

worked with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to address the real and growing need to recapitalize our aging KC-135 Tanker fleet. The committee has shown a real commitment to this vital program by providing \$440 million in funding and instructive language.

Specifically, the directive language:

Recommends procuring 36 aircraft a year, over the current 12–15 a year. With over 500 KC-135 aircraft, it would take 40 years to replace these aircraft at 12 a year.

Requires production aircraft to be built in the United States—to strengthen our industrial base;

Ensures that any competition includes a 40-year life-cycle cost—to guarantee the American taxpayer get the best return on their investment.

This is the right direction to move the program forward.

Unfortunately the President, in his State-ment on Administration Policy, has expressed strong opposition to the Buy-America language directing that production KC-X aircraft be built in the United States. This comes as both competitors—Boeing and Airbus—have already committed to building their tanker in America.

This provision is essential because Airbus has a history of promising American jobs and then shipping the jobs back to Europe when it suits their interests—as they did with the Light Utility Helicopter. I hope the President drops his opposition to the American worker and stand with us in demanding that the promises defense contractors make to this Congress and the American people are kept.

Second, as I previously stated, I am concerned with the lackluster investment in procurement and research and development accounts in this bill. In 1985, military modernization was around 45 percent of the defense budget. This year the modernization budget is set to represent only 31 percent of the budget request. It appears another defense procurement holiday is on the horizon.

The Obama administration has already slashed procurement budgets along with research and development of almost a dozen advanced weaponry systems our nation will likely need in the future. Some of these cuts include the Airborne Laser, the Future Combat Systems, the C-17, the Navy's next-generation cruiser, the Multiple Kill Vehicle, and the Kinetic Energy Interceptor.

In my opinion, this bill fails to make the adequate investments so our children and grandchildren will have the resources they need to protect this nation in the decades to come.

Despite my concerns, I believe this bill is still worth supporting. I will continue to work for additional resources for our military when we move to conference. In the meantime I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Chair. I rise today in strong support of this bill. The Defense Appropriations bill funds a number of research and education programs, but most importantly it provides for the defense of our nation and for the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces.

This bill includes a pay raise and other benefits for our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines, making sure we provide them what they need and deserve. It provides a 3.4 percent military pay increase and \$122.4 billion to fully fund the requested end strength levels for per-

sonnel. The bill continues efforts to end the practice of “stop loss” and includes funding to pay troops \$500 for every month their term of service is involuntarily extended in 2010.

The bill also provides for those that have been injured defending our country by including \$500 million for traumatic brain injury and psychological health. The bill also includes a total of \$2.2 billion for the wounded, ill and injured programs. The bill includes \$636 million for peer-reviewed research programs: \$150 million for breast cancer research; \$80 million for prostate cancer research; \$30 million for orthopedic research; \$25 million for ovarian cancer research; \$15 million for spinal cord research; and \$10 million for ALS research.

I would also like to express support for the inclusion of The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM.) Initiative to be administered by HoustonWorks USA. Federal support is necessary, because this program will support the national agenda to promote STEM programs and increase exposure to careers in engineering among at-risk or hard-to-serve youth, an untapped human resource in our country's quest to increase the numbers of American engineers. The outcome of STEM awareness programs like this one is part of the process to grow the engineering pipeline, a critical step to answer some of the world's most important questions in science today. This project will benefit numerous individuals in the 29th District, and I thank the Committee for including funding for the project.

I am disappointed, however, funding was not included for restoration of the Battleship *Texas*. The historic Battleship *Texas* is the only surviving naval vessel that served in both World War I & II. In order to keep her from deteriorating further, the Battleship *Texas* Foundation in conjunction with the Parks and Wildlife Department, will permanently remove the USS *Texas* from the water and construct a dry berth at a cost of \$29,000,000—we have secured funding in the past to assist with this project, but did not receive funding this year for our request. I ask that the Chair reconsider as future bills move forward, and I look forward to working with him on this project.

Madam Chair, overall this is a good bill that provides for the defense of our nation, our troops and their families, and a number of other critical projects and research initiatives. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 3326.

Mr. MURTHA. I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIR. All time for general debate has expired.

Mr. MURTHA. Madam Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. TITUS) having assumed the chair, Ms. BALDWIN, Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3326) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

## HONORING THE MEMORY AND LASTING LEGACY OF SALLY CROWE

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to discharge the Committee on House Administration from further consideration of House Resolution 682 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

### H. RES. 682

Whereas Sally Crowe's career spanned 52 years of service, beginning in 1957 as a cashier in the Longworth cafeteria;

Whereas Sally moved to the Members' Dining Room in the U.S. Capitol in the 1960s and remained on the job there until her passing on June 28, 2009;

Whereas throughout her career she provided a warm and personal welcome to generations of Members, staff, and guests;

Whereas regardless of who managed the Members' Dining Room, Sally remained a fixture, serving with distinction and making a special effort to know every Member by name; and

Whereas Sally will be remembered for her sense of humor, her strong work ethic, and her unwavering commitment to serving the House of Representatives: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors the memory and lasting legacy of Sally Crowe, extends its gratitude for her decades of exemplary service, and expresses its condolences to her family and friends at this time of loss.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## AUTHORIZING PRINTING OF THE POCKET VERSION OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 35 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DRIEHAUS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

### S. CON. RES. 35

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring).*

## SECTION 1. POCKET VERSION OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The 24th edition of the pocket version of the United States Constitution shall be printed as a Senate document under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing.

(b) ADDITIONAL COPIES.—In addition to the usual number, there shall be printed the lesser of—