

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING CUBA, NY AND ITS
LIBERTY POLE COMMEMO-
RATING 9/11/2001

HON. ERIC J.J. MASSA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. MASSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the citizens of Cuba, NY, who tomorrow will dedicate a 150-foot flag pole, which they have dubbed the Liberty Pole, to commemorate the tragedy that befell our great Nation on September 11, 2001. I will have the honor of being at that ceremony, where I will see flown for the first time a large American flag that flew over this storied chamber only days ago.

Cuba, like thousands of small towns across our Nation, experienced the tremendous sadness and loss of that day, and like their fellow Americans they rose to the challenge, sending dozens of people to Ground Zero to assist in the rescue efforts. Volunteers from their fire department, ambulance corps, and local charities all donated their time, efforts, and equipment. These were acts of individual heroism, but more importantly, they were the acts of a selfless, compassionate, and patriotic community who answered the call for help in our Nation's time of need. Tomorrow, that community will come together to fly our Nation's flag atop the Liberty Pole, one of the tallest flag poles in the country.

As a veteran, our country's flag holds special meaning in my heart. Like so many before and after me, I rose in the morning and retired each night honoring our Nation's flag, privileged to have the duty of defending it from those who would cause what it stood for harm. In Cuba tomorrow, as that great flag flies over us, we will be reminded that this sacred duty is not exclusively that of the soldier. Men and women from all walks of life, privileged to be citizens of this greatest nation on Earth, share in this duty and in the responsibility of passing this flag and its solemn significance on to future generations of Americans. There have been 26 predecessors to our current fifty-star flag, but the American ideals of freedom, liberty, and of shared sacrifice represented by our flag have remained unchanged since our Nation's inception.

The Liberty Pole in Cuba will now stand for generations as a testament to the enduring patriotism of a community and of the resiliency of the American Spirit. Each day, our Nation's flag will fly atop its mast, reminding both the residents of Cuba, NY, and our Nation not only of the events of September 11, 2001, but of America's ability to overcome adversity, to share in sacrifice, to confront her enemies, and to build a brighter and more prosperous future for her children. These qualities will ensure that our Nation will always overcome tragedy, and it is these qualities that will forever make our Nation great.

IN MEMORY OF NICHOLAS
MATTHEW SKALA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Nicholas Matthew Skala for his extraordinary service to our country. He dedicated his short life to advocating for full health care coverage for every man, woman and child in the United States.

Nick wielded a sharp intellect in his pursuit of single payer health care. I first met him when he was working for Physicians for a National Health Plan (PNHP), where he quickly became a trusted and valuable source of knowledge. He was always ready with an answer to the hardest, most arcane questions and he had the references to back his answers up.

When Nick spoke about single payer health care, he was lucid and persuasive. He wielded complete command of a steady stream of facts and figures. He earned the respect of health care advocates of all stripes not only by making a persuasive case that single payer was needed, but also by working tirelessly and strategically to make it a reality.

When it came to social justice, when it came to making sure everyone had the best health care possible, when it came to standing up to powers and pressures that keep America without guaranteed health care for all, Nick was admirably uncompromising.

Born in Libertyville, Illinois on September 16, 1981 and raised in Spring Grove, Nick graduated from Richmond Burton High School and Columbia College. While in Texas, he founded and became the President of the University of Houston Campus Greens Chapter. After graduation, he became a Research Associate for PNHP between 2004 and 2007. Then he enrolled in law school at Northwestern University. He became active in the American Constitution Society. In the summer of 2009, he completed an internship in the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee. He would have graduated from law school in 2010.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in celebrating and honoring the life of Nicholas Matthew Skala and in recognizing his contribution toward making the world a better place. Thank you, Nick.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE
HOUSE REGARDING SEPTEMBER
11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as an American and Representative of the 9th

Congressional District of Texas I would like to express my support for H. Res. 722, which recognizes the victims and heroes of the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001.

This year commemorates the eighth anniversary of 9/11, which lives on in the hearts and minds of Americans as we mourn and remember the lives lost in that tragedy. On September 11, we will honor the memory of the 3,000 men, women, and children who were taken from us, pay homage to the countless lives who have died defending our freedom, and service men and women currently fighting in combat zones across the world.

Moreover, on this September 11, Americans will for the first time honor the victims and heroes of 9/11 by serving their neighbors and communities in the first National Day of Service and Remembrance. This federally designated day was created as a part of bipartisan legislation in the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, which was signed into law by President Obama on April 21, 2009. In the spirit of unity and compassion, Americans everywhere will join the President and Mrs. Obama in service projects at schools, hospitals, and communities.

As we honor the sacrifices of our fellow Americans through our own service in communities across the nation, let us renew our devotion to the universal ideals that make our Nation great: freedom, equality, and democracy. On September 11, 2009, let us forget our differences and embrace our common heritage as one people, the American people. I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 722.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE
HOUSE REGARDING SEPTEMBER
11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, this Friday, we come together as a Nation once again to commemorate those who perished on September 11, 2001, and to renew our commitment to each other and to our Nation's ideals of tolerance and freedom. Though the years have passed, the memory of that day and of the heroism displayed by rescue workers and ordinary Americans is not diminished.

I hope you will join me in a day of reflection, as we contemplate how each of us can draw strength from this tragedy and help create the America we'd like to see. Our Nation's strength lies in the ability to welcome dissent, but it is my hope that this day can remind us of our common humanity: that we are more joined than divided. And although we may disagree on the means for how to deal with climate change, health care, and economic recovery, to name but a few of our challenges, these are priorities for us all.

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Let us remember this day, and let us pledge to work harder and more constructively to build a stronger America.

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 11 AS A NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

SPEECH OF

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the first-ever federally-designated National Day of Service and Remembrance for September 11, 2001.

Yesterday, as I stood in Statuary Hall with members of Congress and President Obama in the Ceremony of Remembrance for the more than 2,000 people who lost their lives as a result of this act of terror, I was overwhelmed by a sense of sadness, but also a sense of pride. Although the world was irrevocably changed by these senseless acts of violence, tomorrow as Americans we have decided to honor those who died not with anger and violence, but by serving others through the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act—which was supported by the 9/11 families—and designates each September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance.

The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act of 2009 is bipartisan, landmark legislation that will triple volunteer opportunities across the country and create a new service corps for education, health care, energy, and veterans. It is through this bill that the United We Serve initiative was born to encourage Americans to give back to their communities through continuous community service.

September 11th is a somber day, but the service work inspired by this legislation has and will continue to celebrate West Virginia and our great Nation, a country that has not and will not sink to a level of hatred and violence. Instead, our nation will face forward and choose to make a positive impact by donating our time to better our communities and our fellow citizens while truly honoring the victims who died eight years ago.

On September 11, 2001 two hijacked passenger planes were flown into each tower of the World Trade Center, while a third plane was flown into the Pentagon. The fourth and final hijacked plane crashed into a field in Pennsylvania after the heroic efforts of passengers to take back control of the plane. These events had a profound impact across southern West Virginia. Not only because of the monumental damage and loss of life caused by the attack, but also because one of our own, Dr. Paul Ambrose a Cabell County native and Marshall University School of Medicine graduate, died in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

In West Virginia we truly do know our neighbors and the death of this West Virginian deeply affected our community. However, each year we gather in his honor to celebrate the great things about our state and its people. This year Fit Fest '09 will be held to honor Paul Dr. Ambrose, and will feature fitness activities including kids races, and a 5k walk/run.

Other activities to honor the victims of the 9/11 attacks include a Day of Service, spon-

sored by the Rahall Transportation Institute, in cooperation with the Citizens Conservations Corps and the Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District at St. Clouds Commons, which will help bring attention to the Paul Ambrose Trail for Health, as Dr. Ambrose was passionate about improving the health of his community and the Nation.

Today, I commend the incredible bravery and patriotism of the families and friends of the victims of 9/11, who have been working for years to make September 11th a national day of both remembrance and service. Their unending contributions to honor their loved ones' memories and unfulfilled promises continue to enhance the lives of others. I also want to recognize Dr. Ken and Sharon Ambrose, whose constant vigil has enriched their son's legacy and the livelihoods of countless West Virginians.

This day is truly a tribute to the loved ones that we all have lost and the spirit of freedom that this great Nation holds so close to its heart.

RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my support for H. Res. 447 and recognize the American Council of Engineering Companies for its 100 years of service to the engineering industry and the Nation. In Indiana, the American Council of Engineers has been active for 50 years and currently represents over 100 firms throughout the state.

The engineering industry has been responsible for tremendous developments in the transportation, environmental and energy infrastructure that contribute to our economic success. Indiana has long been known as the "Crossroads of America" and our transportation infrastructure is fundamental to our economic health. Engineers design and create critical infrastructure to help ensure the goods we produce in our area are able to move to market.

My Congressional District is the manufacturing center of the country and has the highest percentage manufacturing jobs in the United States. However, in recent years, these positions are increasingly becoming more high-tech and require higher levels of skills and training.

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Indiana is helping to meet this need through college scholarship programs that awarded \$17,500 in 2009 to Indiana residents who are pursuing a Bachelors or Masters in engineering at an Indiana school. With programs like Project "Lead the Way," the American Council of Engineering Companies partners with Middle Schools and High Schools to promote engineering, and make science and math relevant to young students by demonstrating how these technical skills can be applied in every day life.

Through these educational outreach programs, the American College of Engineering Companies is working to address the need for

a skilled workforce and helping to generate interest in the math and science skills necessary for the next generation to succeed in our competitive global economy.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the American Council of Engineering Companies on its 100th year anniversary.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF SIDNEY J. CARGLE, SR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Sidney J. Cagle, Sr., devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, cousin and friend to many. Mr. Cagle's devotion to his family, service to community and church, and kind heart and joyous life has left a permanent mark on the lives of countless individuals throughout our community.

