Divil; Alan F. Gonsalves; Larry James Lyon; Cruz Martinez; Frank Ramirez Rodriguez; Frank Sandwell; Samson Charles Trevino; and Ruben David Zamora.

Our country owes a debt of gratitude to all the above recipients for their service and sacrifice. I salute all of these individuals and congratulate them on receiving their high school diploma.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF
RUNAWAY AND FOSTER YOUTH

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in my former life, I was a criminal court judge for 22 years and spent 8 years as a prosecutor in Texas.

Child abusers are the worst criminals in our society.

But too often the justice system ignores the victim.

So Congressman JIM COSTA (D-CA) and I founded the Victims' Rights Caucus.

The VRC is currently focused on combating human trafficking.

This topic is of particular interest to me because my hometown of Houston, Texas is unfortunately a hub for this despicable crime.

Many are not aware that modern day slavery occurs right here in the United States.

The problem is very real, especially amongst vulnerable youth in the child welfare system.

This is Anna's story which Shared Hope International shared with me.

After Anna's family passed away, she was placed in the foster care system at the age of three.

She was shuffled from home to home until age 12 when she was finally adopted by a loving family.

But Anna began hanging out at the corner store without her family knowing.

There, she met a person whom she thought she could trust.

Little did she know that the person she met at the corner store was not actually a friend at all.

One day, when she got into a fight with her parents, she called her "friend" from the store, who promptly picked her up.

Anna didn't know that this call would change her life forever.

Her "friend" was actually a trafficker.

He was violent.

He beat her and sold her body.

The emotional, physical and sexual abuse continued.

He threatened her family's lives if she called the police.

She was told the police would arrest her.

And that's exactly what happened.

The police did arrest her.

She was treated like a criminal, not a victim.

Anna became convinced that her family no longer wanted her.

She felt helpless and scared.

After almost four years of this unspeakable abuse, Anna eventually escaped and was reunited with her family.

Through strength, a resilient spirit, and with the help of her mother, Anna vowed to make a difference one victim at a time.

She now has a ministry for sex trafficking survivors and runs an outreach program for at-risk youth.

Unfortunately, Anna's story is not unique.

The scars from the foster care system stayed with her and made her vulnerable to trafficking.

Many foster youth have experienced neglect, physical, emotional, and/or sexual abuse.

These factors make children more susceptible to trafficking.

The child welfare system has tremendous problems and one major challenge is to not only put a roof over a child's head, but to instill values—like self-worth—in each child.

Child sex predators try to steal the soul of their victim when they are assaulted.

I will soon introduce the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act with Congresswoman MALONEY. THE COMPANION WILL BE OFFERED BY SENATOR CORNYN and Senator WYDEN.

This bill will create a grant program to help State and local governments develop and implement comprehensive victim-centered programs.

The bill creates a "Domestic Trafficking Victims' Fund" at the Treasury, financed through fines on persons convicted of human trafficking and child exploitation crimes, which can be used to fund support programs for victims of human trafficking.

Criminals will literally pay for their crime and for the system they have created.

Included in the bill are a number of other provisions to ensure victims receive justice and traffickers and buyers are prosecuted.

In this country we have 5000 shelters . . .

For animals, according to the ASPCA.

These shelters are great.

I got my Dalmatians from a shelter.

But we have less than 300 beds for domestic minor sex trafficking victims according to a recent survey by Shared Hope International.

We must have facilities to rescue and restore these victims.

The Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act builds upon the End Sex Trafficking Act, that

I have already filed with Congresswoman MALONEY. This bill will help combat human trafficking by targeting the criminals who purchase sexual acts and ensuring they are prosecuted as human traffickers.

This bill goes after the anonymous buyers of child sex slavery.

Target the demand in order to stop the sale of children.

The days of boys being boys are over and the long arm of the law must go after these consumers.

Justice demands it and justice is what we do in this country. And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING THE VETERANS OF HONOR FLIGHT NORTHERN COLORADO

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic veterans of Honor Flight Northern Colorado as they travel to Washington, DC to visit the memorials that stand in our Nation's capital. The members of this 11th Honor Flight Northern Colorado trip include veterans from multiple wars and different generations, linked together by their service to our Nation.

Eighteen years ago, Honor Flight began its mission to fly veterans of World War II to Washington, DC, so that each person who bravely served could experience the monuments and memorials honoring them. Having now expanded to serve veterans from every corner of the country, and conflicts beyond World War II, the Honor Flight program has become a national expression of gratitude to our veterans. Of the 118 veterans on the most recent flight, 40 served in World War II, 75 in Korea, and 3 in Vietnam.

Our gratitude extends well beyond the physical memorials dedicated to those who courageously risked their lives to preserve our inherent rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We know that without the bravery of our veterans, our Nation would not be able to stand as the shining city on the hill for the world to see. Today we honor those who risked their lives to ensure that the United States remains the greatest Nation on earth for generations to come:

Homer Andersen, Ernest Baugh, Norman Bever, William Compton, Alton Cooper, Arthur Cushing, Robert Davis, Harold Dawe, Jr., Richard Doyle, Robert Eldridge, Stewart Fonda, Jr., Donald Forry, Albert Gablehouse, Charles Gebauer, William Hammond, Sidney Hanks, William Hargis, Walter Hayward, Herman Huwa, Reinard Janssen, Donald Larson, Evelyn Lee, John MacQueen, Robert Martin, Isaac Martinez, George Norton, Eugene Olson, Herbert Pugh, Thomas Ramm, Eugene Replogle, William Ripple, Max Rodgers, Loyal Smoke, Glen Springer, Harold Sutton, Donald Steinsouer, Roger Van Thorre, Charles Webb, James Whitley, Lawrence Zuppan, Harry Ahlbrandt, Wallace Akers, Ronald Anderson, Joseph Anello, Filbert Baca, Gilbert Ball, Delbert Black, Keith Bordewyk, Delmar Bonser, Emilio Brito, Dorn Brunner, Charles Crihfield, Marvin Crihfield, Charles Dunfee, Sr., Thomas Eckrich, Verne Einspahr, Virtus

Einspahr, Theodore Farwell, Edwin Foss, Robert Frank, Loren Garretson, Scott Goshorn, Earl Graham, Howard Hanson, Fred Hara, Jerry Herring, Bernard Hill, John Holloway, Harold Hoyland, Vealeless Hudspeth, William Hughes, Jimmie Hylton, John Jacobson, Ray Jacoby, Richard Jaggers, Kenneth Jan, Frances Killinger, Jr., Raymond Kosley, Edward Krivonak, William Krupke, Pat Lanphear, Owen Lecheler, Clarence Lueb, Robert MacLauchlin, Roque Martinez, Horacio Masearenas, Edward Minch, Robert Muller, Leonard Peatrowsky, William Phillips, Dean Pope, Charles Pugh, George Pugh, Teddy Putnum, Tommy Richie, Theodore Roos, Leonard Schmidt, Paul Schroeder, Lloyd Seekamp, Robert Sharritt, Richard Sherman, James Sparks, Boyd Stark, Harvey Steward, Joseph Stockert, Richard Stoner, Jr., Leo Thielen, John Toth, John Wachsmann, Benjamin Wagner, Roger Warden, Jr., Robert Weber, Lester Weers, James Weitz, and Russell Zingelman.

