

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE
OF THE HONORABLE IRA BRUCE
RUSKIN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and work of an extraordinary man, the Honorable Ira Bruce Ruskin. Ira was born in New York City on November 12, 1943, and passed away after a long struggle with brain cancer on July 3, 2014.

Ira Ruskin was drawn to progressive issues at the University of California, Berkeley, where he became involved in the Free Speech Movement. This began his lifelong advocacy for civil rights, women's rights and the environment. After graduating from Berkeley, he earned a degree in communications from Stanford University. He was a marketing and public relations consultant for two decades until he began his political career in 1995, serving on the Redwood City Council and as the Mayor from 1991 to 2001. In 2004, he was elected to the State Assembly, a position he held with dignity and distinction until 2010, when his illness prevented him from entering the race for the State Senate.

Ira Ruskin gave generously of his time and considerable talents to others. He helped organize and served as Chair of the Committee for Regional Water Reliability, and was Chair of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency. He also served our community as a Director of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority and as an Advisor to the Redwood City Education Foundation, the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, the San Mateo County Joint Powers Authority, and the San Mateo County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Advisory Board.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our condolences to Ira's beloved wife, Cheryl, to his entire family and to his many friends. It is fitting for us to honor the life of Ira Ruskin who was kind and compassionate and who will be greatly missed by all who had the good fortune to know him. He was a patriot who served his community and his country with a deep sense of dedication and integrity and his values and his life of service to others have bettered us and made our union stronger. How blessed and privileged I am to have known Ira, served our mutual constituents together, and called him my friend.

IN RECOGNITION OF CATHERINE
CHRISTOPHER

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Catherine Christopher, a resi-

dent of Middleborough, Massachusetts, who today celebrates her 100th birthday.

Catherine was born on July 11, 1914 to Mary and Michael Vergos in Lowell, Massachusetts. The second oldest of her six siblings, Catherine, or Kay as her family and friends know her, left her junior high school to work at Giant Store to help support her family. Kay later married Harry Christopher at the Holy Trinity Church in Lowell on October 22, 1939, and they went on to raise three children together: Sandra, William, and Chris. In the early 1950's, the Christopher family opened a grocery store on Locust Street in the early 1950's, which they operated for thirty years.

Kay has been an active member of the local Greek Orthodox Church and she, along with her husband, belonged to a number of clubs and organizations within their community for many years.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Catherine Christopher on this joyous occasion of her 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing her continued health and happiness.

BABY BOY BORN AFTER BEING
SPARED FROM ABORTION FOL-
LOWING MIRACULOUS INTERVEN-
TION

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 2014

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

[From the Christian News Network, Feb. 6, 2014]

(By Heather Clark)

WEST CHESTER, PA.—A baby boy was recently born in Pennsylvania after his life was spared from abortion through a miraculous series of events.

Baby Roman was 18 weeks gestation when his parents went to Planned Parenthood in West Chester last July for an abortion.

"I went to Planned Parenthood because I was stuck in my own world doing everything that I wanted to do," Roman's mother, Cartier, who had a previous abortion in 2012, told Christian News Network. "I was going to go get another abortion."

Cartier, 21, had three other children and a stepchild, and was living in government housing, where she was limited to an occupancy of six people. If she had the baby, she and her husband feared that they might have to find housing elsewhere, but had nowhere else to go.

At Planned Parenthood, Cartier found out that she was too far along in her pregnancy to have an abortion at the facility. She was directed to go to Cherry Hill, New Jersey that day to end the baby's life.

"[Planned Parenthood] gave me this paper and said, 'Here's other places that will do it,'" she explained. "And when I left, my husband and I got in the car [and were going to drive to New Jersey for the abortion]."

That day, a number of Christian sidewalk counselors stood outside of the facility offer-

ing help to abortion-minded mothers. Mary Ellen Caris, who has been active in pro-life ministry since 1989, was one of the counselors that eventually had contact with the couple.