Mr. Cagle taught his children by example, instilling in them the significance of a strong work ethic, service to others and higher education. He retired from the State of Ohio as Assistant State Auditor, and continued his life-long commitment to bettering our community and our nation through his grass roots involvement in many civic endeavors, including his long-time dedication to the local political process. Mr. Cagle served as the President of the Shaker Heights Democratic Club, and held leadership positions, including Elected Member of the Executive Committee of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party.

Armed with a kind heart, great sense of humor and a certain grace, Mr. Cagle and Mrs. Cagle were the foundation of the family. For more than twenty years, Mr. and Mrs. Cagle volunteered many hours as members and leaders of the Lane Metropolitan CME Church, where Mr. Cagle also served as President of Lay Leaders.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Sidney J. Cagle, Sr., whose joy for life, kind heart and quick smile will forever reflect within the hearts and memories of those who loved and knew him best—especially his family and close friends. I extend my heartfelt condolences to Mr. Cagle's beloved wife of 51 years, Virginia; to his children, Linda Ann, Richard, Stacy, Sharon, Sidney and Spencer; to his grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and to his siblings, nieces and nephews and many friends. Mr. Cagle's loving devotion to his family and community, his beautiful spirit and joyous life will continue to touch the hearts of many—especially his wife and children—and he will never be forgotten.

HEAVY DUTY HYBRID VEHICLE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND DEMONSTRATION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. F. JAMES SENENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Mr. SENENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to urge support for my Hybrid Truck bill. New

taxes are not the only solution to climate change. We need to focus on our economy as we work to reduce our emissions. We can over-regulate our businesses, cripple our economic development, and watch as China and India race past us—sputtering greenhouse gases along the way—or Congress can create incentives that encourage the development of new technologies that will reduce our emissions, foster economic development, and allow U.S. manufacturers to export their energy-saving technologies worldwide.

Commercial traffic is truly vital to the American economy, and the fuel costs for trucks directly affect costs for all Americans. Higher prices for their fuel raise the prices of our food, healthcare, manufacturing, retail, waste removal, and other goods and services. While our economy would not survive without them, trucks consume huge quantities of oil, which raises the cost of their business, increases our dependence on oil, and injects greenhouse gases into our environment.

The answer is not to burden these businesses, already strained by high fuel costs, with additional taxes for the carbon dioxide they release. Instead, we need to encourage the development and introduction of technologies that will reduce their fuel consumption.

The technologies we need already exist. Everyone has seen hybrid cars. This technology, which combines gas and electric motors for a powerful and efficient engine, is even more practical in trucks. Even though there are fewer trucks on the road, trucks use more fuel.

Utility trucks, for example, typically drive short distances to and from a work site, but sit idle for hours while on site. A plug-in hybrid truck would use less fuel getting to and from the site, and could operate without any fuel while on site. Ultimately, a plug-in hybrid engine in a utility truck could use up to 60 percent less fuel.

Delivery trucks constantly stop and go. Hybrid engines excel at this type of driving because the engine can essentially turn off during short accelerations, while coasting, and when it is at a stop.

Developing these technologies will have benefits beyond fuel savings. By making our trucks more efficient, we will make our goods and services more affordable and become leaders in these new technologies. By helping American manufacturers research and commercialize new technologies, we can strengthen our economy, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and lower our emissions.

H.R. 445 is one example of how technology, not taxes, can solve our energy crisis. This legislation will accelerate research of plug-in hybrid technology in trucks by creating grants for manufacturers to build, test, and sell plug-in hybrid utility and delivery trucks. This bill will put plug-in hybrid trucks on the road and help advance research and accelerate commercialization of an important technology.

Mr. SENENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following memo regarding H.R. 445:

HEAVY DUTY HYBRID VEHICLE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND DEMONSTRATION ACT OF 2009

I. PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 445, the 'Heavy Hybrid Truck Research, Development, and Demonstration Act of 2009,' is to establish a research, development, demonstration, and

commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty hybrid vehicles, and for other purposes.

II. BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

Because large, heavy duty trucks rely on a diesel or gasoline internal combustion engine for power, they typically have relatively low fuel economy and high emissions. This is especially evident in trucks with duty-cycles that require frequent starts and stops or long periods of engine idling to power auxiliary systems such as bucket lifters, trash compactors, off-board power tools, air conditioning, refrigeration, or other work-related equipment. Switching a portion of the driving and auxiliary power loads away from the internal combustion engine to an alternate power source would enable these vehicles to realize considerable fuel savings and emissions reductions compared to conventional models. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that an average delivery truck using a hybrid drive system could save approximately 1,000 gallons of diesel per year compared to one with a conventional drive system.

High fuel prices and tightening emissions standards provide an added impetus for the development of new heavy duty hybrid truck systems. Several manufacturers have technologies in various stages of development for a range of large commercial vehicle platforms such as package delivery vans, buses, refuse collection trucks, large utility 'bucket' trucks, construction vehicles, and short- and long-haul tractor trailer trucks. Research supported by the Department of Defense (DOD) has also been a key driver of innovation for heavy hybrids since these technologies can provide several strategic advantages including substantial noise reduction, a source of alternative power for radar and weapons systems, reduction of overall weight and maintenance requirements, and longer ranges between vehicle refueling. Despite substantial investment in both the defense and commercial sectors, the cost of research and development and the final price of heavy duty hybrid vehicles remain prohibitively high, even for military applications. Consequently, there remain significant technical obstacles to development and final commercial application of these technologies that federally-sponsored R&D activities can help to overcome.

Managing a comprehensive federal R&D program is complicated by the fact that there is no one-size-fits-all hybrid solution for the entire heavy duty vehicle sector. The power demands of heavy duty trucks are as varied as the applications, and deploying hybrid models into heavy truck fleets is more complicated than simply scaling up the hybrid systems used for passenger vehicles. For example, through the course of an average drive cycle the charging and discharging of a hybrid system on a refuse truck with its frequent starts and stops, dumpster lifting, and trash compaction will be considerably different than that of a utility truck, which may idle in one place for several hours to operate a boom or other equipment. Furthermore, developing hybrid systems for long-haul tractor trailer rigs (Class VIII) presents an even greater challenge since these vehicles seldom brake during a drive cycle, providing few opportunities for battery systems to recharge through regenerative braking. The energy storage devices and related control systems may be altogether different for each of these platforms. Future generations of heavy trucks may also include plug-in hybrid electric models that can store more electric energy in larger banks of batteries and charge these batteries through direct connection to the electricity grid either

while in operation on a jobsite or in a parking lot or garage.

The majority of federal funding for hybrid vehicle R&D has focused on passenger vehicles which far outnumber heavy trucks. However, the federal R&D portfolio should address the significant potential for fuel savings and emissions reductions through improvements in the heavy duty vehicle sector, and take advantage of the ability of this sector to deploy new technologies quickly. For example, according to the Oshkosh Truck Corporation, there are approximately 90,000 refuse trucks in the United States. Their collective fuel consumption is equivalent to 2.5 million passenger vehicles (based on 10,000 gallons/year per truck). Eaton Corporation estimates that as few as 10,000 hybrid electric trucks could reduce diesel fuel usage by 7.2 million gallons per year (approx. 1 million barrels of oil), reduce annual NOx emissions by the amount equivalent to removing New York City's passenger cars for 25 days, and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 83,000 tons.

Energy storage technology options for hybrid trucks generally include batteries, hybrid hydraulic systems, and ultra-capacitors. Batteries receive the most attention and research funding because of their applicability throughout the transportation sector. To expand the use of electricity in the vehicles sector, batteries must be smaller, lighter, cheaper, and more powerful. Vehicle batteries typically fall into one of three families of technologies: lead-acid, nickel metal hydride (NiMH), and lithium-ion (Li-ion). Lead-acid batteries have many advantages including their relative simplicity and low cost, wide-scale availability, domestic manufacturing capacity, and established recycling infrastructure. NiMH batteries are found in the current generation of hybrid vehicles and will be the battery of choice for many of the first generation heavy hybrid trucks. However, high weight and low power density are significant issues for both lead-acid and NiMH batteries. Many in the industry believe the future of hybrids depends on breakthroughs in new battery technologies, such as the lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries with their comparatively low weight and high power density. In addition to resolving remaining serious technical issues such as heat management, the cost of manufacturing Li-ion batteries remains prohibitively high for large-scale deployment in vehicles. There is also concern that the U.S. is falling behind countries like Japan, China and France in the race to develop and mass produce batteries for hybrid vehicles. Consequently, a significant effort is underway to build up a domestic supply chain.

Plug-in hybrid applications that include an energy storage system charged by an external power source are a particularly attractive option for certain platforms of heavy duty vehicles. Furthermore, heavy truck fleets provide a valuable test-bed for demonstrating technologies that may ultimately end up in the passenger vehicle market. Plug-in Hybrid Vehicles (PHEV) is a critical near-to-mid term technology option for drastically reducing the nation's dependence on foreign oil. PHEV's, unlike traditional hybrid application, shift most of the vehicle's energy source from petroleum to domestically produced power from the electricity grid while still providing sufficient power to handle heavy duty applications. Some studies suggest that PHEV's may have the added benefit of reducing transportation-related carbon emissions, even if the electricity is generated solely from coal. Much research remains in developing the technology to reduce the weight and cost of the systems while improving reliability.

