

opposition to H.R. 1461, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act. In its amended form, the legislation no longer puts the best interest of our Nation at heart, but instead holds a precious resource hostage for the sake of partisan politics.

The provision restricting non-profit organizations, and their affiliates, from using their own funds to engage in non-partisan voter registration or get-out-the-vote activities if they want to apply for the much-needed affordable housing funds is entirely inappropriate. The inaptness is compounded by the fact that the language still allows for-profit institutions to engage in voter advocacy, even conducted in a partisan, biased manner. If the threat of misuse of these funds is so apparent as to warrant this amendment, why would we only restrict charitable organizations and not those whose fundamental goal is to swell business profits?

It is extremely apparent that the leadership's priorities are backwards. Congress should be encouraging election activities promoting good citizenship conducted by unbiased, non-profit organizations, not restricting the types of aid these groups are allowed to provide. To add insult to injury, the new provision imposes a new burden of requiring these groups to list housing assistance as their "primary purpose" if they want to apply for funds. The effect of this constraint will be to reduce the diversity of assistance that will be available.

With such a growing need for affordable housing, and for competent groups capable of connecting people with the already scarce resources, I cannot imagine why my colleagues would want to handicap these organizations from providing assistance to our Nation's most vulnerable populations. It is for these reasons I cannot support this otherwise sound and reasonable measure to improve the regulation of our Nation's largest source of mortgages. I urge my colleagues to vote no on H.R. 1461.

IN HONOR OF OFFICER DAVID
PERRY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Police Officer David Perry for his service to our community. Mr. Perry has dedicated his life to protecting his country as well as his community, and for that I am grateful.

David Perry heroically served in the United States Marine Corps from 1983 to 1989. His service included a meritorious promotion to Corporal and assignment to the Marine Security Guard Detachment in Calcutta, India. While serving in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, he was promoted to Sergeant and honorably discharged from active duty on January 6, 1989. He has maintained Reserve status while serving as a Patrol Officer in the City of Santa Cruz. Furthermore, Mr. Perry had dedicated his time to serving the city as a Field Training Officer and is a member of the Santa Cruz Police Department Honor Guard.

Mr. Perry is known for his allegiance to the enforcement of law, the prevention of crime, and his deep sense of community. Respectfully, David Perry has volunteered to return to active duty with the United States Marine

Corps. He will be deployed to Iraq in January of 2006. Mr. Perry's voluntary service is truly appreciated and highly valued.

Mr. Speaker, the service of local members of the community is an asset to this Nation, and I applaud Mr. Perry's contributions. We all look forward to the safe return of Officer Perry, and wish him well in his service in Iraq. Mr. Perry is an outstanding member of the community, and his dedication is appreciated.

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE
REFORM ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill. (H.R. 1461) to reform the regulation of certain housing-related Government-sponsored enterprises, and for other purposes:

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Chairman, I supported Chairman OXLEY'S Manager's Amendment to H.R. 1461, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2005, because it maintains progress on several key issues Congress has been working on this session. I was pleased to see that the manager's amendment gave the victims of Hurricane Katrina priority in receiving grants from the Affordable Housing Fund for the first two years after its inception. I continue to urge my colleagues to look for ways to ease the burden of recovery that currently rests on the taxpayers. I also support the sunset provision of this amendment so that a future Congress can revisit this issue and again evaluate the needs of affordable housing recipients. Finally, I would like to express my full support for the ability of non-profit organizations to compete for the funds created by H.R. 1461.

I agree that there must be full oversight of the groups receiving grants from the Affordable Trust Fund, and that no dollars from the fund may be used for lobbying, travel, or election activities. However, I do have concerns that some of the language included in the manager's amendment was overly broad. Some have argued that the amendment may prohibit groups like Catholic Charities, Lutheran Services in America, and Habitat for Humanity from receiving Affordable Trust Fund grants. I would strongly urge House conferees to revisit and narrow the language included in this amendment so that these organizations, along with other well-meaning non-profit groups, can access the funds and grow their affordable housing programs.