"They came out an hour or so after they initially went in," she stated, "They didn't look at us, and they didn't want to take any information."

DIVINE INTERVENTION

But as Cartier's husband started the car and was ready to exit the parking lot, suddenly the transmission blew—right in front of the sidewalk counselors.

"[T]he car died," Caris explained. "[The husband] tried starting it up and it just barely made it to the stop sign and died again."

Cartier's husband started the car one more time and was able to turn the corner, but the car again stalled—this time for good.

"They had just spent \$500 on the car the week before to fix it," Caris outlined, "So probably he's thinking, 'Man, I just spent \$500. Why isn't this car working?'"

Suddenly, everyone began to ask themselves whether the situation was a matter of divine intervention.

"The whole time that my husband and I were in the car, we kept saying, 'What if it's God? What if He's trying to tell us something?'" Cartier recalled.

Caris and some of the other counselors then approached the vehicle to offer help, and minutes later, worked out arrangements to take Cartier home—but with the stipulation that she first go to the local pregnancy care center.

"I said to [my husband], 'I'm just going to do whatever this lady wants me to do so that we can get home,'" Cartier explained, "and then, forget them."

But Caris said that she and the others asked God to intervene in the situation as she drove Cartier and her husband to Chester County Women's Services in Coatesville and then waited patiently for the decision.

"We were praying while they were inside," she remembered.

"I CAN'T DO IT"

As Cartier sat in the offices of the pregnancy care center and listened to the words of Medical Director Lisa Thomas, she said that she suddenly "broke down." She texted her mother to tell her about the situation, who replied by congratulating her on the pregnancy—something that stood out to Cartier as she said that her mother had never spoken to her like that before.

Minutes later, Cartier had an ultrasound, and she knew right away that she couldn't go through with the abortion.

"I'm like, 'Oh my goodness, I can't do it,'" she said. "And me and my husband were immediately like, 'Alright, we're keeping him.'"

But, Cartier and her husband still did not know how they were going to provide for their son.

"I couldn't go to work; my husband was unemployed," she explained. "So now, we don't have a car, no way to get around—nothing."

Cartier and her husband decided to pray and trust God. And that's when they began to see amazing things happen before their eyes.

"Lisa called us and said that somebody wanted to give us a van, and that we could

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ride around for free," Cartier recalled. "And we're like, 'Are you serious?'"

"They called me again and said, 'Somebody wants to give you a baby blessing.'" she continued, noting that she had begun attending Thomas' church at that time. "[They said.] 'We don't want you to buy anything at all. . . . All you have to do is be here, and people are going to buy you everything you need for the baby.'"

Each time that Cartier and her husband had a need, it was always provided for just in time.

"It was like a rush. We went through all of this—we're struggling; we didn't have anything," she said. "[But then] people came into our lives and helped us. Every time we didn't have food in our house, somebody's bringing over groceries. Every time we'd think, 'How are we going to get here?' because we didn't have any gas in the car, someone would say, 'Oh, the church gave you a gas card, so you can put gas in your car.'"

ROMAN IS BORN, AND HIS PARENTS ARE BORN AGAIN

Baby Roman was born on December 4th, and Cartier, who along with her husband have since been born again, continues to testify to the goodness of God. She shared that every detail was taken care of surrounding Roman down to even the size of the clothing that she was provided during the baby shower.

"He's two months old and he's wearing three to six-month clothes," she explained. "If they had bought everything zero to three months, I would have no clothes right now. So, it's like an act of God that even happened."

And Cartier's housing situation worked out as well as she was able to have Roman share a room with one of his siblings without issue.

She gave a word of encouragement for other mothers who might also be considering an abortion.

"Instead of being so quick about everything, sometimes you have to be so tied up in something for God to step into your life. Sometimes you've got to struggle in order to see a victory," she said. "Don't get discouraged, because maybe God is trying to show you, 'You can't do it all without Me.'"

Caris also urged Christians to get out on the streets and love and help women like Cartier who may just need some hope and support.