The Department of Energy (DOE) has funded limited research on the hybridization of

trucks, most recently through the 21st Century Truck Partnership which conducts research and development through joint public and private efforts. Other federal agencies involved in the 21st Century Truck Partnership include the Department of Defense, the Department of Transportation, and EPA. Because of the highly fragmented nature of the heavy duty vehicle manufacturing industry, there is limited in-house research and testing capabilities for even the largest of firms. The industry often relies on research efforts of unique Federal facilities such as DOE's National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Argonne National Laboratory, the EPA's National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory, and the Army's National Automotive Center. Despite the potential economic and environmental benefits of hybrid trucks and the considerable technical hurdles that remain, the 21st Century Truck Partnership is facing decreased funding and an uncertain future as the administration chooses to focus federal research on the passenger vehicle market. DOE does not currently offer any competitive grants that target the development of technologies applicable for use in hybrid trucks.

III. SUMMARY OF MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE BILL

H.R. 445 directs the Secretary of DOE (Secretary) to establish a grant program for the development of advanced heavy duty hybrid vehicles. The bill gives the Secretary the discretion to award between three and seven grants based on the technical merits of the proposals received. At least half of the awarded grants must be for the development of plug-in hybrid trucks.

Grants are awarded to applicants for two phases of research and development. In phase one, recipients must build at least one advanced heavy duty hybrid vehicle, conduct studies of the vehicle, and report to DOE on the performance, cost, and emissions levels of the vehicle. In phase two, recipients must produce 50 advanced heavy duty hybrid vehicles and report to DOE on the technological challenges and estimated costs involved in wide-scale manufacture.

H.R. 445 also directs the Secretary to conduct a study of alternative power train designs for use in advanced heavy duty hybrid vehicles. The study includes analysis of different designs under conditions of typical use. The bill also directs the Secretary to establish a pilot program through the National Laboratories to research and test the effects on the domestic electric power grid of widespread use of plug-in hybrid vehicles.

Grant applicants may include partnerships between manufacturers, electrical utilities, or other entities to fulfill the program's requirements. Awards under H.R. 445 will be for up to \$3 million per year for three years. The bill also amends the Energy Storage Competitiveness Act of 2007 (enacted as section 641(g)(1) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17231(g)(1)) to include heavy trucks in the Secretary's priorities for applied energy storage research.

IV. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF THE BILL

Section 1. Short title

H.R. 445 can be cited as the "Heavy Duty Hybrid Vehicle Research, Development, and Demonstration Act of 2009."

Section 2. Advanced Heavy Duty Hybrid Vehicle Technology Research, Development, Demonstration, and Commercial Application Program

Section 2(a) directs the Secretary to establish a program to provide grants to carry out projects to advance research and demonstrate technologies for advanced heavy duty hybrid vehicles.

Section 2(b) requires the Secretary to issue application requirements and to establish

criteria for making grant awards. The Secretary must give priority to applicants who are best able to advance the current state of technology and achieve the greatest reductions in fuel consumption and emissions. To be eligible, recipients must produce trucks with a gross weight between 14,000 and 33,000 pounds (e.g. Class IV through Class VII vehicles). The Secretary is given discretion to award between three and seven grants based on the technical merits of the applications received. At least half of the grants are to be awarded for plug-in hybrid technology. Applicants can partner with other entities to fulfill the obligations of the program.

Section 2(c) defines two phases of research by award recipients. In phase one, each recipient has one year to build or retrofit one or more advanced heavy duty hybrid vehicles. Recipients are required to collect and analyze data on the performance of key vehicle components; the estimated costs of producing, operating, and maintaining the vehicle; the emissions of the vehicle; and on overall vehicle performance according to guidelines established by the Secretary.

If, at the conclusion of phase one, it is clear that a grant recipient will be unable to complete the requirements of phase two, the Secretary has the discretion to waive the requirement for phase two research and terminate the grant to that recipient.

In phase two, recipients are required to demonstrate the advanced manufacturing processes of heavy duty plug-in vehicles by producing or retrofitting 50 advanced heavy duty hybrid vehicles within two years. Recipients must also report on the major technological obstacles they encounter in developing and producing the vehicles and on the projected costs of each vehicle.

Award recipients are eligible to receive three million dollars per year for three years to complete both phases of the development program.

Section 2(d) directs the Secretary to conduct a study of alternative power train designs for use in advanced heavy duty hybrid vehicles. The study would analyze these different designs under conditions which they are typically used, including the average number of miles driven, the time spent with the engine at idle, horsepower requirements, the length of time the maximum power is required, and other factors the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

Section 2(e) requires the Secretary to report to Congress within 60 days on the findings of the reports submitted by grant recipients.

Section 2(f) and 2(g) require the Secretary to coordinate the research conducted under this program with other research conducted by the Department. The cost sharing provisions of section 988 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16352) apply to the program.

Section 2(h) directs the Secretary to establish a pilot program through DOE's National Laboratories to research and test the effects on the domestic electric power grid of the widespread use of plug-in hybrid vehicles, including heavy duty plug-in hybrid trucks.

Section 2(i) defines the terms: advanced heavy duty hybrid vehicle, greenhouse gas, plug-in hybrid, retrofit, and Secretary for the purposes of this section.

Section 2(j) authorizes appropriations of \$16 million per year for fiscal years 2010 through 2012.

Section 3. Expanding research in hybrid technology for large vehicles

This section amends the United States Energy Storage Competitiveness Act of 2007 (enacted as section Sec. 641(g)(1) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17231(g)(1)) to include vehicles with a gross weight over 8501 pounds in the Sec-

retary's priorities for advanced energy storage.

V. VIEWS

The hybridization of heavy duty trucks is an important goal that has been largely overlooked by the Federal government. While numerous federal grants are available for the production of hybrid and plug-in hybrid passenger vehicles, there are no grants available that specifically target the development of heavy duty hybrid vehicles. This is an unfortunate oversight. Federal investment in this research will result in improvements in the fuel efficiency and emission profiles of heavy duty vehicles and is likely to provide significant economic benefits as well as benefits in energy efficiency and air quality.

The Secretary is encouraged to award the maximum number of grants if sufficient meritorious applications are received. Research applicable to heavy duty vehicles that make frequent stops such as delivery trucks, buses, and refuse collection vehicles and vehicles that idle on job sites for extensive periods to operate auxiliary functions such as utility 'bucket' trucks should receive the highest priority for funding under this program. This research and development program is not intended to provide support for research and development on large, Class IV, passenger trucks. The definition of Advanced Heavy Duty Hybrid Vehicle included in the legislation specifically excludes Class VIII heavy duty vehicles (e.g. long-haul tractor trailer trucks). Significantly different technical requirements of those platforms merits funding under separate programs.

It is important to provide funding to applicants best able to provide the greatest potential advancement over current technologies and for research that is most likely to lead to reduced fuel consumption and reduced emissions. In many cases, this will mean awarding applicants who propose hybrid designs that rely on multiple sources of energy for propulsion, and integration of propulsion and auxiliary power systems as this approach entails a greater technical challenge.

Intellectual property rights and ownership of actual vehicles built under this program are intended to benefit the grant recipients who develop them. The Department of Energy is encouraged to grant waivers of such rights.

RECOGNIZING ROMULO CAMARGO OF CRYSTAL RIVER, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an American soldier who was wounded in service to our Nation during the conflict in Afghanistan. Army Ranger Romulo "Romy" Camargo is a member of the United States Army who served with honor and distinction on the battlefield:

Moving to Citrus County as a third-grader, Romy spent the majority of his adolescence in Crystal River. He graduated from Crystal River High in 1993, where he captained his swim and wrestling teams.

He spent the past 14 years in the Army, eight of which with the Special Forces, and served three tours in Afghanistan. Last year while serving second in command of his team, Operational Detachment Alpha 7115, his squad was ambushed. Chief Camargo sustained a gunshot wound in the back of his

neck. He was treated for his injury at Walter Reed Hospital and later transferred to Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa. This Saturday I, along with his family, friends, and neighbors have the great honor of welcoming him home.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank Romulo Camargo for honorably defending the freedoms that all Americans hold dear. While Chief Camargo was fighting for freedom and liberty, his family, friends and loved ones were praying for him back home. They and this Congress will not soon forget his bravery and commitment to our Country.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
LINDA TRIVISONNO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Linda Trivisonno, devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend—beloved and cherished by her family and many friends.

Born Linda Conforto, she met her best friend and love of her life—her husband Mike Trivisonno—at Mayfield Heights High School. From young adulthood, to marriage, to becoming parents then grandparents—their mutual devotion to their family and to each other never wavered. Linda was a talented, caring and kind individual, and she never hesitated to reach out to help someone in need. Her beautiful smile, genuine grace, quick wit, and warm demeanor perfectly complemented Mike's outspoken and larger-than-life personality.

Linda covetted the role of wife, mother and grandmother. Her family was the center of her world and this was evident within everything she did with them and for them—from never missing special events in the lives of her children and grandchildren, to preparing wonderful meals for family gatherings. Linda's great sense of humor and wit was known to her family and friends and was also shared with Mike's radio audience. Radio listeners felt as though they knew Linda, cheering her on whenever she sparred with Mike on the air.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Linda Trivisonno, whose joyous spirit and love for others will exist forever within the hearts and memories of those who loved and knew her best—her family and friends. I extend my condolences to her husband, Mike; to her children, Michelle, Michael Jr. and Anthony; to her son-in-law, Ted; to her grandchildren, T.J. and Miranda; to her brother James; to her mother-in-law, Elvera; and to her extended family members and many friends.

Linda Trivisonno's generous and kind heart and energy for life, transcends time and distance, and her beautiful spirit will live forever in the hearts and memories of those who knew and loved her most—especially her husband, children, and grandchildren—and she will be remembered always.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE RICHARD S.
BRAY

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Judge Richard S. Bray, who has received the distinct honor of being named Chesapeake's First Citizen for 2009.

Judge Bray has tirelessly championed a myriad of charitable causes in Chesapeake, throughout Hampton Roads, and all of Virginia. His exemplary service to his community has contributed greatly to the lives of those living and working in Chesapeake.

