

Commerce, and by America's Community Bankers.

I want to conclude by thanking two valued Members of the Financial Services Committee, the gentlelady from New York, Mrs. KELLY and Mr. GILLMOR from Ohio, who have worked tirelessly over several Congresses to advance this legislation, as well as our Ranking Minority Member, Mr. FRANK, who has contributed greatly to this legislation and has been strongly supportive of the overall effort on this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to vote in favor of H.R. 1224.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, due to family obligations in South Carolina, I unfortunately missed recorded votes on the House floor on Monday, May 23, 2005.

I ask that the Record reflect that had I been able to vote that day, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 200 (Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 744—Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2005), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 201 (Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 29—Securely Protect Yourself Against Cyber Trespass Act), and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 202 (Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H. Con. Res. 149—Recognizing the 57th Anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel).

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING TAMALA LONGABERGER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Tamala Longaberger has been appointed by President George W. Bush to chair the National Women's Business Council; and

Whereas, Tamala Longaberger will oversee the bipartisan federal advisory body to provide advice to the President, Congress, and the United States Small Business Administration on economic issues important to women business owners; and

Whereas, Tamala Longaberger has served as the chief executive officer of the number one maker of handmade baskets, Longaberger Company, for ten years; and

Whereas, Tamala Longaberger should be commended for her service in the Newark, Ohio and surrounding areas and to the Republican Party.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in honoring and congratulating Tamala Longaberger for her outstanding appointment.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
QUINTEN S. WISE ON HIS AP-
POINTMENT TO ATTEND THE
UNITED STATES MILITARY
ACADEMY AT WEST POINT

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Quinten S. Wise of Waterville, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Quinten's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2009. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Quinten brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of West Point cadets. While attending Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, Quinten has attained a grade point average of 3.95, which places him near the top of his class of more than three hundred students. While a gifted athlete, Quinten has maintained the highest standards of excellence in his academics, choosing to enroll and excel in Advanced Placement classes throughout high school. Quinten has been a member of the National Honor Society, Honor Roll, and has earned awards and accolades as a scholar and an athlete.

Outside the classroom, Quinten has distinguished himself as an excellent student-athlete. On the fields of competition, he has earned letters in both Varsity Football and Baseball. Quinten has served as class president for four years and was selected as a 2004 delegate to the American Legion's Boys State. Quinten's dedication and service to the community and his peers has proven his ability to excel among the leaders at West Point. I have no doubt that Quinten will take the lessons of his student leadership with him to West Point.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Quinten S. Wise on his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Quinten will do very well during his career at West Point and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his service to the nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 23, 2005 I was unable to vote on a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 744,

the Internet Spyware Prevention Act of 2005 (rollcall No. 200); H.R. 29, Securely Protect Yourself Against Cyber Trespass Act (rollcall No. 201); and H. Con. Res. 149, Recognizing the 57th Anniversary of the Independence of the State of Israel (rollcall No. 202). Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all three measures.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES E. WALKER

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles E. Walker.

Charles Walker is a Government Affairs Officer with the Army Corps of Engineers and he will be retiring this year after thirty years of outstanding work in the Federal service.

Charles Walker has consistently demonstrated a high level of performance throughout his career serving our nation, starting with his service in the United States Army. He joined the Army in 1966 and fought in the Vietnam conflict. He left the Army in 1969 and returned to continue his education.

He earned his Russian Language Certificate from Leningrad University and a P.h.D. from West Virginia University in 1973. Prior to Vietnam, Charles Walker had been a secondary school teacher in Baltimore City. He returned to teaching in 1973 as a History Lecturer at Anne Arundel Community College and remained there until 1974.

In 1975, Charles Walker entered the Federal service as a historian in the Historical Office of the Headquarters of the Army Corps of Engineers. He left the Corps in 1978 to become an aide to the Mayor of Baltimore City and returned to teaching in 1979, taking a position as a U.S. Government instructor at Towson University.

Since 1980, Charles Walker has been working exclusively as a member of the Federal service. First as a Senior Soviet Research Analyst at the Library of Congress in 1980, he became a Public Affairs Specialist with the Corps of Engineers. He again left the Corps in 1982. In 1987, Charles Walker became the Public Affairs Director for the Maryland Department of the Environment.

In 1991, Charles Walker began his current position as a Government Affairs Officer with the Army Corps of Engineers. His professionalism, dedication, diligence and enthusiasm have had a significant positive impact on the Corps as it serves its mission.

The Baltimore District of the Corps serves five states and helps to design and construct facilities and provide real estate services to support America's Army. The Corps also plays an active role in maintaining important navigation channels to secure the safety of national commerce in addition to the many public service engineering projects it performs in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Charles E. Walker for his service to our nation and honoring him on the occasion of his retirement.