"We don't see behind the veil. We don't know what God is doing," she said. "While praying in our prayer closets and praying about abortion in our homes and churches is really important, being a physical presence at the gates of Hell is just undeniably one of the most most powerful things you can do."

TRIBUTE TO JEFFREY KUETER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 2014

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jeffrey Kueter for being named the next President of the University of Iowa Alumni Association. Mr. Kueter will succeed current President Vince Nelson at the end of this month.

As any loyal Hawkeye knows, the UI Alumni Association is the trusted resource for more than 45,000 graduates who continue to stay involved in the university's community. The association has maintained an excellent reputation of keeping alumni engaged and united no

matter how many miles may separate them from Iowa City.

Since graduating from the University of Iowa in 1993, Mr. Kueter has maintained an unparalleled allegiance to his alma mater through the devotion of his time, resources, and efforts as an ambassador to the political science department. While in his current role as President of the George C. Marshall Institute in Arlington, Virginia, Jeffrey also has presided over the Capital Area Iowa Club of Washington, D.C. and served on the UI Alumni Association's Board of Directors for seven years. In 2011, Mr. Kueter was bestowed with the association's esteemed Distinguished Young Alumni Award for epitomizing what it means to pursue a rewarding, lifelong relationship with the university.

Mr. Speaker, I can think of no better selection than Mr. Kueter to promote the University of Iowa Alumni Association's mission of strengthening the university through alumni engagement. Jeffrey's continued commitment to his university and home state throughout his professional endeavors embody the values espoused in the lecture halls of Iowa City and all across our great state. As the next association president, there is no doubt that Jeffrey will continue to focus his efforts to further the University of Iowa and its world-class alumni. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Mr. Kueter on his new position and I wish him the best of luck as he expands his integral role in leading Hawkeye Nation.

HONORING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S HARRY WHITE

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great gratitude and respect that I rise to recognize Mr. Harry White upon the occasion of his retirement after a remarkable career of dedicated military and public service to our great Nation.

Born on October 22, 1942 in Robertsedale, Alabama, Harry enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1963. He excelled in his 21-year Air Force career, developing training and educational curricula for all USAF Veterinary Services. He later served as Superintendent of Training for the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine and as Senior Enlisted Advisor for Veterinary Services at Royal Air Force Base, Lakenheath, England in 1979. Harry retired from the Air Force in 1984 at the rank of Chief Master Sergeant.

After a full career of service in the Air Force, Harry joined the Central Baldwin Chamber of Commerce. Serving as Executive Vice President, he executed an industrial development program for the tri-city area in Alabama, developing and executing numerous programs to help support the local community. After five years with the Baldwin County Chamber of Commerce, Harry became the Director of Media Relations for Naval Air Station Pensacola.

Throughout the 25 years since, which he refers to as some of the best times in his life, Harry executed public affairs for the installa-

tion and proved to be a vital liaison between the military and civilian community. Harry prepared thousands of news releases to help translate issues of importance to the local communities; coordinated media relations for dignitaries, filmmakers, and writers; and served as an anchor for the community during emergencies, relaying critical information to the public during the aftermaths of Hurricanes Ivan and Katrina, the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, and the September 11, 2001 attack on our homeland.

I have enjoyed having the opportunity to work with Harry in his capacity as Public Affairs Officer and come to know him very well. Without question, Harry, always with his family and country at heart, has played an integral role in the continued development of Naval Air Station Pensacola. Looking back on his nearly five decades of service, Harry's unwavering devotion to duty, his timeless energy, and his extensive expertise will surely be missed. I am honored to call Harry my friend and I would like to thank his wife Wilma Jean, children, and grandchildren for supporting him throughout his exemplary service to our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all of Northwest Florida, I would like to thank Harry White for a five-decade job well done.

HONORING THE CITY OF FILLMORE

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the City of Fillmore as it celebrates 100 years of incorporation. Fillmore, whose motto reads: "The Last, Best Small Town in Southern California," is truly a gem of Ventura County. This tight-knit community cherishes its history and tradition, which are rooted in long-standing community values and are preserved and showcased through its many historical landmarks.