Born and raised in Portsmouth, Virginia, Judge Bray is a 1964 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, a 1968 graduate of Randolph-Macon College, and a 1971 graduate of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary. After serving as a law clerk to Virginia Supreme Court Chief Justice Lawrence W. I'Anson, Judge Bray founded his own law firm in 1975, which became Bray and Whitehurst. Judge Bray practiced law in Chesapeake until 1989. He was then selected by the General Assembly as a judge of the Court of Virginia's Third Judicial Circuit, where he served with distinction for two years before being elected as a Judge of the Court of Appeals of Virginia. Judge Bray's exemplary judicial service to the Court of Appeals lasted over a decade until his retirement in 2002.

Since 2002, Judge Bray has served as the President and CEO of the Beazley Foundation, Inc. The Beazley Foundation is a philanthropic beacon that champions educational, charitable, and religious causes in the Hampton Roads area and beyond. In 2008 alone, the Beazley Foundation provided \$3.7 million in grants for scholarships and other charitable community services. Through the Foundation, Judge Bray has touched the lives of countless Virginians, such as the thousands who have received health care through the Chesapeake Care Free Clinic, which offers health care services to those who cannot afford care on their own.

In addition to his leadership on the Beazley Foundation, Judge Bray also presently serves as a Director of Towne Bank, the Chesapeake Alliance, and the Virginia State Fair. He has also served on the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, as Director of the People's Bank of Chesapeake, and as the founding Chairman of the Board of Directors for Greenbriar Country Club.

Judge Bray embodies the noble ideals of volunteerism, community spirit, and local investment. His efforts have done much to improve Chesapeake and the lives of the people within it. Please join me in heartfelt congratulations to Judge Bray for the well-deserved honor of being named Chesapeake's First Citizen.

TRIBUTE TO SUSIE HUDSON

HON. PARKER GRIFFITH

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of someone who has

played a large role in the development of north Alabama, Susie Hudson of Huntsville.

Mrs. Hudson was known as a visionary and a brilliant businesswoman, but first and foremost she was known as a fighter. She fought for the well-being of her friends and family and for the revitalization of Huntsville, but her strongest battle was her fight with cancer. Susie died Tuesday, September 1, and she will be sorely missed.

Mrs. Hudson was described as "the jewel of Huntsville," but she was so much more than that. Her tireless work to create a more fluid learning environment at the University of Alabama-Huntsville has allowed the brightest minds our region has to offer to excel and give back to their community and their country.

Mrs. Hudson moved to Huntsville in 1974 and honored her community with 35 dedicated years of commitment and service. She was the epitome of devotion to the people of North Alabama. On behalf of the Tennessee Valley, I respectfully rise in honor to pay tribute to Susie Hudson's life and her entire family.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
EDWARD J. CAMPBELL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Edward J. "Sonny" Campbell, devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend, whose commitment to family, to his Irish heritage and to Cleveland has left a positive impact throughout our community.

Formerly of County Mayo, Ireland, Mr. Campbell travelled often from Cleveland to the Emerald Isle, where he still has extended family members and many friends. He settled in the Cleveland area, where he married the late Maeve McNeeley. Together they raised Thomas and Mary and were the proud grandparents of Sean, Brian, Christine, Maura and Neal.

Armed with a kind heart, great sense of humor and unwavering work ethic, Mr. Campbell mastered the plumbing trade and was an active leader and member of the Pipefitters Local 210. Mr. Campbell's love for his Irish heritage was reflected throughout his life—and the custom and traditions of his beloved Irish homeland was handed down to his children and grandchildren. His involvement in the Irish-American community extended from his role as Grand Marshall of Cleveland's Annual St. Patrick's Day parade, to his volunteer service as past president of the West Side Irish American Club.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Edward J. "Sonny" Campbell, whose joy for life, kind heart and quick smile will forever reflect within the hearts and memories of those who loved and knew him best—especially his children and grandchildren. I extend my condolences to Mr. Campbell's children, Thomas and Mary; to his grandchildren, Sean, Brian, Christine, Maura and Neal; to his brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. From Cleveland to County Mayo, Mr. Campbell's beautiful spirit and joyous life will continue to touch the hearts of many, and he will never be forgotten.

TRENT GASKILL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Trent Gaskill of Kansas City, Missouri. Trent 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, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Trent has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Trent has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE OF ITASCA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to recognize the Itasca Fire Protection District No. 1 in my Congressional District for their Centennial Celebration. This year marks 100 years of their loyal service to the community.

During the weekend of September 11th and 12th, the community will gather to recognize these heroic men and women, both past and present, who have served faithfully for a century. These firefighters and paramedics serve the families and businesses of Itasca, as well as those in surrounding communities.

Day in and out these men and women risk their lives to protect our communities. Their bravery and courage often goes unnoticed, but their efforts are very deserving of our recognition and admiration.

Fire Chief James MacArthur and the men and women of Itasca's Fire Protection District No. 1 reflect the pride and tradition of excellence that exists throughout the Fire Protection Community.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in celebrating this special occasion and the long years of service and commitment that it represents.

WIND ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY SUTTON-

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Ms. SUTTON.—Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3165, the Wind Energy Research and Development Act and would like to

commend Rep. Tonko for his work on this issue.

Wind power is one of our nation's fastest growing sources of energy. By 2030, the Department of Energy estimates that this industry will support 500,000 jobs in the U.S. and produce at least 20 percent of our nation's electricity.

And we must focus our investments, leveraging private dollars, to R & D areas that need to be improved. We must focus R & D to improve gearbox reliability and performance. We must focus R & D to make materials more reliable and more affordable. And we must focus R & D to utilize wind technology offshore.

In Ohio, we are on the verge of the first fresh water wind energy project in the United States. Our project could serve as a prototype for harnessing wind energy on similar bodies of water across the nation. By utilizing the wind over Lake Erie, we will find another use for our great natural resource.

We must pass the Wind Energy Research and Development Act today to harness wind energy's potential, both on shore and off, and move away from foreign sources of energy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, I missed three recorded votes on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call 687, YEA on Roll Call 688, and YEA on Roll Call 689.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of HR 3326, Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Republican WALTER B. JONES

Project: U.S. Navy Cancer Vaccine Program

Recipient: OncBioMune, LLC, 17050 Medical Drive, 4th Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Account: Research & Development, Navy

Amount: \$3,000,000

Explanation: The U.S. Navy Cancer Vaccine Program was initiated in 2005 and was the first cancer vaccine program conducted at the Naval Health Research Center. It has received congressional appropriations beginning in FY06. Currently, U.S. military health authorities estimate that in the past year alone, \$42 million was spent on direct health care costs in the military healthcare system related to prostate cancer. Continued development of the vaccine through this project will save the lives of military personnel suffering from cancer as well as reduce health care costs in the military healthcare system.

Republican WALTER B. JONES

Project: North Carolina Counter Drug Task Force Growth

Recipient: North Carolina National Guard, 4105 Reedy Creek Road, Raleigh, NC 27607

Account: Drug Interdiction And Counter-Drug Activities, Defense

Amount: \$1,000,000

Explanation: The National Guard Counter-Drug Program conducts a full spectrum campaign that bridges the gap between and among DoD and Non-DoD institutions in the fight against illicit drugs and transnational threats to the Homeland. The program includes support for analysis and interdiction support, law enforcement training and anti-drug education and awareness. Currently, the North Carolina National Guard is unable to fully support drug-law enforcement agencies in the State because the program funding has not maintained pace with inflation and pay increases. This appropriation will fund additional manpower and equipment to support the Drug Demand Reduction program, DEA case loads, and the Marijuana Eradication Program.

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. PETER J. VISCOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. VISCOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month and its 2009 theme—Embracing the Fierce Urgency of Now! From September 15, 2009, through October 15, 2009, the people of the United States will once again celebrate the histories, cultures, and traditions of our Hispanic American brothers and sisters. Since its inception as National Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968, which later became National Hispanic Heritage Month in 1988, Americans have taken this time to not only honor the rich culture and traditions of Hispanic Americans, but also to reflect on the countless contributions they have made that have led to improvements in their communities, and in turn, a better America.

As we reflect on the importance of the contributions that have been made by Hispanic Americans, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to one individual in particular from the First Congressional District who has represented the epitome of leadership and civil service within Northwest Indiana, the Honorable Lorenzo Arredondo, Lake County Circuit Court Judge. For over three decades, Judge Arredondo has presided over his courtroom, making him the longest serving elected State trial judge in the United States.

Raised in East Chicago, Indiana, Judge Arredondo has brought a very unique perspective to the courtroom. As a child in East Chicago, he grew up in a very diverse community, influenced by many ethnic groups, all living and working together. In East Chicago, a city centered around its steel mills, Judge Arredondo also learned the value of hard work, and of teamwork. This, no doubt, served him well in his later pursuits and has been a cornerstone of his remarkable career.

While serving on the bench for more than three decades is a truly amazing feat, it is Judge Arredondo's passion for and service to improving the justice system that makes his

tenure so impressive. His distinguished career includes service on the faculty of the National Judicial College and the Indiana Trial Advocacy College, on the board and executive committee of the American Judicature Society, as president of the Hispanic National Bar Association, and on the boards of the Indiana Judges Association and Judicial Conference. Not one to rest on his laurels, Judge Arredondo is currently vice-chair of the Indiana Supreme Court's Commission on Race and Gender Fairness, and he serves on the board of the Legacy Foundation. At home in Lake County, understanding the important role families play, Judge Arredondo has made great strides in improving opportunities for families, including the creation of the Family Division of the Lake County Court and the Domestic Relations Counseling Bureau, as well as the "Children's Room," which aims to reduce stress on children whose parents are attending court.