TRIBUTE TO MS. TAMEKA KYLES

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Tameka Kyles, a College Access Coordinator for Southeast Missouri State University. Ms. Kyles works to educate and prepare underserved high school students and first generation college students for post-secondary education. She also provides financial literacy services to these students and their families. Another important aspect of Ms. Kyles' service is to reach out to at-risk and low-income students in the area and mentor them in job training. Receiving her Masters of Public Administration from Southeast Missouri State University, Ms. Kyles is working for a better future for the community's youth. She is also a member of the Gibson Recovery Center Board of Directors and the Cape Central Senior High School A+ Advisory Board. In the past, she has volunteered with the Boys and Girls Club of Cape Girardeau, mentoring young men and women.

Ms. Kyles is especially proud that her job enables her to empower girls and women through education and employment. To further this goal, she co-founded the Sisters' Professional Network, which provides opportunities for professional women to share ideas, network, and enhance each other's personal and professional lives. I am impressed with Ms. Kyles' dedication to the local community and her proactivity in addressing local issues.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 22, I missed a series of roll-call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on No. 551 and No. 552 and I would have voted "nay" on No. 553.

RECOGNIZING DANIEL A.
SCHWAGER

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee on Ethics, and with and on behalf of my colleague, Representative Sánchez, the Ranking Member of the Committee, we rise today so that we may recognize the dedicated service of Daniel A. Schwager to the House of Representatives. Dan has served as the Chief Counsel and Staff Director to the Committee on Ethics during the 112th and 113th Congresses.

Dan has a long and admirable career as a nonpartisan public servant, much of it in the field of government ethics. During his tenure with the Committee, he has continued to demonstrate his commitment to ethics, to public service, and to ensuring that public servants meet the highest ethical standards.

The Committee on Ethics is the only standing committee of the House whose membership is evenly divided between each political party. The Committee includes five members of each party. Also, unlike other committees, the day-to-day work of the Committee on Ethics is conducted by a staff that is nonpartisan by rule. Under House rules, the Committee has the jurisdiction to administer travel, gift, financial disclosure, outside income, and other regulations; advise members and staff; issue advisory opinions; and investigate potential ethics violations. As Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Dan led the Committee's nonpartisan professional staff and helped the Committee fulfill these vital responsibilities to the House and to the American people.

Dan's commitment to integrity and rigorous open-mindedness have been an asset to the Committee in advising the Committee and its Members as they carry out the Committee's important service to the House. His advice and counsel have greatly assisted the Committee as it achieved such milestones aimed at continuing the Committee's commitment to providing excellent customer service to the House community as issuing new privately sponsored travel regulations, updating the Committee's financial disclosure systems and guidance, and launching the Committee's new Web site.

On behalf of a grateful Committee and community, we thank him for his service and wish him and his family all the best in his transition to the next phase of his career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for votes on October 22, 2013 because I was undergoing a medical procedure. Had I been present, I would have "yea" on rollcall votes Nos. 551, 552, and 553.

I was also not present for the first series of votes on October 23 because I was travelling to Washington from my district. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes Nos. 554 and 555.

TRIBUTE TO MAURICE LYONS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a dear friend of mine, Chairman Maurice Lyons. Maurice passed away on Wednesday, October 16, 2013. A long time resident of Riverside County, he was a pillar of the community and he will be deeply missed.

Maurice was born January 21, 1950, in Riverside County as one of nine children and raised a Morongo Tribal Member. He grew up on the Morongo Indian Reservation where he would later attend Banning High School. Maurice quickly became involved in the betterment of the Morongo Indian Reservation following his completion of school when he gained a job as a machine operator with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, where he would remain a dedicated employee for over seventeen years.

Maurice's investment back into his community did not stop with his work, as he also became actively involved in public service beginning in 1994. Maurice served as Tribal Housing Commissioner, Chairman of the Morongo Head Start Parent Policy Committee, and Chairman of the Board of the National Indian Child Welfare Association. He was elected Tribal Chairman in July 2001 and faith in his leadership remained for years to come as he was reelected as Chairman in 2003, and again in 2005.

He worked closely with state and federal legislators on Native American and Morongo tribe related issues affecting government and economic development. Through his leadership, he made it a priority to improve the quality of life on the reservation through a betterment of youth programs created to preserve local Indian culture and customs. With a deep commitment to his history and heritage, Maurice kept the Morongo culture alive by encouraging education of youth in language and tradition.

Maurice quickly became a voice for Riverside County. He served on the Riverside National Cemetery's governing board and was instrumental in establishing the MIA-POW monument which has become a fixture in the community. He represented the Morongo tribe with the National Indian Gaming Association, which hosts 70 member states, and with the Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations, a regional federation of 13 tribal governments. He was honored by the Council of Energy Resource Tribes for his national leadership in preserving tribal sovereignty.

Maurice was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Lyons; children, Tammie Lynn Lyons, Ernest Lewis Lyons, Melissa Renee Lyons, Maurice William Lyons, Joseph Rafael Lyons, Onoalyse Onjaleen Lyons, Joshua Nicholas Bau Lyons, Isabella Rianne Lyons, Kyle Munson, Andre Petkov, Angel Raelyna Gonzales, Erika Gonzales; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. On Saturday, October 19, 2013, a Memorial Service honoring Maurice's extraordinary life was held at the Morongo Reservation Community Center.

Maurice will always be remembered for his devotion to family, caring nature and selfless

giving. He demonstrated an incredible work ethic, generosity, contributions to the community and love of family, and I can personally attest to Maurice's professionalism and positive attitude. These achievements and qualities are a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Maurice's family and friends. Although Maurice may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 551, H.R. 185—To designate the "Paul Brown United States Courthouse" in Sherman, Texas, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 552, H.R. 3205—Promoting Adoption and Legal Guardianship for Children in Foster Care Act, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall No. 553, on approving the Journal, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

LUMBERTON—THE ALL-AMERICA CITY

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to speak on this most important subject of my hometown of Lumberton, North Carolina. Credit.com has used wrong figures and erroneously reported that Lumberton is the "poorest city in America." I strongly urge that the facts be accurately presented and this report be corrected to reflect the current economic situation in Lumberton and Robeson County.