Fillmore's history extends beyond the early days of rural Southern California with its significant role in the development of the momentous railroad industry. A stroll through the Fillmore Historical Museum retells the stories of the Southern Pacific Railroad's 19th century depots.

The residents of Fillmore live alongside grand stretches of lemon, orange, and avocado groves, and at the foot of the Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge and the Los Padres National Forest, home to the Sespe Condor Sanctuary. It is an honor to be part of and serve a community with such reverence for the environment and with great devotion to local agriculture in its economy. There is much to gain from preserving California's farming tradition and much to learn from the historic pastimes of this Southern Californian municipality.

As we commemorate the city's 100th anniversary, I would like to commend the City of Fillmore and its residents, past and present, on their success of reaching this milestone. I offer my sincerest congratulations during this centennial celebration and look forward to many more years of growth and prosperity.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF MR. JACK LOANE**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 2014

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a member of America's Greatest Generation, Mr. Jack Loane. Jack was a World War II Navy veteran. He passed away this June, and is survived by his children and grandchildren.

Jack was present at the naval base in Pearl Harbor during the attack and later joined the Navy on the western front. Jack's bravery knew no bounds as he was involved in the Naval Armada taking troops to Normandy, France for the D-Day Invasion. He holds the distinction of being one of the few veterans to take part in both the attack on Pearl Harbor and the counter-offensive of D-Day.

Jack will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was active in the community, and tremendously proud of his service to our country. He was a frequent speaker and attendee at veteran's events, and was even honored this year at a Blackhawk's game for his service and sacrifice in defense of our freedoms.

Mr. Speaker, and my distinguished colleagues of the House, please join me in honoring Mr. Jack Loane, a true American patriot. I know I join his friends, family, and brothers in arms in celebrating his life and service and honoring his legacy as a veteran and an outstanding American.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 2014

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 \$17,586,759,896,863.97. We've added \$6,959,882,847,950.89 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 2014

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 394, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 2014

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote No. 397. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOP-
MENT AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4923) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Chair, I rise to speak on "H.R. 4923, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015," under final consideration by the House.

I want to thank Chairman SIMPSON and Ranking Member KAPTUR for their stewardship in bringing this legislation to the floor and for their commitment to preserving America's great natural environment and resources so that they can be enjoyed by generations to come.

As a senior member of the Homeland Security Committee, and the former chair of the Transportation Security Subcommittee, I understand that the challenge of protecting our nation's vital assets such as transportation infrastructure requires the finest technology and the highest levels of intelligence. Nothing can bring us to our knees faster than something affecting our economic vitality.

One of the greatest engines our economy has is the Port of Houston, which hosts a \$15 billion petrochemical complex, the largest in the nation and second largest worldwide? The Port of Houston petrochemical complex supplies over 40 percent of the nation's base petrochemical manufacturing capacity.

What happens at the Port of Houston affects the entire nation. The Port of Houston is critical infrastructure and the funding providing in the bill to address infrastructure needs and improvements are appreciated, but not sufficient to ensure that the nation's deep-water ports remain the best in the world.

Traffic at the Port of Houston accessed through the Houston Ship Channel has expanded dramatically. Today 2 million jobs depend on the Port of Houston. The Houston Ship Channel, which runs to the Gulf of Mexico, is the busiest channel in the nation with over 220,000 transits in 2013. We must look towards the future and make sure that port business destined for U.S. ports is retained.

Current levels of Army Corps funding barely address the operation and maintenance of our nation's ports and waterways. Nationally, the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund collects adequate funding to address current needs; unfortunately the Trust Fund does not fund new construction.

By 2016, our national ports will face a major competition when the Panama Canal's major expansion project is scheduled to be completed. The changes investments being made by the Government of Panama will mean that larger vessels that will pass through their canal will carry goods and supplies, destined for U.S. ports.