While his knowledge and experience have crossed all cultural and racial divides, Judge Arredondo's contributions to issues vital to the Hispanic population are unmatched. It is for this reason that he has been summoned on numerous occasions to the White House to share his experience and his knowledge. For his contributions, Judge Arredondo is one of only five individuals in the thirty-nine year history of the National Hispanic Bar Association to receive the prestigious Lincoln-Juarez Award. Additionally, Judge Arredondo has been awarded the Indiana Judges Association Award for excellence in public information, the Indiana State Bar Association's prestigious Rabb Emison Award, and the Sherman Minton Award for Judicial Excellence.

Madam Speaker, as we celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, let us pay tribute to leaders such as Judge Lorenzo Arredondo, who have contributed so much to the improvement of our communities and our nation. I respectfully ask that you and my other colleagues join me in commanding Judge Arredondo for his lifetime of service to the First Congressional District. I am proud to serve as his representative in Washington, DC.

RECOGNIZING THE CONSECRATION OF THE FIRST ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH IN ARIZONA

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the consecration of the first Armenian Apostolic Church in Arizona, which will take place Sept. 20 in Scottsdale, and to honor the many valuable contributions the Armenian community has made to our state.

The Armenian community first came together in Arizona in an organized way just over a half century ago, and it has grown and flourished ever since. The first Armenian clergy who visited Arizona performed their services in the homes of local residents while community members worked together to donate and save for a permanent worship center.

In 1963 the State of Arizona officially acknowledged the Armenian Apostolic Church of

Arizona. A few years later, a local Armenian family donated property in Scottsdale for the first church site. In 1992, the church established the Armenian Church Cultural Center and later the Eleanora Ordjanian Library on that site.

And on Sunday, Sept. 20, this inspiring story will culminate with the consecration of the first Armenian Apostolic Church, a new sanctuary that was made possible with the support and hard work of countless community volunteers.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the contributions of the Armenian community to Arizona and in wishing them well on the consecration of their new sanctuary.

HONORING SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR JOHN J. FOLEY

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former Suffolk County Legislator John J. Foley, who passed away this week at the age of 90.

Mr. Foley served from 1976 to 1993 in the Suffolk County legislature, longer than any other Democrat. Before this, he served on the Brookhaven Town board from 1959 to 1967. In office and out, he fought to improve health care, education, and the environment in order to make life better for the Long Island residents he represented.

He was succeeded in the legislature by his son, Brian X. Foley, who said that his father's personal creed was "people not politics." Today, Brian carries on his father's work as a member of the New York State Senate.

A man of strong personal faith, John Foley believed that every person had dignity and sought to treat every person with respect. He believed that the government could play a positive role in the lives of individuals and communities.

Mr. Foley earned the respected of colleagues on both sides of the aisle in New York as he fought to increase funding for open space, health centers, community college, mental health and services for the disabled. In the 1980s, he was a delegate to the White House Commission on Aging. In 1990, he led the effort to save the county infirmary and replace it with a modern \$34-million nursing home, which was named in his honor. A strong supporter of education, he served for 25 years on the Eastern Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services and was a trustee of Suffolk Community College.

John Foley served as a role model to me and so many others who have entered into public service. His voice will be sorely missed.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, his sons Brian, Dennis and Michael, daughters Mary Ann Hughes and Patricia Kuhn, 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

HONORING WALLACE BAUMANN

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, my hometown of Knoxville, Tennessee lost a great citizen and community champion recently.

Wallace Baumann was a longtime friend of mine and a tireless contributor to the arts in East Tennessee. His family is an institution in Knoxville, and the building that housed their business has been a fixture in downtown Knoxville since just after the Civil War, when Wallace's grandfather Captain W.W. Woodruff opened the hardware and furniture store.

The store remained open through most of the 20th Century, being passed down through the generations and standing out as a downtown staple even during difficult economic times. Although the business is now gone, the unique building which housed it remains with the family name still attached. I could not imagine downtown Knoxville without this landmark.

Wallace never stopped serving his Country or his Community during his 84 years. He served during World War II in the 10th Armored Division, surviving the Battle of the Bulge.

He was also a member of many boards and organizations throughout Knoxville, most notably serving on the Knoxville Symphony Society Board. Wallace could often be found at the Tennessee Theatre, and he even personally financed the restoration of the Theatre's historic organ.

Wallace's life is a living history of Knoxville, Tennessee that I hope will not soon be forgotten. Recently, the Knoxville Publication Metro Pulse wrote of this great loss to our community, recounting how Wallace was there to see John Barrymore and Glenn Miller perform at the Bijou Theatre and witness Ingrid Bergman plant a tree on Market Square.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the Record the article by Jack Neely in Metro Pulse, which is reprinted below. I thank Wallace Baumann for his dedication and love of East Tennessee, and I will greatly miss my friend.

[From the Metro Pulse, Aug. 19, 2009]

WALLACE BAUMANN, 1925-2009—A MEMORY OF A SURPRISING PHILANTHROPIST

(By Jack Neely)

Wallace Baumann died last week. I'd seen him a few times this summer, and he seemed more or less the same as he did when I was first aware of who he was, sometime in the '60s. Cheerful, well-dressed, and with a cogent remark about the last issue of Metro Pulse.

He didn't look 84, or even 74, as several people have observed this week; some who hadn't known him for long had assumed he was 20 or even 30 years younger. Wallace may have been evidence of a paradoxical truth, that while young men look older when they wear a jacket and tie, old men look younger. I never in my life saw Wallace without a jacket and tie, and with prominent horn-rimmed glasses, he looked like an executive in one of those business-office comedies of the '60s. For the last couple of years, there's been a big portrait of him in the Tennessee Theatre in the landing of the right

stairway up to the balcony. He was in recent decades the theater's biggest supporter. He directed much of the recent painstaking restoration of the theater; he was three when it was built, and remembered it in its earliest days. But many weren't aware of the extent of his personal investment in the place.

Baumann was a merchant, by trade. He was, for some decades, the president of Woodruff's Furniture, the Gay Street institution his great-grandfather, William Wallace Woodruff, founded at the end of the Civil War. About 20 years ago, when downtown retail was widely reputed to be deceased, Woodruff's was an extravagant exception, this multi-story emporium with inventory that seemed fresh and up-to-date. The last time I was there—it was the early '90s, we'd just had a second kid and needed a kid-proof dining table—I found a plausibly trendy one at Woodruff's. It was the last time I saw a representative of a bygone profession in my home town: Wallace may have been our last merchant to employ elevator operators.

The place is now the Downtown Grill and Brewery. The last time I talked to Wallace about it, he hadn't been inside to see his great-grandfather's building renovated as a popular restaurant and brewpub. He seemed all right with the fact of it, but didn't feel an urgency to look. The family name is still on the building; Woodruff was Wallace's middle name.

Wallace and I had some sharp disagreements about some downtown issues, but stayed friendly, and he was my handiest resource for certain questions about the past of our shared hometown. A lifelong bachelor, he lived alone in Sequoyah Hills and was usually there to answer his phone. For a guy in my position, it's been handy to have the phone number of a person who remembered going to see John Barrymore get off the train for his show at the Bijou, 70 years ago, and who recalled both of Glenn Miller's shows at the Tennessee as if they were last Tuesday. ("Wallace never said, 'Ah, it was a long time ago, I just don't remember.'") A few months ago, when I heard an implausible story about Ingrid Bergman planting a dogwood tree on Market Square 40 years ago, I was pretty confident Wallace would know something about it, and sure enough he was right there beside her, and had a funny story about it.

He was also an authority on architecture, though I don't think he would have claimed to be perfectly objective on the subject. The Baumann family, German immigrants who arrived in East Tennessee in the mid-19th century, was arguably Knoxville's first architectural dynasty, dominating local commercial and institutional architecture in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Wallace was a Baumann who didn't design buildings, but he was a champion of the Baumans' architecture. Wallace's father, who died almost half a century ago, was the last of them. (Wallace once corrected me, rather sternly, when in a column I referred to his father as Albert B. Baumann Jr. That was his given name, maybe, but Wallace told me no one ever called him anything but "A.B.")

Baumann was a great supporter of several civic organizations, especially the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, and he could be counted on to attend each performance with a lady friend. Even if you'd known him for decades, as I did, you might not gather, in conversations with this elegant gentleman in the lobby of the Tennessee, that he was a combat veteran of World War II, a member of Combat Command B of the 10th Armored Division, one of the first to breach the Siegfried Line. He spent much of 1944 in a foxhole near Bastogne with an M1 for company. He hardly spoke of the war. I never even knew he'd been in the service until he was invited to

write an article about his wartime memories, in an especially interesting collection of memoirs of members of First Presbyterian Church, called *We Were There*. It's characteristic that in his description of the Siegfried Line, he mentioned that he'd previously known it only from newsreels at the Tennessee Theatre.

(That book, by the way, is as good a collection of local memories of that war as I've seen. Bill Tate, another contributor to that book, a B-17 navigator who was shot down over Germany, and a survivor of a Nazi prisoner-of-war camp, also died last week.)

Back in 2001, Baumann personally financed the complete restoration of the theater's original Wurlitzer organ; they sent the organ away to one of the world's top organ technicians. Today it's said to be one of fewer than 20 concert-grade organs in America which are installed in their original locations. Wallace was proud of that fact.

The bill came to \$180,000. Wallace was a private man, and during his life didn't want that detail to be known. I hope it's okay to mention it now.

IN COMMEMORATION OF FRANK FAT'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the late Frank Fat, the 70th anniversary of Frank Fat's Restaurant, the entire Frank Fat's staff, and the Fat Family for their service and dedication to the people of Sacramento. For decades the Fat Family and their restaurants have been a local treasure and I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting them on the 70th anniversary of the restaurant's founding.