Lumberton's economic, social, historical and cultural strides and values have been honored on the national and state levels.

Twice Lumberton has been chosen as an All-America City because of its clear vision on promoting the positive attributes of diversity. Lumberton has been named a "Main Street City" on the state level, and its Downtown Historic District has been recognized on the national level. Its schools have produced leaders recognized on the national and state levels in areas such as business, banking, literature, athletics, government, law, military, education, religion, health care and the arts.

With its strong sense of purpose, a community filled with people who are willing to roll up their sleeves and work, and its partnership of elected officials, community leaders, businesses, and economic development team, Lumberton will continue to march forward and meet the challenges of the day. However, Lumberton should not have one hand tied behind its back with this inaccurate report, and we urge an immediate correction in this economic indicator.

Like many other small towns and communities, Lumberton has its challenges and ob-

stacles to overcome, but the foundation on which this community was built is strong and solid. Indeed, Lumberton lives up to its motto of "Progressus cum Concordia" or "Progress with Harmony".

Among the many positive economic, social, and geographic attributes Lumberton has includes: ideally situated on I-95 as the halfway point between New York and Miami; over 1600 rooms of hotels and suites; national and state historical attractions; numerous meeting and gathering facilities; a wide variety of restaurants and local entertainment establishments; a nationally-designated black water river voted as one of the top ten natural wonders in North Carolina; a multi-racial community and a workforce committed to helping others and building a better tomorrow; and a strong faith-based community with a broad range of places to worship and a diverse number of ministries, demonstrating positive values of service and commitment.

Mr. Speaker, Lumberton and its elected officials, businesses, community leaders, economic development officials, and citizens are all dismayed at this recent inaccurate article and stand ready to showcase all the positives that Lumberton and Robeson County, North Carolina have to offer. We hope that everyone will come and visit and see first-hand the great people that live in Lumberton, the purpose in which they are committed to improving their city, and the partnerships they are willing to form to keep moving Lumberton forward. You will be glad you came.

HONORING WALTER L. ANTHONY IV

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Walter L. Anthony IV. Walter is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 41, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Walter has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Walter has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Walter has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Walter helped renovate the entrance to Walt Disney Municipal Park in Marceline, Missouri, by constructing an eight foot by 27 foot garden box, filling it and leveling the soil before planting 17 plants, including five knockout rose bushes.

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

RECOGNIZING LAKE FOREST
CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lake Forest Charter Elementary School, an outstanding school from my district, for being selected as a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School.

Lake Forest Charter is a special school in a special city. After the 2005 disasters of Hurricane Katrina and the levee failures left the school and the area devastated, current CEO Mardele Early, dedicated teachers, and devoted families banded together to rebuild and reopen the school. That effort illustrates vividly the commitment of the faculty and staff and the level of parental involvement that are the foundation of Lake Forest's success.

Lake Forest Charter's Blue Ribbon Schools selection is in the "Exemplary High Performing" category. This award is given to some of the highest performing schools across the nation, and I am proud that Lake Forest is receiving national recognition for the outstanding education it provides to local school children. With more than 80 percent of its students qualifying for free or reduced lunches, Lake Forest Charter has consistently been one of the top schools in Louisiana. It is one of only two schools in the state that are National Title I Distinguished Schools for Exceptional Performance and repeatedly has had every one of its 4th and 8th graders pass the required statewide tests.

Every child in this nation deserves a quality education and it is schools like Lake Forest Charter Elementary School that bring us closer to making that a reality. I commend the faculty, staff, parents, and students for all their hard work and congratulate them on this prestigious award.

RECOGNIZING 100 YEARS OF ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS AND THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize the organizational partnership between the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints and the Boy Scouts of America. This year marks the 100th anniversary of their partnership that enriches the lives of over 300,000 young men each year across the country. I am pleased that Northern Indiana will join the nationwide celebration as the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day and the Boy Scouts of America Saints reflect back on a century of achievement and success fostered through this special bond.

There are more than 32 Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints and Boy Scout of America organizations in the Second District involving all levels of scouting, including Eagle Scouts. Their presence has certainly contrib-

uted to strong leadership skills and personal growth for the Boy Scouts, in addition to helping countless others in our communities.

The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints and Boy Scouts of America organize a myriad of activities, such as mentoring youth and volunteering in local events. This partnership also reaches out to the less fortunate and host educational outdoor experiences for our communities. As a result, over 1,000 Hoosier Boy Scouts make important strides to enrich their faith and garner lasting leadership skills each year. There is no doubt that these fine young men will be the leaders of tomorrow, finding positive ways to shape our society. It is a privilege to congratulate the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints and the Boy Scouts of America as they celebrate 100 years of partnership.

CONGRATULATING RON AND LISA
GREENWOOD

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in recognition of Ron and Lisa Greenwood, who will be presented and honored with the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation's Founders Award for their dedication and commitment to the veterans of Ventura County.

As a decorated combat veteran in Vietnam, Ron knows the complexities of those who return from war. His personal experience and struggles with PTSD and social integration challenges allow him to relate to the issues that our returning veterans face. Committed to supporting our veterans, Ron has worked closely with many veterans' advocacy and community groups.

His personal narrative resonates in all aspects of his work. As President at Global Energy & Technology, Inc., Ron continues to give back to the community and to our veterans. He has provided employment opportunities, as well as professional guidance, to many of our returning servicemembers.

Similarly, Lisa Greenwood has also been a tireless advocate in her pursuit of giving back to our veterans and their families. She has worked with the Association of Service Disabled Veterans (ASDV) in Washington, DC. She is currently the National Chair of the Silver Star Women of America, an arm of the Association of Service Disabled Veterans, and has testified before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs.

With an extensive background and service history, Ron and Lisa opened the doors of the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation in 2009. With the Greenwood's vision, the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation has been able to successfully assist returning veterans in reaching their full potential. The Gold Coast Veterans Foundation has given our local heroes the resources to become productive and responsible citizens while helping them to make an easy transition back into their communities.

Their steadfast commitment to Ventura County's veterans has been invaluable and their work and efforts to address the needs of returning veterans are emblematic of their work that the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation

accomplishes on a daily basis. The Greenwoods have created an organization that has far reaching impacts on our community.

In 2010, in collaboration with the Ventura County Community Foundation, the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation founded the Ventura County Veterans Fund to specifically facilitate the transition of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans back into our community. Their mission is to provide employment assistance, counseling, education, and housing to all of our returning veterans.