IN HONOR OF FIRE CHIEF KERRY
SHERIDAN

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fire Chief Kerry Sheridan of the Troy Fire Protection District in Shorewood, Illinois. On Saturday, Sheridan will celebrate 45 years

of service as the Fire Chief with the local volunteer fire protection district:

Since first being elected in 1960 to the Fire Chief position, Sheridan has seen major changes from not only the size and scope of the fire protection district, but also advances in technology and equipment. In 1960, his equipment consisted of a used 1929 REO Speedwagon and a dispatch that was a phone call to the Chief to sound the siren. Now, the department consists of multiple engines, an enhanced 911 dispatch center and the protection district has grown to over 18,000 residents compared to the 800 residents in 1960.

Within Sheridan's impressive 45 years of services, the Chief has provided a classroom in the Joliet Junior College to teach fire services, started one of the first cadet programs in Illinois and organized an Ambulance service that recruits and trains new EMT's every year. Chief Sheridan is still actively serving on the Joliet Junior College Fire Science Advisory Board which he has served on since 1974 and is very involved with the local government.

The most impressive part of his service as a volunteer for the fire department is that he achieved all of these great accomplishments while being a full time employee with Illinois Bell Telephone and now AT&T.

With 45 years of dedication to his township and the safety of its residents, Kerry Sheridan provides an example to all of what they can do to better their community. When we hear young children having aspirations of becoming firemen when they grow up, we should all point to the example Kerry Sheridan has set.

A TRIBUTE TO ROGER MILLIKEN

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a true American patriot who has maintained a reputation as a protector of American manufacturing—Mr. Roger Milliken. Roger recently celebrated his 90th birthday and, not to the surprise of many, continues to faithfully sit at the helm of Milliken & Company, one of the largest and most successful textile and chemical manufacturing companies in the world.

On the special occasion of his 90th birthday, I feel it prudent to ensure that my colleagues in the House are made aware of Roger's immeasurable commitment to the protection and development of our domestic manufacturing base. Roger has long deflected the enticements of outsourcing and importation, believing the divestment of American industry in foreign markets is not conducive to economic growth and detrimental to our nation's productivity and ingenuity.

Roger's personal success can be credited to his entrepreneurial spirit and his strong work ethic, both professionally and academically. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University in 1937 and was named President of Deering Milliken in less than ten years. Under Roger's leadership, Deering Milliken officially became known as Milliken & Company and gained its status as a nationally recognized textile manufacturer. He served as President of Milliken & Company until 1988, when he was named Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, the title which he continues to hold today.

Roger maintains an inclusive relationship with his employees and each Milliken associate is encouraged to share their thoughts on how quality and excellence can be achieved. As a matter of fact, much of Milliken & Company's success can be attributed to its network of faithful employees who tirelessly strive for nothing less than perfection.

Mr. Speaker, President Ronald Reagan once said, "My goal is to keep America the premier job-creating nation on Earth and we must unleash the full power of entrepreneurship. We can make our land that of the future, offering unlimited opportunity to all Americans who dare to live for their dreams." We are fortunate to have individuals like Roger Milliken, who never relent in their quest to foster and protect American industry, and believe the industrial climate envisioned by President Reagan is achievable.

Roger is recognized as someone who takes pride in the craftsmanship of the American workforce and fights for the preservation of those jobs. In an interview with the Wall Street Journal in 1995, Roger said, "I'm going to keep on doing what I'm doing. I'm going to die in the saddle, fighting for American manufacturing supremacy." While this statement is certainly indicative of Roger's tenacity and entrepreneurial ambition, it more importantly demonstrates the elements of selflessness and confidence that need to be revived within our industrial community. Roger's desire for American manufacturing supremacy is not unrealistic and one in which I believe we can achieve.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Roger Milliken's contribution and commitment to American industry and manufacturing. In celebration of his 90th birthday, I wish him many more years of good health and happiness.

JERRY AND SHIRLEY MCCORMICK—SALUTE TO HURRICANE VOLUNTEERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute those individuals and organizations that opened their hearts and dedicated both financial and emotional support to the evacuees of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. All of the states along the Gulf Coast have endured terrible hardships during this hurricane season, and I know that the generosity of North Texans played a vital role in bringing some peace into their lives.

Today, I want to specifically thank one family, their company and their donation. Jerry and Shirley McCormick, from Texas Manhole Company donated a refrigerator and dinner for 100 volunteers during hurricane Katrina.