After immigrating to the United States, Frank Fat first worked as a waiter and then as a manager at his uncle's Hong King Lum restaurant. While waiting tables, a customer asked Frank to go to the downstairs gambling hall to place a 50-cent bet on a Keno game. The ticket produced \$900 in winnings, but the unknowing customer had left the restaurant. Frank held the cash for two months until the customer returned. As a reward for his honesty, the customer later gave Frank a loan, which he used to buy a rundown speakeasy to turn into a restaurant of his own.

Frank Fat's restaurant opened on August 31, 1939, at 806 L Street in Sacramento, where it still stands today. At the time, dinners were just 50 cents and lunches 25 cents. When asked about his recipe for the enduring success of his namesake restaurant, Frank remarked, "You give people good food, a nice place to eat it and make them happy. Pretty simple, really." Frank's simple combination for success has endured for 70 years. Frank represented everything good in a human being. He was decent, honest, hardworking and humble.

Located only blocks from the State Capitol, Frank Fat's soon became the gathering place for every lawmaker and governor since Earl Warren. It is said more legislative decisions were made at Frank Fat's than in any office at the Capitol. Among them was the famous "napkin deal" that produced landmark tort reform that is still in effect today.

After Frank's passing in 1992, Lina and Tom Fat, Frank's daughter-in-law and son, modern-

ized the cuisine with a unique California-Pacific style and expanded the business to bring Chinese cuisine in the tradition of Frank Fat's to people across California. Today, Frank is remembered for the success of Frank Fat's and an expanded chain of more than a dozen restaurants across California, including locations in Old Sacramento, Folsom, Roseville, Cache Creek and San Diego. After 70 years of service, the Fat Family continues Frank's commitment to good food, good atmosphere and good service.

Dedicated to community service, the Fat Family has continued Frank's philosophy of giving back to the community by supporting the Chinese American Council of Sacramento and the Pacific Rim Festival, which is held annually in Old Sacramento. In honor of the 70th anniversary, the Fat Family, community leaders, and restaurant patrons will raise money for Sacramento Crisis Nurseries.

Madam Speaker, I hereby commemorate and honor the late Frank Fat, the restaurant that bears his name, its staff, and the Fat Family for their dedication in serving fine cuisine to the people of Sacramento for more than 70 years. I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing the Fat Family and Frank Fat's restaurant another 70 years of unparalleled success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Mr. McHUGH. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall No. 693. At this time, I wish to note that had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

AMERICA SALUTES THE MEMORY OF MARGARET BUSH WILSON: CIVIL RIGHTS ICON, CHAMPION OF EQUAL JUSTICE FOR ALL

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I stand today to salute the memory of Margaret Bush Wilson, a civil rights pioneer. Ms. Wilson was 90 years old when she died quietly on August 11, 2009. She was an integral force in human rights advocacy, having been a tireless champion for equality and justice. The St. Louis community and our entire nation have lost a giant, and I have lost a dear friend.

After earning a law degree from Lincoln University, Ms. Wilson became the second woman of color licensed to practice law in the state of Missouri. Ms. Wilson would go on to serve as Missouri's Assistant Attorney General and the U.S. Attorney for the Rural Electrification Administration. After World War II, she and her husband, Robert E. Wilson Jr., started a law firm in St. Louis.

A civil rights lawyer who specialized in housing law, Ms. Wilson led the fight in St. Louis to upend restrictive neighborhood covenants in what eventually became the landmark 1948 U.S. Supreme Court ruling *Shelley*

vs. Kraemer. The outcome of this case ensured that states could not defend nor enforce restrictive covenants as a state action, effectively giving blacks the legal right to move into the neighborhood of their choice.

After presiding over both city and state branches of the NAACP, Ms. Wilson became the first African American woman to head the national NAACP board in 1975. After completing nine terms as Chairwoman, Ms. Wilson returned to St. Louis, where she continued to practice law, champion justice and equality, and mentor young law students and civic leaders until her death.

Madam Speaker, I ask that all Americans honor Margaret Bush Wilson for her exceptionally brave career as a legal advocate and human rights pioneer. Her life has brought honor to all of us and she will live forever in our memories. I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Margaret Bush Wilson.

CONGRATULATING JOYCE RICHARDS, RECIPIENT OF JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT WORLDWIDE'S 2009 CHARLES R. HOOK AWARD

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Junior Achievement of Arizona. I am a strong supporter of JA's mission and programs. During my twenty eight years as a teacher of Government, I used their materials, hosted speakers in my classroom and visited their facility.

Good programs reflect the quality of the people who run them. I would like to congratulate the organization's President, Joyce Richards, for winning JA Worldwide's 2009 Charles R. Hook Award. This award is the top honor for JA Presidents who demonstrate superior results in promoting the growth and development of Junior Achievement in their area.

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to teaching students in Kindergarten through 12th grade about the importance of economics, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy. The organization reaches over 9 million students around the world each year, with over 130 local offices in the United States and operations in over 110 countries worldwide. One of the things that makes JA so unique is its use of adult volunteers to bring business to life for students. In the United States alone, young people in more than 188,000 classrooms benefit annually from these positive role models.

Ms. Richards is clearly deserving of receiving this year's Hook Award. She joined the Junior Achievement of Arizona office in 1997 as Vice President of Development, and was named as President in 2001. The organization has grown dramatically under her leadership, and JA of Arizona now reaches nearly 90,000 students. The organization's programs are provided at no cost to schools and are funded entirely through the private sector. As part of these efforts, Ms. Richards spearheaded a \$4 million capital campaign to build two JA BizTown programs, and expanded JA's impact into the Tucson community by launching a JA operation that now reaches 10,000 students.

Especially in the current economic climate, teaching students the importance of economics and financial literacy is of the utmost importance, and I congratulate Ms. Richards and Junior Achievement of Arizona for their efforts.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. BARTLETT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received in H.R. 3293 and H.R. 3288. The list is as follows:

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Washington County Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 251 East Antietam St., Hagerstown, MD 21740

Description of Request: Washington County Hospital building is becoming obsolete. Washington County Health System would build a 5th floor in the new tower being built.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Lands (Public Lands Highway)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Maryland DOT

Address of Requesting Entity: 7201 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover MD 21076

Description of Request: Funds would be used to design, right of way or construction of intersection improvements to improve safety, operations, and access in the vicinity of National Naval Medical Center to support BRAC related growth.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Lands (Public Lands Highway)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Maryland DOT

Address of Requesting Entity: 7201 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover MD 21076

Description of Request: Funds would be used for the design right of way acquisition or construction of intersection improvements in the vicinity of Aberdeen Proving Grounds to support BRAC related growth.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER J. NANGLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant and a resident of Chester County, Pennsylvania, who has retired after more than 35 years of loyal service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Christopher J. Nangle began his career as a park ranger at Marsh Creek State Park in 1974 and has faithfully served there until his retirement on August 14, 2009. He was promoted in 2004 to Chief Ranger for Marsh Creek and French Creek State Parks.

Chief Ranger Nangle has done a tremendous job preserving the extraordinary natural

resources of the 1,075-acre Marsh Creek State Park and making sure that the approximately 12,000 visitors who flock to the Park on summer weekends to fish, hike or sail on the 535-acre Marsh Creek Lake have a safe and enjoyable outdoor experience.

Whether rescuing a dog trapped on icy Marsh Creek Lake or successfully leading the search for hikers lost in the dense woods, Chief Ranger Nangle has demonstrated great leadership and professionalism. In addition, he has shared his wealth of knowledge and experience as a Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission water and ice rescue instructor.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Christopher J. Nangle on his exemplary career and honoring his outstanding service and dedication to the people of Pennsylvania.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that will benefit the Second Congressional District of Michigan as part of H.R. 3326.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE HOEKSTRA

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: Army, Aviation Advanced Technology

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: L3 Communications Combat Propulsion Systems

Address of Requesting Entity: 76 Getty St. Muskegon, Michigan, 49442

Description of Request: Provide \$4 million for Heavy Fuel Engine Family for Unmanned Systems. The funding would be used to continue the development, installation, and testing of fuel efficient and higher power density heavy-fuel engine to meet the Department of Defense requirement that Unmanned Aerial Systems' engines to operate on JP-8 fuel.

MATTHEW TRAVIS TERRELL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Terrell of Liberty, Missouri. Matthew 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, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Matthew has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Matthew has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Matthew Terrell for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE CREWMEN AND THEIR SERVICE TO THE USS ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and the state of Alabama are honored to be the home of the USS Alabama, and I rise today to honor her former crewmen for their tremendous sacrifice and service.

For more than 40 years, the USS Alabama has graced Mobile Bay with her beauty. As one of Alabama's top tourist attractions, she continues to serve as a lasting memorial and tribute to the "Greatest Generation."

Constructed in the Norfolk Navy Yard on December 1, 1940, the USS Alabama was commissioned on August 16, 1942, with Captain George B. Wilson in command.

In nearly five years of commissioned service, the USS Alabama earned nine battle stars for participation in the Atlantic and Pacific Campaigns of World War II. The USS Alabama is representative of the South Dakota class of American battleships that fought against Japan in World War II. She also earned the Navy Occupation Service Medal Pacific, for the period fought in Korea during September of 1945.

The USS Alabama defended her nation against an enemy of oppression and now reflects the pride of a grateful nation. After retiring in 1962, the USS Alabama was stationed in Mobile Bay and opened as a museum the following year. Nicknamed the "Mighty A," she was added to the National Historic Landmark registry in 1986.

Former Alabama Governor George C. Wallace received the battleship on behalf of the state. Years later, in remembering the event, he said, "On the day we were piped aboard by the U.S. Marine Band from Washington, tears welled up in my eyes, and chills went down my spine, as I thought of all the boys killed in World War II, and who died and were dying in the Vietnam War, and that this was a tribute to them for us to save this ship as a lasting monument."