Earlier this year, the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation opened its Veterans Service Center to provide health and human services to Ventura County's veterans. This organization cultivates an open forum for veterans' groups and organizations that serve to develop and care for veterans. Their mission is not only to provide care, but to encourage, inspire, and motivate.

I applaud Ron and Lisa Greenwood for their continued generosity and dedication to serving our brave servicemembers and their families. It is my sincere honor to join the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of Ron and Lisa Greenwood, and I commend them for the difference that they make in the everyday lives of our veterans.

TRIBUTE TO MS. FRANCES GOULD

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Frances Gould of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Ms. Gould works as the Southeast Region Field Support Manager of the Missouri Division of Family Services, where she oversees adoption, foster care, and interstate placement of children. She is an active member of the Community Caring Council, Southeast Missouri State University Alumni Board of Directors, and Centenary United Methodist Church, among other organizations. Ms. Gould also advises the women of Alpha Delta Pi sorority at Southeast Missouri State University.

Ms. Gould has enjoyed the opportunity to give back to her community and enhance the well-being of women and children. Although there are some heartbreaking stories, she is inspired by the many success stories she has helped create. I believe that Ms. Gould is a positive role model for the women she works with and is an incredible asset to our community.

NORTHMORELAND TOWNSHIP
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Company of Dallas, Pennsylvania.

Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Company was chartered in 1981 in order to provide fire protection to the local community

which had long relied on other jurisdictions for this important undertaking. Township supervisors decided that the company would rely solely on fundraising and other sources of income rather than on taxpayer dollars, a decision which still stands to this day.

Today, Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Company has over 70 members, including more than 40 volunteers who actively respond to calls. The additional members are responsible for important functions including fundraising, accounting, and other day to day business operations. Since its founding, the company has been active in updating their equipment and training procedures to ensure they are leaders in fire protection. The members of this company continue to risk their own lives to ensure the safety and well-being of the residents of Northmoreland Township.

Mr. Speaker, since 1981 members of the Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Company have proudly protected their community from fire and other disasters. Therefore, I commend all those personnel who have faithfully served at this fire house and congratulate them on the dedication of their newest building addition and acquisition of a new ladder truck.

REMEMBERING MR. MAURICE LYONS

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Maurice Lyons, who passed away October 16, 2013. Mr. Lyons has left those living in the Morongo Basin with a legacy of public service and dedication to community.

Mr. Lyons became well known throughout the Morongo Basin during his 15 years of leadership as chairman of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians. Raised on the Morongo Reservation as one of nine children, Lyons entered public service in 1994 as a tribal housing commissioner and chairman of the Morongo Head Start parents committee. Soon after he was elected to the Morongo Tribal Council and was elected Tribal Chairman in 2001, serving a total of three terms.

In addition to his leadership on the Tribal Council, Mr. Lyons established himself as a community leader through his role in developing the Morongo School, a college preparatory academy that opened on the reservation in 2010.

In addition he served as president of the board of directors for National Indian Child Welfare Association and spearheaded a national drive that raised more than \$500,000 toward the cost to build a National American Indian Veterans monument at Riverside National Cemetery.

Today, I join with the Morongo Band of Mission Indians and with the entire Morongo Basin in remembering this extraordinary public leader who served as an inspiration to all those who knew him.

TRIBUTE TO PARAMESHWARAN "RAVI" RAVISHANKER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Perris, California and greater Riverside County are exceptional. Riverside County has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Parameswaran "Ravi" Ravishanker is one of these individuals. This year, Mr. Ravishanker will end his tenure as the Deputy General Manager of the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) after over 20 years of service.

Under his guidance as Assistant General Manager and Deputy General Manager, Mr. Ravishanker has helped EMWD become an industry leader in water and wastewater management. He is responsible for having helped EMWD reach a historic water rights settlement with the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, which was signed into law by the President of the United States on July 31, 2008. This settlement has resulted in the recharging of an overdrawn groundwater basin, helping to secure water reliability in the region for future generations.

Mr. Ravishanker has been instrumental in the surface and groundwater basin plans for the Santa Ana Watershed and San Jacinto Watershed, which have a combined population of just fewer than five million people. He helped initiate the implementation of three groundwater desalination facilities, a multipurpose wetlands facility and five wastewater treatment facilities. In addition, Mr. Ravishanker helped develop a water resources management plan that helped maximize state and federal funding opportunities, resulting in a more sustainable water supply portfolio for the District.

Mr. Ravishanker previously served as a United Nations Consultant and the Deputy General Manager of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority. He has dedicated his career to the water industry and has always worked with a commitment to resource and environmental sustainability.

In light of all Mr. Ravishanker has done for the city of Perris and the greater community, it is only fitting that he be honored for his many years of dedicated service. Mr. Ravishanker's tireless passion for the industry in which he serves has contributed immensely to the betterment of Riverside County and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I commend Mr. Ravishanker for his tireless work with the Eastern Municipal Water District. I know that many are grateful for his service and salute him as he prepares to end his tenure later this year.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF "BLACK HAWK DOWN"

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, the veterans of the battle in Mogadishu, Somalia on October 3rd, 1993—commonly referred to now as "Black Hawk Down"—gathered at two different events in Fort Bragg, North Carolina and in Texas at the ranch of Ross Perot, Jr., to observe the 20th anniversary of these events and remember the 18 servicemen who were killed in action.

I submit for the RECORD a statement I received from Lt. Gen. William G. "Jerry" Boykin who was the commander of Delta Force during this battle, which took the lives of 18 men and wounded 73 others.

As Lt. Gen. Boykin notes in the statement, "What came next was hours of fighting between ninety-nine Americans and tens of thousands of the Somali militia, all armed with rifles, grenades, and rocket propelled grenades (RPG) and determined to kill as many Americans as possible. The battle was now a matter of principle. No American would be left behind. It made no difference that the two pilots were already dead, their bodies would be brought out and returned home with dignity. No man was willing to leave his comrade's body because each man lived by an ethos known as the 'Ranger Creed', which says in the fifth stanza 'I will never leave a fallen comrade to fall into the hands of the enemy . . .'"

BLACK HAWK DOWN TWENTY YEARS LATER

(By Lt. Gen. William G. "Jerry" Boykin)

October 3rd, 1993 was a day when "Uncommon valor was a common virtue," according to John O. Marsh, Jr., the former Secretary of the United States Army. Known to his friends as Jack, Marsh was speaking at a memorial service at the Delta Force facilities at Fort Bragg, North Carolina in November, 1993, just days after the unit had returned from Mogadishu, Somalia, where sixteen of their comrades had died and another 72 had suffered wounds. The battle that Marsh was referring to was later chronicled in the Ridley Scott and Jerry Bruckheimer movie "Black Hawk Down." Last week two key commemoratives occurred in different places which drew the participants of that battle together to honor their fallen comrades. The first was at Ft Bragg, NC on October 3rd where Rangers, Delta Force personnel, aviators from the 1/60th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, and a small number of US Navy and US Air Force warriors gathered on the twentieth anniversary. On the 5th of October, many of the same group, along with family members, attended an event sponsored by Ross Perot Jr at his ranch in Grapevine Texas. Both events were characterized by solemn camaraderie and stories of old team mates who never made it home from that battle. Jack Marsh was right about the valor shown that day in the most intense firefight that US troops had been in since the Viet Nam conflict.