I stand here today to sincerely thank Jerry and Shirley McCormick for their donation. It is people like them that I am proud to call fellow Texans. Through their contribution, they not only stand as a devoted and giving American citizens, but they serve as an inspiration to others.

TRIBUTE TO LANCE CORPORAL BRIAN PARRELLO

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Lance Corporal Brian Parrello, a heroic young man from my district who died while bravely serving his country in Iraq. I am proud that this week we will name the United States Post Office in his hometown of West Milford, New Jersey after Brian, the very post office where his father has spent many years working for the Postal Service.

On January 1 of this year, Lance Cpl. Brian P. Parrella, 19, of West Milford, N.J. was killed in Al Anbar Province, Iraq as a result of hostile fire. Lance Cpl. Parrello was assigned to Small Craft Company, Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Parrella was attached to a Marine Swift Boat unit that patrolled the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.

A resident of West Milford, New Jersey, Parrello attended West Milford High School where he was a member of both the football and hockey teams. Following high school, he was so deeply affected by the attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon that he proudly enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. His teachers, coaches and peers have called him a real leader and a role model, someone who always gave 150 percent, and a person who led by example with a big heart.

This loss causes us to reflect on the bravery demonstrated by our men and women in uniform as they carry out their obligations in the face of danger. When their Nation called them to duty to preserve freedom and the security of our neighbors, they answered without hesitation.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere privilege to recognize the life of a proud soldier and heroic representative of the State of New Jersey. Lance Cpl. Brian P. Parrella was an honorable defender of liberty and he deserves our gratitude and respect.

I am pleased that we could recognize Brian's sacrifice in this manner and I hope that years from now the citizens of West Milford can remember the courage and sacrifice of this brave young man. We will continue to keep Brian's family and the families of all our men and women serving around the world in our thoughts and prayers.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on vote No. 535 regarding a Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 2744—the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006—my vote was recorded in a manner inconsistent with my intent. Let the RECORD show that my vote should have been recorded as "nay" not "yea."

REMEMBERING DON F. GILBERT

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to enter into the RECORD my comments on the life of a great Floridian from my district who passed away recently.

Born on December 26, 1930, in Peekskill, New York, Don F. Gilbert gave tirelessly of himself to his family and community. A veteran of the Korean Conflict, Don served in the United States Marine Corps from 1951–1952.

Following his tour in the Corps, Don attended Texas Western College, now the University of Texas at El Paso. During that time, he worked for the FBI and later began a career in court reporting.

Throughout his professional career, Don had many interests and was active in the Masonic Order, Job's Daughters and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. After his service in Korea, Don joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary, where he helped organize Flotilla 12 and served as its commander.

Don passed away at his home in Tallahassee, Florida, on August 28, 2005, and is survived by his children and wife, Gwen, whom he shared 49 years of marriage.

TRIBUTE TO ROSA PARKS

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ms. Rosa Parks who died on October 24, 2005 at the age of 92.

In 1955, Rosa Parks was a seamstress, housekeeper and volunteer at the local NAACP chapter in Montgomery, Alabama. One winter evening, the 42-year-old was riding a city bus home after a long day of work. Rather than give up her seat to a white person, she chose to be arrested, setting off a 381-day boycott of the bus system organized by a young Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Her simple act of defiance was an important catalyst in the Civil Rights Movement. She was arrested and later found guilty by a local court of violating segregation, but her case eventually went to the U.S. Supreme Court which overturned the Jim Crow-era laws.

Many civil rights pioneers would fight against injustice, helping advance genuine equality among citizens. Yet Rosa Parks was unique; a true American icon who embodied the notion that one person can make a difference, that a snowball can turn into an avalanche. She was the anonymous victim of discrimination whose fame quickly spread; a woman of profound inner-strength and deep conviction who selflessly volunteered herself for the greater cause of liberty. Her bravery galvanized thousands to use non-violent means to move Congress to pass landmark civil rights and voting rights legislation.

Two years ago, I joined a civil rights pilgrimage to Selma, Montgomery and Birmingham, Alabama. Led by Representative JOHN LEWIS and the Faith in Politics Institute, the pilgrimage took Members of the House and Senate