The real threat is that our ports, including the Port of Houston is that our waterways like the Houston Ship Channel is not dredged deep enough to handle the post Panama Canal water way upgrade that will be available in just 2 years.

The Panama Canal will be 50 feet deep, which will provide enough draft for navigation. The 50 feet deep ships are on track to become the norm and we must be forward thinking to meet the challenge of serving these vessels at our nation's ports.

This appropriations bill must significantly increase funding dedicated to the Corps of Engineers specifically the Civil Works Operations and Maintenance program.

Earlier this year an oil spill in the Port was extremely costly and the efforts to return the port to full capacity were heroic. The incident also highlighted the need modernization that would address rapid response capabilities at Ports that focus on restoration of waterways to full activity as quickly as possible.

The Port of Houston:

According to the Department of Commerce in 2012, Texas exports totaled \$265 billion.

Is a 25-mile-long complex of diversified public and private facilities located just a few hours' sailing time from the Gulf of Mexico.

In 2012, ship channel-related businesses contribute 1,026,820 jobs and generate more than \$178.5 billion in statewide economic impact.

For the past 11 consecutive years, Texas has outpaced the rest of the country in exports. The Port of Houston is the:

1st ranked U.S. port in foreign tonnage;

2nd ranked U.S. port in total tonnage;

7th ranked U.S. container port by total TEUs in 2012;

Largest Texas port with 46% of market share by tonnage;

Largest Texas container port with 96% market share in containers by total TEUs in 2012; and

Largest Gulf Coast container port, handling 67% of U.S. Gulf Coast container traffic in 2012

2nd ranked U.S. port in terms of cargo value (based on CBP Customs port definitions)

For these reasons, I reservations that this bill is all that Congressional should and could do to make sure that ports around the nation can keep pace with the global recovering economy.

In addition to these problems with the bill it also contains a number of riders that are problematic:

Obstruction of EPA's ability to clarify and define navigable water and specifying which of our nation's waterways are covered under the Clean Water Act.

Permanently prohibits the Army Corps of Engineers from modifying the definition of "fill materials" to include debris and overburden from mining and excavation projects to make them subject to the Clean Water Act.

Allows people to carry firearms on all Corps of Engineering lands

Finally, the bill faces strong opposition by the Administration, which means if it is passed in its current form it will not become law.

The Administration strongly objects to the funding level of \$1.8 billion provided in the bill for renewable energy, sustainable transportation, and energy efficiency programs, a \$546 million reduction below the FY 2015 Budget request. This reduced funding level will stifle Federal investment in innovative clean energy research and development (R&D) at a time of significant global competition and progress.

The Administration objects to funding reduction in the bill such as the \$40 million reduction from the FY 2015 Budget request that would reduce the number of grants to academic investigators and funding for staff at DOE laboratories working on fundamental discovery science and research that underpins advances in clean energy.

Further, this reduction would also affect access to world class facilities used by researchers from all sectors to conduct R&D. The bill funds the international fusion project ITER, at a level \$75 million above the FY 2015 Budget request. In light of schedule delays and management reforms underway, the Administration is concerned that the U.S. contributions would outpace the readiness of the project.

The bill provides the Corps of Engineers' bill \$5.5 billion for works program, nearly \$1 billion above the FY 2015 Budget request. The FY 2015 Budget focuses on investments that would yield high economic and environmental returns or address a significant risk to public safety. The Administration encourages the Congress to fund the civil works program at the requested level. The funding increase for the civil works program is provided primarily by decreases in other core priorities, including clean energy. The Administration also urges the Congress to permit the Corps to commence new starts in FY 2015.

The Administration strongly objects to sections 105 and 106 of the bill, which would prevent the use of funds to address deficiencies and regulatory uncertainties related to CWA regulations designed to protect important aquatic resources while supporting economic development.

Section 106 in particular would impact an important, ongoing Administration effort to provide regulatory clarity on which water bodies are covered by the CWA, which has been the subject of two Supreme Court cases in which the Court indicated the need for greater clarity regarding the statute's scope.