One of the somewhat obscure facts about the "Blackhawk Down" battle is what those men were fighting for. The mission that day was to capture three Somali militiamen who were part of the network of a brutal tribal leader named Mohammad Aidede. That mission was accomplished fairly quickly and the task force was preparing to return to their base when a Blackhawk helicopter, call sign

Super 61, was shot down in the vicinity of the Bakkarra market. The pilot and co-pilot were killed on impact and trapped in the twisted wreckage. Two other crew members survived the crash along with three of the Delta Force operators, all of which were injured. Every man from the task force was directed to leave their targets and to get to the crash site and to recover the bodies of the dead crewmembers and protect the survivors until they could be evacuated. Some of the injured survivors were evacuated fairly quickly by the quick reactions of courageous helicopter pilots who saw the situation and reacted instantly. After a very tough block-by-block street fight, the task force finally assembled around the crash, only to discover that the bodies of their comrades were hopelessly entangled in the wreckage and would be nearly impossible to remove without tools, which the task force did not have. What came next was hours of fighting between ninety-nine Americans and tens of thousands of the Somali militia, all armed with rifles, grenades, and rocket propelled grenades (RPG) and determined to kill as many Americans as possible. The battle was now a matter of principle. No American would be left behind. It made no difference that the two pilots were already dead, their bodies would be brought out and returned home with dignity. No man was willing to leave his comrade's body because each man lived by an ethos known as the "Ranger Creed", which says in the fifth stanza "I will never leave a fallen comrade to fall into the hands of the enemy . . ." So the die was cast and it quickly became obvious to all the Americans in Mogadishu that until the necessary tools arrived that would allow the task force to rip the helicopter apart, the battle would continue; and it did, for eighteen hours. Additional casualties were taken by the task force as they stayed and defended the bodies of Cliff Walcott and Donovan Briley. It was not until just before daylight on October 4th that a relief force carrying the necessary equipment was able to reach the surrounded Americans and extract the two bodies. At that point, the entire force fought their way out of the city and back to their base on the airfield in Mogadishu.

While the cost was high, every man knew that he had done what was expected of him and had no regrets. Fighting and sacrificing for a fellow warrior is fundamental to the warrior ethos. These men battled against incredible odds to defend fallen comrades and did so without hesitation or reservation. Honor was preserved but at a price. Given the same dilemma again, it is a sure bet that every man would do the same thing. That is one of the things that makes a man a warrior and America is blessed to have people that know that there are some values for which they will risk everything, including their lives.

HONORING JAY DOUGLAS WEEKS
OF LEBANON TOWNSHIP, NEW
JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the Honorable Jay Douglas Weeks of Lebanon Township, New Jersey. Jay leaves a long legacy of courage, honor and distinguished public service.

Jay started his life of service by volunteering for the Marines. He was taught to fly and ex-

celled in combat maneuvering and navigation. He mastered fighter jets and bravely served on many important missions. In his professional life, Jay crafted his love of the skies as a pilot for United Airlines.

Jay continued his dedicated public service on the Lebanon Township Committee. There he had a long and accomplished tenure, including serving many terms as Mayor. He also volunteered his time with organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Elks and the Free Masons. He was also a lifelong sportsman and outdoorsman. Jay was a wonderful husband to Matilda and a beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather. Jay's devotion to others and his love of life will be sorely missed.

HONORING MS. CANDICE DAVIS

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Candice Davis of Jackson, Missouri for her outstanding achievements and service to our nation. Ms. Davis served in the United States Navy for nine years as a journalist and public affairs officer. Stationed abroad in Sicily, Bosnia, and Kosovo, she was a news anchor, radio host, and television travel show host. She then spent time in Jacksonville, Florida before reaching her final duty station in Denver, Colorado at the Navy Recruiting District. In this position, Ms. Davis excelled in marketing the Navy to the region and expanding recruitment efforts. She spearheaded efforts to get recruiters more involved in charity and community work.

After being honorably discharged from the Navy, Ms. Davis completed her education at Southeast Missouri State University, graduating Magna Cum Laude. She now works as a media specialist with the Missouri Department of Conservation, encouraging the community to discover the power of nature. She believes that those who participate in outdoor recreation experience less stress and are more confident and that individuals can truly go on to be anything they want to be. This is the message Ms. Davis imparts to interns in her office, in addition to sharing her military stories. I thank Ms. Davis for her service to our nation and I am impressed by her continued work to better our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF ASSUMPTION
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Assumption Catholic School on its 50th Anniversary. Since 1963, Assumption Catholic School has been providing outstanding Catholic education to Perth Amboy and the surrounding communities.

The Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary began plans to establish a parochial school after encouragement by

then Archbishop Metropolitan Constantine Bohachevsky. Construction began in 1960 and the school was opened in 1963. In 2007, its name was changed from Ukrainian Assumption School to Assumption Catholic School.

Since its establishment, Assumption Catholic School has grown considerably. Its first class in 1963 consisted of 25 first and second grade students. Each successive year, a grade level was added to the school and by 1969 the school encompassed kindergarten through eighth grade. A pre-kindergarten program was added in 2002. Nearly 800 students in 44 classes have graduated from Assumption Catholic School since 1970.

Assumption Catholic School has been led by four principals since 1963—Sister Josepha, Sister Vladimyra, Melanie Lawrence and Michael Szpyhulsky. Sister Josepha and Mrs. Lawrence also taught at the school. Under the leadership of each of these principals, Assumption Catholic School saw continued growth, expansion and technological upgrades. In addition to the dedicated leadership, faculty and staff of the school, Assumption Catholic School is also supported by the Ukrainian Assumption parish and the students' parents who are very active in school activities and benefits.

In 1996, Assumption Catholic School became the first Catholic school in Perth Amboy to receive Middle States Accreditation.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Assumption Catholic School. Its educational excellence is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

CONGRATULATING THE KAYNE
ANDERSON CAPITAL ADVISORS
FOUNDATION

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in recognition of the Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors Foundation, who will be honored with the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation's General Roger L. Brautigan Leadership Award for their unparalleled commitment to the needs of veterans in Ventura County.

Founded in 2011, Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors Foundation supports numerous organizations that aim to empower and enrich the lives of individuals and community. The Foundation's model of generosity and compassion reflects a new culture of giving that encourages their employees to increase their individual contributions and participation in charitable activities.

Through the support of the Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors Foundation, the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation can continue to provide essential services and funding to countless projects including housing coalitions, courts, memorials and activities that all serve the same mission to better the lives of all veterans and their families in California's central coast.

No one embodies the spirit of this generosity more than Gary Ghazarian, partner at Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors. As a Board Member of the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation, Gary has personified the true meaning of philanthropy and has been a stellar example

reflection of the quality of people and work that Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors and its foundation embodies. Because of generous people like Gary and organizations such as the Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors Foundation, the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation has received its largest donation to date.

I commend Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors Foundation and its generous contributors for their selfless work and dedication to Ventura County's veterans. I am pleased to extend my most sincere congratulations on their award and this well-deserved recognition.

C.W. BILL YOUNG DEPARTMENT
OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in proud support, and as an original co-sponsor of H.R. 3302, which the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Bay Pines, Florida, as the "C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center."

I thank the Chair and Ranking Member of the Veterans Affairs Committee, Mr. MILLER of Florida and Mr. MICHAUD of Maine, for working together to expedite the consideration of this fitting tribute to one of the most beloved members to serve in this body.

Mr. Speaker, this is a fitting tribute to one of the greatest champions of the men and women who don the uniform in defense of our nation, the late C.W. BILL YOUNG of Florida, who died last Friday, October 18, 2013, at the age of 82.

Mr. Speaker, BILL YOUNG was more than a great legislator. He was a good man. Virtually every member who served with BILL has a story about how the gentleman from Florida lent his ear or helping hand to help advance a critical project or further a legislative priority. I am no exception.

Earlier this year, Chairman YOUNG worked with me to win inclusion in H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act, of my amendment providing increased funding and support for medical research related to Triple Negative Breast Cancer. Chairman YOUNG also helped me to \$10 million in increased funding to support work to assist service members suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD). This act of kindness on the part of BILL YOUNG is changing lives in my congressional district, which is home to one of the nation's largest concentrations of veterans suffering from PTSD. BILL's compassion for our veterans and his colleagues knew no limits.

BILL YOUNG was born December 16, 1930 in Harmarville, Pennsylvania. A flood washed away his home at age 6 where he lived with his single mother. An uncle had a hunting camp in Florida, so the family moved there when he was 16. YOUNG dropped out of St. Petersburg High School to support his ill mother, Wilma M. (Hulings). He joined the Army National Guard and served from 1948 to 1957.

In 1960 YOUNG was elected to the Florida Senate, where he served from 1961 to 1970, and was minority leader in that chamber from

1966 to 1970. Until 1963, YOUNG was the only Republican Senator in Florida.

From 1999–2005, Congressman YOUNG served as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, overseeing the entire federal discretionary budget. In fact, the last time the United States had a balanced federal budget was under his Chairmanship.

Throughout his service on the Appropriations Committee, YOUNG has been dedicated to improving the quality of life of the men and women who serve and who have served in the military. He regularly met with enlisted personnel and officers to assess their needs, and as a result, Congress has invested in improved base housing, better medical care, increased pay, and more modern equipment for the military.

YOUNG has also been a leading advocate for increased biomedical research. During his Chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee, he successfully led the effort in Congress to double federal medical research funding over five years. He has likewise led the fight for federal funding for a variety of medical issues, including an increased immunization rate for preschoolers, improved public health programs nationwide, and cures for Parkinson's and Alzheimer's Diseases.

Throughout his career of public service, YOUNG has been a strong advocate for the needs of Pinellas County. Among other issues, he has worked to ease congestion along U.S. Highway 19; attract high-tech jobs to St. Petersburg; improve health care for low-income children and families; protect the neighboring MacDill Air Force Base; build a state of the art medical center for veterans at Bay Pines; ensure a steady supply of water for the Tampa Bay area; and offset the effects of erosion on the area's beaches.

For nearly two weeks YOUNG had been hospitalized with back problems that stemmed from a 1970 small plane crash. Despite the circumstances, Congressman YOUNG vowed to beat his illness and battled valiantly until the very last day, when he finished his journey on earth and ascended to the heavens.

Congressman YOUNG was the longest serving Republican member of the House and respected by all who knew him. He served over 50 years in public office and worked with 8 presidents of the United States. His presence will be forever missed and we all mourn his loss and extend our deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

But BILL YOUNG's good work lives on. And in renaming the Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Bay Pines as the C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, we consecrate a monument to a remarkable public servant that exists to carry on the work to which BILL YOUNG dedicated his life: serving those who risked their lives to keep us free.

Mr. Speaker, none of us who knew and admired BILL YOUNG will ever forget him or the way he brightened the lives of all the people he served. He was one in a million and he will be deeply missed. He will never be replaced. He was an American original. He was my friend.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INCORPORATION TRANSPARENCY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANT ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Incorporation Transparency and Law Enforcement Assistance Act. The bill would require the states to obtain information about the true ownership of the corporation, when incorporation papers are filed with the state.

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 state the "beneficial owner" of the corporation and provide sonic 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. As a result, just about anyone can easily manipulate the system to fund criminal activity.

Here is an example from an investigation in New York by the Manhattan District Attorney. The office announced investigations involving the movement of funds through banks in New York 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 New York 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 New York entity than the state of New York 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 and \$10 million in revenue.

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. The G-8 countries recently pledged to implement incorporation transparency as well.

As Global Witness has stated, "Setting a standard for collecting information about the true owner of a company would level the playing field between the states while preventing terrorists, drug traffickers and kleptocrats from hiding behind corporate secrecy."

The bill is supported by both Global Witness and Global Financial Integrity, as well as 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.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL HEALTHCARE QUALITY WEEK

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the nation's healthcare quality and patient safety professionals who work every day to ensure that our health system delivers high quality, cost-effective and safe care. During National Healthcare Quality Week, October 20 through 26, healthcare facilities nationwide celebrate the efforts of those professionals to improve health care. Healthcare quality and patient safety professionals make a positive contribution to our care by monitoring clinical processes and outcomes, analyzing data to improve systems, and helping to integrate new, evidence-based practices.

I am proud to note that their professional organization, the National Association for Healthcare Quality, NAHQ, is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois and is in my district. Its 5,400 individual members and 100 institutional members bring expertise to healthcare quality in all settings and specialty areas. They are the on-the-ground professionals who are helping healthcare facilities meet Obamacare's focus on improving quality care while reducing costs.