My service in the House of Representatives has focused on making sure that our nation is secure and prosperous. A central component of national security is the ability of our nation's international ports to move goods and into an out of the country.

With less than 50 legislative days remaining, I cannot support this bill and I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives work together to carefully manage our time and energy to make sure that the bills we past meet our obligations to the American public and can eventually become law.

SUPPORTING KNOWLEDGE AND INVESTING IN LIFELONG SKILLS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. MESSER. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act, which will help get people back to work in higher-wage jobs.

I want to commend Chairman KLINE and Subcommittee Chairwoman FOXX for their dedication and commitment to improving our nation's workforce training programs.

Our nation's current job training system is overly complex and failing hard-working Americans. Believe it or not, millions of jobs go unfilled simply because prospective employees lack the necessary knowledge and training. This bill will help address that challenge by bridging the gap between the skills workers have and those employers need, preparing workers to find good paying jobs.

This bill will also ensure hard-working taxpayers get more bang for their buck by demanding accountability and results from workforce training programs.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation, which shows we can come together and move America forward when we set our partisan differences aside.

IN HONOR OF MRS. ALICE JANE BALLEW

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Alice Jane Ballew of Richmond, Kentucky for her commitment and service to the citizens of the City of Richmond and Madison County, Kentucky.

On the occasion of her 90th birthday, I am pleased to recognize Mrs. Alice Jane Ballew for her many contributions to Richmond and Madison County, Kentucky, and in particular to the Pattie A. Clay Infirmary Association and to Baptist Health Richmond. Mrs. Ballew has provided more than a half century of volunteer service to the Infirmary Association and the hospital, and has served on the boards of trustees of both the hospital and its foundation.

Mrs. Ballew was recently awarded the Kentucky Hospital Association's Health Care Governance Leadership Award for her positive and sustainable impact on the quality of health care in Richmond and Madison County. She has also received the Community Service Award from Richmond's Chamber of Commerce, the Outstanding Service Award from Jewish Hospital in Louisville, the Outstanding Community Philanthropy Award and the Kentucky Hospital Association's Award of Excellence.

I am grateful to represent such an outstanding, civic minded constituent.

HONORING U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE JAMES TURK

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 2014

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks in honor of U.S. District Judge James Turk, a devoted public servant to the Commonwealth of Virginia, who passed away on July 6, 2014.

Judge Turk grew up on a farm in Roanoke County, and graduated from William Byrd High School. He served in the U.S. Army, and went on to graduate from Roanoke College. He won a scholarship to Washington & Lee University School of Law, and went on to practice law in Radford for many years with the firm of Dalton, Poff, & Turk.

He served in the Virginia State Senate from 1959 until 1972, and was the Senate Minority Leader from 1965 until 1972. In October of 1972, Judge Turk was appointed by President Nixon to the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia. In 2002, 30 years later, Judge Turk claimed senior status but, though a successor was appointed at that time, he continued hearing cases.

I and others who have practiced before Judge Turk found him to be honorable, helpful, friendly, and very sharp. John Fishwick, a prominent Roanoke attorney who clerked for Judge Turk in the 1980s and has appeared before him in court, said, "He had one of the sharpest legal minds I've ever known, and he also cared greatly about the people who came before him. Those people mattered so much to him." Circuit Court Judge Clifford Weckstein wrote this week, "He loved coming to work. He loved his job. And his job, as he saw it, was to do justice, every day and in every way." And Tom Bondurant, a former assistant U.S. attorney now in private practice, said, "He had a fine sense of right and wrong, and he always tried to do what was right."

Judge Turk was involved in additional public service work and charitable work, including serving as President of the Roanoke College Alumni Association, membership in the Roanoke College Society of 1842, and on the Boards of Directors for the Radford University Foundation and the C.E. Richardson Foundation. He also was a trustee for the Radford Community Hospital. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by Roanoke College in 1996 for his service and devotion to his alma mater.