Quality professionals address many issues in the healthcare workplace, including ensuring that a patient's medications are reconciled, healthcare-associated infections are prevented, and the quality of care is continually improved. They strive to assure that the progress their facility makes on these and many other issues are reported in an accurate and transparent manner.

I applaud our health professionals whose job is to ensure that patients receive safe and quality health care and urge my colleagues to do the same.

ON THE 57TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE HUNGARIAN UPRISING OF
1956—HUNGARY REMAINS A NA-
TION OF PATRIOTS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the Hungarian freedom fighters who rose up against the communist tyranny that was imposed on their country after World War II. Many men and women died in that uprising—a courageous fight against incredible odds, as the Soviets sent in tanks to restore the puppet regime they installed in 1948.

Mr. Speaker, as Chairman or Co-Chairman of the Helsinki Commission I have been on human rights missions to Hungary many times over the years. One of the things that most impresses me about this country is the deeply admirable patriotism of so many Hungarians. By patriotism I mean something very different from nationalism—whereas nationalists resent and are aggressive toward other countries, patriots love and defend their own country and its best traditions, and allow—invite—other people to love their own countries and traditions.

This summer I visited Hungary on a congressional delegation ably led by my colleague on the Helsinki Commission, Senator Roger Wicker. We met with Prime Minister Orban and others, and it is in connection with this anniversary and our meeting with Prime Minister that I'd like to place into the record a recent interview Prime Minister Orban gave to the Telegraph.

I commend this to my colleagues as the words of a Prime Minister who thinks seriously and speaks frankly about issues facing his country and Europe as a whole.

VIKTOR ORBAN INTERVIEW: "PATRIOTISM IS A GOOD THING"—THE PRIME MINISTER OF HUNGARY, VIKTOR ORBAN, TELLS THE TELEGRAPH WHY HIS COUNTRY AGREES WITH BRITAIN IN ITS CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE "CREEPING" POWER OF BRUSSELS

(By Charles Moore)

15 OCT 2013

Viktor Orban has just had a good meeting with David Cameron. It was easier than his first with Margaret Thatcher (in 2001). "I am not satisfied with you," were, he recalls, her first words. She was angry that Hungary was not doing more to help protect Nato's soldiers from Serb aggression.

Despite this rebuff, Mr Orban is a Thatcher admirer. His political career began in 1988 when he was one of 37 young students and intellectuals founding a party to attack Communist rule in his country.

"Her role was very important: she was always in favour of freedom, always anti-Communist. She said, 'There is no such thing as society.' I like that remark very much because in European politics people were always talking in artificial sociological language. Social engineering was very popular."

When he attended Lady Thatcher's funeral in April, he was pleased that the Bishop of London explained what she really meant by those famous words. "The funeral was very moving and very British—not tragical, as it would be on the Continent—more of a tribute."

Young Viktor, a clever boy from a country background, won a George Soros scholarship

to Oxford to study civic society as seen by liberal political philosophers such as John Locke. He loved the "electrifying dance" of ideas there; but this was the autumn of 1989 and the Berlin Wall was coming down. Here was the chance actually to build a liberal civic society at home. "I said to myself, 'Viktor, what are you doing here?' and I took the occasion of our first free elections in March 1990 to go back."

He became prime minister for the first time in 1998, until 2002, and then, after wilderness years, returned to power with a landslide in 2010. His time in office has been controversial. He has been accused, often by European Union officials, of too much nationalism, of suppressing media freedom, politicising the judiciary and the central bank, and even of stirring up ethnic tensions. Has the great liberal freedom-fighter narrowed? Is there a risk that he could become an authoritarian strongman, the Vladimir Putin of his country?

"The risk is there," Mr Orban rather surprisingly admits, though it is much smaller if Hungary is economically successful. He thinks that circumstances have changed. [Update: The office of the Prime Minister of Hungary has asked the Telegraph to clarify the reference to Vladimir Putin in this interview. Mr Orban intended to assent to there being a risk that he could come to seem like a Putin of Hungary, not actually to become one.]

For 200 years, the "No. 1 motivation" for Hungarians was to catch up with more competitive Westerners. Until the credit crisis, Mr Orban believed that this could only be achieved by the "ever-closer union" of Europe. Now he has his doubts.

The crisis shows that it is not obvious that the EU can do better than independent nations. Unlike the British, he cannot rule out joining the eurozone, because of its centripetal pull for a small country like his, "but I don't urge it. To stand alone on your own feet is more important than ever." Hungary certainly should not join until it reaches 90 per cent of the GDP of those already in, he believes; right now it is in the low sixties.

"As I get older [he is still only 50], I tend to be more sceptical. Values are more important than money. National sovereignty is more and more important in my mind. The question 'Who is governing us?' is the key question."

So he supports David Cameron's efforts to change the European rules: "We shall need a new basic treaty eventually." He wants to join Britain in resisting "the creeping movement of Brussels to eat up national sovereignty".

The old answer that everything Westerners did was better is now "stupid". In the 1980s, the question Hungarians faced was "how to get rid of things"—Communism, state oppression, overregulation. Now that should stop. There are things which should be upheld in the interests of civilisation, not jettisoned: "It would be a sad story to get rid of religious belief, national identity, family and even sexual identity. That's not freedom."

In some schools on the continent, the idea has got about that "children should not be brought up as girls or guys", but to choose their sexual identity later. "Sometimes there is a separate changing room for those who don't know who they are," he exclaims.

What does he say to accusations that he is stirring up old ethnic, territorial passions in the region? Some blame him for the rise of the fascistic Jobbik party in Hungary. His answer is based on his belief that "Xenophobia is dangerous; but patriotism is a good thing". Ethnic disputes, often about land, are "a part of life in Eastern Europe", he says.

"How do we live with this?" he asks, "The solution is not to lie." Radicals of both left and right get about 15 per cent of the vote between them. That is too high for comfort, but "far away from being a majority".

At the heart of the problem in Europe, Mr. Orban believes, is the fact that the Communists were never fully defeated. Communism as an ideology "has no message for our future", but, unlike Nazism, it prevailed for so long (40 years in Hungary's case) that its leaders, who "were not stupid guys" created a culture which maintained their power. They upheld envy "as a perception of life", making people "disagree with the world as it is and try to destroy it".

They also inculcated a belief in "entitlements without any personal effort". In Hungary, Communism brought about what he calls "a learned helplessness", a deliberate destruction of personal responsibility, which crushed the middle class.

We discuss the row here about Ed Miliband and his Marxist father. Without commenting on the Labour situation, Mr. Orban says that there is a family tree passing from Communism through "the '68 generation" (such as the former revolutionary, now MEP, Daniel Cohn-Bendit) to Brussels bureaucrats and the media today.

"The Communist heritage has a marriage with the radical liberals today. That genealogy exists in Europe." He detects it in the doctrine of European human rights and the attempts by the European Commission to impose cultural and constitutional uniformity on member states.

For conservatives, he goes on, this is difficult, because "we find we must argue, and conservatives generally prefer just to live. We are shy to invest the energy, but we must do so at a European level."

Personally, Viktor Orban is not shy. He is up for the fight. "Boxing is a noble sport," he declares pugnaciously. In the West, politics is often "just a career". For him, he says, it is much more. He remembers the hard times in the late 1980s when Fidesz, his then tiny party, was opposed by the Soviets, by trade unions, militias and the state apparatus. "We were surrounded, and we won. Compare the risk now—it's nothing. It's just a peanut."

REMEMBERING FORMER CONGRESSMAN MAJOR OWENS

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, for more than two decades, Congressman Major Owens served the citizens of Brooklyn, New York in the United States Congress. He was a humble man of great character and dedicated his life to public service. Congressman Owens was an extremely important member of the U.S. House of Representatives, who was an expert in education policy. In Congress, he fought to secure \$100 million in federal funds for historically black colleges and spearheaded efforts to increase federal involvement in reducing high school dropout rates.

Congressman Owens used his position within the halls of Congress and in the community to ensure that every American lived a better life. Congressman Owens provided leadership within the Congressional Black Caucus fighting for the rights of minorities in addition to advocating for workers and the poor and middle class families. Congressman Owens was also

an advocate for disabled Americans playing an instrumental role in passing the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 in Congress.

It was an honor to serve with him as a colleague and a privilege to know him as a dear friend. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Maria and his family during this very difficult time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, for medical reasons, I was unable to be in Washington, D.C. for the roll call vote on H.R. 3080, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye. I've heard from manufacturers, workers, and farmers in Illinois about the importance of an efficient and modern water transportation system that allows them to move their products to market. Investing in our ports, waterways, and other water infrastructure is key to keeping our economy competitive and creating jobs and much needed economic growth. While not perfect, H.R. 3080 represents true bipartisan compromise that will allow us to move forward with reform that is long overdue.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE ON THE DEATH AND RECOGNIZING THE EX- TRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FLORIDA AND AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE OF THE HONOR- ABLE C.W. BILL YOUNG

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in proud support, and as an original co-sponsor of H. Res. 384, which expresses the condolences of the House on the death and recognizes the extraordinary contributions to our nation of Congressman C.W. Bill Young of Florida, who died last Friday, October 25, 2013.

I thank the bipartisan leadership of the House and the Chair and Ranking Member of the Veterans Affairs Committee for working together to expedite the consideration of this fitting tribute to one of the most beloved members to serve in this body.

Mr. Speaker, H. Res. 384 recognizes the extraordinary contributions of Bill Young to public life in Florida and the United States. It is both fitting and proper that the People's House pay this tribute to a pioneering and path breaking man who devoted his life to serving the people.

Mr. Speaker, this happy moment stands in stark contrast to the sorrowful evening of October 18, 2013, when we learned that our dear friend and colleague, the great Bill Young, had lost his life.

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Earlier this year, Chairman Young worked with me to win inclusion in H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act, of my amendment providing increased funding and support for medical research related to Triple Negative Breast Cancer. Chairman Young also helped me to \$10 million in increased funding to support work to assist service members suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD). This act of kindness on the part of Bill Young is changing lives in my congressional district, which is home to one of the nation's largest concentrations of veterans suffering from PTSD. Bill's compassion for our veterans and his colleagues knew no limits.

Bill Young was born December 16, 1930 in Harmarville, Pennsylvania. A flood washed away his home at age 6 where he lived with his single mother. An uncle had a hunting camp in Florida, so the family moved there when he was 16. Young dropped out of St. Petersburg High School to support his ill mother, Wilma M. (Hulings). He joined the Army National Guard and served from 1948 to 1957.

In 1960 Young was elected to the Florida Senate, where he served from 1961 to 1970, and was minority leader in that chamber from 1966 to 1970. Until 1963, Young was the only Republican Senator in Florida.

From 1999–2005, Congressman Young served as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, overseeing the entire federal discretionary budget. In fact, the last time the United States had a balanced federal budget was under his Chairmanship.

Throughout his service on the Appropriations Committee, Young has been dedicated to improving the quality of life of the men and women who serve and who have served in the military. He regularly met with enlisted personnel and officers to assess their needs, and as a result, Congress has invested in improved base housing, better medical care, increased pay, and more modern equipment for the military.

Young has also been a leading advocate for increased biomedical research. During his Chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee, he successfully led the effort in Congress to double federal medical research funding over five years. He has likewise led the fight for federal funding for a variety of medical issues, including an increased immunization rate for preschoolers, improved public health programs nationwide, and cures for Parkinson's and Alzheimer's Diseases.

Throughout his career of public service, Young has been a strong advocate for the needs of Pinellas County. Among other issues, he has worked to ease congestion along U.S. Highway 19; attract high-tech jobs to St. Petersburg; improve health care for low-income children and families; protect the neighboring MacDill Air Force Base; build a state of the art medical center for veterans at Bay Pines; ensure a steady supply of water for the Tampa Bay area; and offset the effects of erosion on the area's beaches.

For nearly two weeks Young had been hospitalized with back problems that stemmed from a 1970 small plane crash. Despite the circumstances, Congressman Young vowed to beat his illness and battled valiantly until the very last day, when he finished his journey on earth and ascended to the heavens.

Congressman Young was the longest serving Republican member of the House and respected by all who knew him. He served over 50 years in public office and worked with 8 presidents of the United States. His presence

will be forever missed and we all mourn his loss and extend our deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

None of us who knew and admired Bill Young will ever forget him or the way he

brightened the lives of all the people he served. He was one in a million and he will be deeply missed. He will never be replaced. He was an American original. He was my friend.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 29

Time to be announced

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine tackling diseases of aging, focusing on research collaboration.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet

To hold hearings to examine broadband adoption.

SR-253

OCTOBER 30

10 a.m.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 1562, to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, S. 1557, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals, S. 1561, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve provisions relating to the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees, H.R. 2094, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements), S. 1302, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans, H.R. 2747, to amend title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the Government Accountability Office to the Department of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title, and the nominations of Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, and James

Cole, Jr., of New York, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Education, and Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and any pending nominations.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1074, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Easter Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, S. 1132, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, S. 161, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana.

SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John B. Owens, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Matthew Frederick Leitman, Judith Ellen Levy, Laurie J. Michelson, and Linda Vivienne Parker, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, and Peter Joseph Kadzik, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice.

SD-226

NOVEMBER 7

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the impact of sequestration on the national defense; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217, following the open session.

SD-G50