He is survived by his brother, S. Maynard Turk and wife Pat; his beloved wife, Barbara Duncan Turk; his children, Ramona Turk, Jimmy Turk and wife Allison, Bobby Turk and wife Laura, Mary Turk Prince and husband Scott, Michael Turk and wife Barbara; and grandchildren.

Judge Turk was dedicated to his family, and was dedicated to his work. He was very well respected, a devoted public servant, and a noble defender of the rule of law. He had a tremendous impact on our community and upon countless individuals all across the region. Though Judge Turk will be greatly missed, his legacy and influence will long be remembered.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Judge Turk's family and other loved ones at this time. May God give them comfort.

CELEBRATING ST. CHARLES EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S "MISSION IN THE MOUNTAINS"

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 2014

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Charles Episcopal Church's "Mission in the Mountains" and to celebrate the service of seven high school participants in this effort. In June, the St. Charles Episcopal team traveled to poverty stricken areas of the Appalachian Mountains where they invested their time and energy rebuilding and repairing homes. This was the 13th year in a row members of the St. Charles community participated in a mission trip to Kentucky.

Liz Ryan, director of youth & children's development at the church, led the mission trip for the 13th time. She described the mission as life changing, saying "One of the things that we profess to in our religion is that we respect the dignity of every human being, when you go to someplace where the need is so evident, it changes your perspective on the world." Ryan believes that no two trips have ever been the same and that the students take home a new perspective on how to positively impact the world.

The students, Shannon Foran, Mandalee Manning, Rachel Peyton, Johanna Matthiesen, Ian Rhead, Avery Manning, and Grace Ditch, were trained in using power tools and equipment and a variety of tasks needed to complete the building and repair projects comprising the mission. They used these skills to

repaint walls, ceilings, homes, and build wheelchair ramps and fix leaky roofs.

Mr. Speaker, these hardworking young people could have been spending time at home, with friends, playing video games, or any of the other ways so many choose to spend their days. Instead, they showed leadership, compassion, and commitment to help build a better world. They chose to roll up their sleeves and get to work. They improved the lives of those less fortunate, and they set a terrific example for the rest of us.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in celebrating these "Mission in the Mountain" participants and their efforts and encouraging them to continue to lead by example.

TRIBUTE TO MR. EUGENE H.
DIBBLE

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 11, 2014

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, about ten years ago I had the pleasure of going to the floor of the House of Representatives to congratulate and wish my good friend Mr. Eugene Dibble a happy 75th birthday.

Today, I am pleased to be here at Howard University Law School with you, his family, friends and associates to say farewell as he transitions on to another world of which we know so little.

But what we do know is that Mr. Eugene Dibble is a member of one of America's most distinguished families. Big Gene or Gentle

man Gene as he was fondly called by some of those who knew him, was indeed a man about the town. Pedigreed, intelligent, astute, wise civically socially and politically involved, and some would even say charmingly so!

Gene Dibble was a pioneer, one of the first African American stock brokers in Chicago. He told me that he owned five businesses at one time and had five children who worked in these businesses. Yes, he was advisor to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Muhammad Ali and to countless others. One evening after dinner at one of his favorite eating places, "the Jockey Club", he said to me that the most important aspects of his life were his family and heritage. He talked about you all whenever he was talking and that was practically all of the time. Gene was keenly aware of his world and always seeking, probing and analyzing and trying to figure out, always wanting to be in charge of his thoughts and actions.

It seems to me that the poet William Ernest Henley had Gene on his mind when he penned these words: "Out of the night that covers me, Black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever Gods may be, for my unconquerable soul. In the fell clutch of circumstance, I have not winced nor cried aloud, Under the bludgeoning of chance, my head is bloody, but unbowed. Beyond this place of wrath and tears looms the horrors of the shade, and yet the menace of the years, finds and shall find me unafraid. It matters not how straight the gate, how charged with punishment the scroll, I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul!"

And may the soul of Eugene H. Dibble rest in peace.