Madam Speaker, the USS Alabama holds a reunion every year in April, to honor the crewmen who fought for each American's freedom. Of the approximately 6,000 original members of the USS Alabama, the following members were able to attend the most recent reunion: Hildrey H. Arnette, Frank Basham, Preston A. Bristow, John R. Brown, Stan Bryn, Gene Giarrusso, Daniel R. Glass, Leo J. Goulet, Albert A. Grimm, William Hahn, Millard F. Hill, John Kilgore, Jimmie D. Maish, Raymond Medved, Sr., Dr. William R. Miller, Frank Radulski, Sr., Leuico B. Sealy, Frank Sherman, John Simpler, Edward J. Suchy, Kenneth E. Thomas, and Leva Loyd Witt.

They personify the very best America has to offer. I urge my colleagues to take a moment to pay tribute to these men—and all of the soldiers who fought in World War II—for their selfless devotion to our country and the freedom we enjoy.

SHANNON SILVA, LABOR LEADER OF THE YEAR

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a very dedicated, committed leader of the labor movement in America who deserves to be recognized for his tireless contributions to working men and women.

Shannon Silva was born and raised in San Diego, California. He graduated from the University of San Diego High School in 1974. After High School, Shannon followed the family tradition as a tuna fisherman, where he was stationed on one of the first exploratory boats to fish off both coasts of Africa. After fishing career concluded, he worked for the Pepsi Cola Bottling Group from April 5, 1976 to April 7, 1991. On April 8, 1991, Shannon went on to work for Interstate Brands Corporation (Weber's Bread) as a sales driver and union supervisor until February 28, 1999. While working for Weber's Bread, Shannon also served on the Executive Board of Teamster's Local 683.

He was elected as a Trustee on January 1, 1989, and appointed Recording Secretary on October 1, 1991 and appointed the Local's President on February 1, 1993.

On March 1, 1999 Shannon went to work for Local 683 full time as a Business Representative, until December 31, 2004. On January 1, 2005 he was appointed Secretary Treasurer of Local 683 and was re-elected January 1, 2007, in which he continues to serve in that capacity.

Shannon is currently a member of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council Executive Board. He was also appointed to the National Bakery Drivers Policy Committee and serves as a Trustee on the San Diego County Teamsters-Employers Insurance Trust Fund, Teamsters Miscellaneous Security Trust Fund and the Southern California Bakery Drivers Security Fund.

It gives me a great honor Madam Speaker, to join with so many colleagues, community leaders and well wishers in proclaiming Shannon Silva as the San Diego Imperial Counties Labor Council's 2009, Labor Leader of the Year.

HONORING BENJAMIN HERZBERG

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Benjamin Herzberg, 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 1447, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Benjamin has been very active with his troop participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Benjamin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Benjamin Herzberg for his

accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the HIRE Education Construction and Green Academy Program.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Provisions/Account: Higher Education Account—Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Lincoln Land Community College located at 5250 Shepherd Road, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9256.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to purchase equipment in order to train targeted individuals for jobs with a current or projected shortage in order to enhance their employment opportunities. Targeted individuals include women, minorities, dislocated workers and the incarcerated.

BEATRICE ROSENBERG'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I'd like to take this opportunity to say a few words about one of my constituents, Beatrice Rosenberg, born "Bernice Zam" on her 90th birthday.

Beatrice Rosenberg, born Bernice Zam, in the Bronx, New York, September 12, 1919, has lived through a Great Depression, two World Wars, and the many other events that have marked the last 90 years in America and through it all has continued to laugh and to dance. Her family and friends have said that through all of this, through poverty, through wartime and through widowhood, she has been relied on and has "been there" for them.

Bernice's father died when she was six months old. Her mother was a factory seamstress paid by the piece to sew lace onto ladies' undergarments. In 1935, when Bernice was 16, she had to quit high school to work in a laundry to support her pregnant mother and out-of-work stepfather. She gave all her earnings to her mother, except for carfare to work and to dance clubs, where she jitterbugged her cares away.

In 1943 she married a young pilot just before he shipped off to fight in World War II. (When her license application didn't match her birth certificate, she learned that her birth name actually was Beatrice, not Bernice). Her husband was overseas when she gave birth to their daughter in July 1944, and a few months

later he was shot down and reported missing in action in France. A farmer found and sheltered him in a barn until the French Resistance could smuggle him out of danger.

For two years after the war she lived on an airbase in Ashiya, Japan, as part of the post-war occupation, but the marriage was strained by the time they returned to the States. She and her daughter moved into a one-bedroom apartment in a 5th floor walk-up in the Bronx already occupied by her own mother and teenage half-sister.

In 1949 she brought her daughter with her to Savannah, Georgia, where her husband was stationed on a Strategic Air Command Base, to obtain a divorce. She waitressed in a diner for \$25 a week plus tips, on the 3:00 to midnight shift, hiring a teenager for her daughter's after-school care. She met and married another airman, and after two years he shipped out to an operation in the Azores. Unfortunately, he died at the age of 33 after spending years in the service operating refuelers.

With an 11-year-old daughter to care for, Bernice could not indulge her grief. Instead, she moved back into that cramped Bronx apartment, and used some Air Force insurance money to take a course in switchboard. She became a receptionist and met Dan Rosenberg. They lived happily for many years, and when he passed on, Mrs. Rosenberg moved in with her daughter and her family while working full time and eventually moved to Florida and sold handbags at Macy's, finally retiring at age 70. Since then she has enjoyed a life of card games, friendships, and family. Although she uses a walker, she still dances every chance she gets.

Her family: daughter Sydelle Pittas and her husband Phillip Koenig; her granddaughter Pilar Alessandra and husband Pat Francis along with their daughters Sara and Rita; granddaughter Chris Pittas; and granddaughter Michele Koenig Augieri and her husband Gary Shafner (who have just given her a great-grandson named Felix), join with many other nieces and nephews in paying tribute to Beatrice Rosenberg on her 90th birthday.

At 90, Mrs. Rosenberg still laughs heartily and will, no doubt, dance at her party.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed 4 votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows.

Rollcall No. 690, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 447, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 691, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2097, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 692, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2498, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 693, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 722, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING BRANDON MICHAEL REYNOLDS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brandon Michael Reynolds, 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, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brandon has been very active with his troop participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Brandon has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Brandon Michael Reynolds for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

NORTH CAROLINA REMEMBERS SENATOR RUSSELL G. WALKER, SR.

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, on September 2 North Carolina lost one of its most consequential and compassionate political leaders, former Senator Russell G. Walker, Sr., of Asheboro. Recent days have been filled with tributes from those of us who treasured the opportunity to know and work with Russell—former Governor Jim Hunt described him as "one of the most caring people I have ever met in politics." But untold thousands who never met Russell are also in his debt, by virtue of his work on mental health, maternal and child health, water quality, and other policy challenges during his ten terms in the North Carolina Senate.

Russell was born in 1918 in the community of Conetoe, in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, and his family soon moved to High Point. During the Depression years Russell worked after school to help keep bread on the table and got into the grocery business, moving to Asheboro to manage a store at age 19. He married Ruth Brunt in 1941—the beginning of a 68-year marriage that warmed the hearts of all who knew them and of a family that includes three children, Russell, Jr., Steve, and Susan, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Russell enlisted in the Army Air Corps after Pearl Harbor and spent much of World War II "flying the hump," hauling troops, bombs, and fuel from India to China over the treacherous Himalayas. He founded his own supermarket chain, Food Line, after the war, and became a mainstay of civic, religious, and political life in Randolph County. Serving first on the Asheboro City Council, he gained election to the North Carolina Senate in 1974. While he is rightly known statewide for his pioneering and persistent work in health and human serv-

ices, citizens of Asheboro are well aware of many more local and tangible results of his service: the North Carolina Zoo (the strategic location of which, in Asheboro, was no accident!), highway U.S. 64, and the Asheboro airport.

I came to know Russell well in 1979–80, when I took a leave of absence from Duke University to serve as executive director of the North Carolina Democratic Party during his time as party chairman. We had a wonderful time riding North Carolina's roads together, visiting far-flung towns and counties and along the way talking for hours about every imaginable topic. I learned a great deal, especially, about Russell's wartime experience and the 1972 Nick Galifianakis Senate campaign, which Russell had managed and which was still fresh on his mind.

Above all, however, Russell and I became good friends, and I came to understand what a remarkable man he was—compassionate, fair and decent, firm in his own convictions but open to what he might learn from others, quick to spot another person's promise and to offer encouragement. These are qualities I treasured in my own father and which I have seen in few people to the extent they were exemplified by Russell Walker.

I could say more, Madam Speaker, about my indebtedness to Russell Walker as a mentor and for the encouragement and help he offered in 1986 and beyond as I began my own congressional career. But the most important and enduring point is the one about character, and I can underscore it with a story told by Lloyd Hamlet, a long-time friend of Russell's and mine, to the Asheboro Courier-Tribune last week.

A youngster was caught stealing food at one of Russell's stores. The police were called, but Russell intervened and had a talk with the boy. He said that there was no food at his house; his dad was not in the home and his mother was often away. Russell went with the boy to his home, learned more about his circumstances, and eventually left the house filled with food from his store.

Anyone who knew Russell Walker well would recognize him from that story. The story would be neither remembered nor recounted if Russell had reacted in the expected way. But we recall it fondly because of what it says about the man we knew and about the enduring power of love and kindness—a reversal, we may hope, of Shakespeare's famous dictum: it is the good that we do that endures. Certainly there is much good that Russell Walker did that lives after him—individual acts of kindness and encouragement, and social policies made more effective and humane by his years of legislative leadership. We are grateful for his life and the way he lived it and continue to be inspired by his example.

HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SAULT STE. MARIE

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Rotary Club of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, as it celebrates its 90th anniversary in the community. Over the years, the Rotary

Club of Sault Ste. Marie has worked diligently to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace in Sault Ste. Marie and the surrounding areas.

One of the oldest Rotary Clubs in Michigan, the Sault Ste. Marie club was chartered on January 1, 1919. Since its inception the club has taken an active role in supporting and enriching individuals and projects that make Sault Ste. Marie a positive place to live and do business.

Service projects have been a continuing priority for the club. Each year members honor past president Charlie Graver with the Rotary Graver Auction, which has raised nearly \$150,000 to fund youth projects around the community. In the 1960s the Rotary Club built Rotary Park, where visitors can enjoy the view of the lake carriers in the St. Marys River. Today, Rotarians are rebuilding the park starting with the “Poppink Path” walkway. The club has also helped finance Project Playground and agreed to maintain it with yearly repairs and cleanups.

Recognizing the importance of education, the Rotary Club has established the William Poppink Distinguished Teacher Award given annually to one local elementary and secondary teacher recognized for their outstanding contribution to education. The club also presents students in the area with scholarships through the Sault Rotary Strahl Scholarship Fund. The club has raised thousands of dollars to support the community-based Soo Theatre Project, now teaching more than 400 students the arts and providing shows for the community at the historic Soo Theatre.

The Sault Ste. Marie Rotary Club has also done much for those in the community with intellectual disabilities. Members work closely with Special Olympics to staff events and hold an annual Special Olympics carnival. The club also hosts a Valentine’s Day lunch each year for special education students in the area.

The club also reaches out beyond Sault Ste. Marie by giving area students the opportunity to go abroad and learn about new cultures in countries across the world. At the same time the club hosts young people from across the globe that come to Sault Ste. Marie to learn about life in the United States.

Madam Speaker, since the formation of the Sault Ste. Marie Rotary Club, members have continuously upheld their mission of, “Service Above Self.” The Sault Ste. Marie area has benefited greatly from members’ long tradition of community pride and dedication to fostering the ideal of service through action. Madam Speaker, I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating the Sault Ste. Marie Rotary Club on its 90th anniversary as well as thanking members for their active involvement in the Sault Ste. Marie community.

HONORING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN’S NORTHWESTERN MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor St. John’s Northwestern Military Academy and to recognize its 125th anniversary.

St. John’s Military Academy was founded in 1884 in Delafield, Wisconsin, by Dr. Sidney T. Smythe with the goal of educating young men in a program of physical, moral and religious education that trained student character as well as mind.

The principles are echoed in the academy’s motto, “Work Hard, Play Hard, Pray Hard.” Dr. Smythe believed that the way to get the most out of a boy is to challenge him and to make him reach just a little farther than he had supposed his arms could stretch. From its small beginnings, the academy grew steadily as it became recognized as one of the leading schools of its kind in the Nation.

Northwestern Military Academy was established in 1888 in Highland Park, Illinois, by Harlan Page Davidson, whose philosophy of education was remarkably similar to Sidney Smythe. In addition to academic classes, cadets participated in athletics, gymnastics, drill instruction and bayonet practice. In 1911, naval training was added to the academy’s program and the name was changed to Northwestern Military & Naval Academy, gaining national recognition as an educational experience with a military emphasis.

In 1995, St. John’s Military Academy, and Northwestern Military & Naval Academy joined to become St. John’s Northwestern Military Academy, located at the St. John’s 110-acre campus in Delafield. Though the emphasis has shifted away from the military arts of an earlier day, the discipline, self-confidence, loyalty and camaraderie remain just as strong today. Shaped by each school’s strong history, common goals and similar philosophies, the academy continues its long tradition of education and leadership with honor.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the cancer research facility.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Provisions/Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services Account

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria, located at One Illini Drive, Peoria, Illinois 61605.

Description of Request: The funding would be used finance the construction of a cancer research facility.

RECOGNIZING BRAD HICKS

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Brad

Hicks, the president and CEO of the Chamber of Medford/Jackson County headquartered in Medford, Oregon.

Brad has deep and enduring roots in southern Oregon that have grounded his personal and professional life in special ways. He treasures the beautiful Rogue Valley in which he was raised and where he and his lovely wife, Kimberly, have chosen to raise their son, Jonathan. Brad’s love of southern Oregon and his steadfast belief in its bright future have driven his chamber career along a steady path of unselfish service to the Rogue Valley.

Brad grew up in Grants Pass, Oregon and graduated with a degree in political science from Southern Oregon State College, now known as Southern Oregon University. After public service as an aide to members of the state legislature and the U.S. Congress, Brad returned home to southern Oregon in 1993 where he began his chamber management career as membership director of the Chamber of Medford/Jackson County. Brad was mentored by a chamber legend, Bill Haas, who taught him the essentials of running an effective chamber.

In 1994 Brad became advertising sales director, and then marketing director in 1995, serving in that capacity until being selected to his current position when Bill Haas retired at the end of 1999.

Under Brad’s leadership as president and CEO, the Chamber of Medford/Jackson County has grown to be the largest chamber in Oregon, far surpassing the membership of chambers in much larger communities. The Chamber of Medford/Jackson County has not only grown significantly, it has been recognized repeatedly for its effective service to the community. Theirs is the model that other chambers follow for membership growth, political involvement, and communications with the membership.

Brad gives greatly of himself to his community and to his profession. He has served ably on a long list of local boards, commissions, and philanthropic endeavors. Brad has served on the United States Chamber of Commerce West Institute Board of Regents, the American Chamber of Commerce Executives Board of Directors, and the Northwest Chamber Leaders. Brad is a past president of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, and was named that organization’s Chamber Executive of the Year in 2006. Brad was also recently awarded the 2008 Western Association of Chamber Executives’ “Executive of the Year” award.

Madam Speaker, Brad Hicks is an impactful leader who makes a difference in his community. He brings considerable skills and experience to his service to others and he never rests in his constant personal and professional growth.

However, it is Brad’s latest accomplishment that compels me to address this body today. Through years of hard work and dedication, Brad recently joined a very elite group of chamber executives when he achieved the status of certified chamber executive, or CCE as it is known in the chamber profession. In the past 38 years, fewer than 460 chamber executives have achieved the coveted CCE level. The CCE program is designed to assess a senior manager’s knowledge of the four core chamber management areas: management, planning and development, membership, communications, and operations.

The CCE earned by Brad is a national recognition of his commitment to his profession,

his dedication to managerial and leadership excellence, and his leadership in state, regional, and national chamber professional associations.

I value what Brad has accomplished and his contribution to his community. I invite each of you today to join me in thanking Brad Hicks for his service and in congratulating him on achieving the rare accomplishment of certified chamber executive.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL AEROSPACE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman EHLERS for his leadership on this bill and I am proud to be a cosponsor of this important legislation. National Aerospace Day recognizes the importance of NASA, its world-class employees and the decades of successes those employees have accumulated for NASA. NASA contributes greatly to the advancement of scientific research and is responsible for technology that we use every single day.

Yesterday, the Summary Report by the Review of U.S. Human Spaceflight Plans Committee was released. The Committee's report confirms what we've known for a long time—NASA is underfunded. Supporting and adequately funding NASA's programs that contribute to its human space flight initiative is essential for the U.S. to maintain its global leadership.

While I agree with the Commission that NASA's research centers like NASA Glenn in Brook Park, Ohio need more funding in order to achieve the mandates given to them by Congress and the President, I am particularly concerned with the recommendations in the Committee Report to privatize important parts of NASA. Privatization of a public resource is dangerous. We must not let ourselves fall for the lure of the potential for short term savings when privatization frequently ends up costing the taxpayer much more than purported savings, not to mention well-paying, stable jobs. At a time of record high unemployment rates, we cannot afford to compromise the integrity of one of our nation's greatest assets by outsourcing NASA's work.

I want to also be clear that NASA must not become an arm of the Department of Defense. NASA has always focused on civilian research, which has allowed it to avoid becoming subsumed by the perpetual imperative of national security.

NASA's aeronautics research is particularly important because NASA is able to develop longer term, high-risk enabling technologies that our private industry is unable and unwilling to perform. If we lose aeronautics at NASA, we will cede our global leadership in the field to Europe.

I have the privilege of having the NASA Glenn Research Center in my district. NASA Glenn serves as an economic engine for the Greater Cleveland Community and for the State of Ohio. In the year 2007 alone, the economic output of NASA Glenn was \$1.2 billion.

As of 2007, NASA Glenn was responsible for over 8,000 jobs and household earnings amounting to \$402 million in Ohio alone.

NASA Glenn's employees have been global leaders in their field for decades. In fact, Glenn has won 98 of the 150 R&D 100 Awards from R&D Magazine that have been granted to NASA since 1966, more than all the other NASA centers combined. Of over 600 national laboratories, Glenn is in the top 10 for these awards.

NASA Glenn specializes in space flight systems development, aeropropulsion, space propulsion, power systems, communications, and human-related systems. They develop cleaner technologies for space propulsion that is safer, more reliable and more affordable. NASA's expertise in renewable energy and energy efficient technologies will be critical to a burgeoning green economy.

NASA Glenn plays a vital role in developing NASA's future generation of space flight vehicles and is the lead developer of the lunar lander's ascent stage propulsion system—the system responsible for getting our astronauts back to earth from the moon. The Center is vital in training and recruiting the next generation of employees that will work on future space flight missions to the Moon and Mars through its educational partnership programs with local universities.

I am proud of the work done at NASA Glenn and of the important contributions NASA has made to our Nation. Congress has an obligation to fully support NASA and I strongly urge passage of this bill.

HONORING JAKE ALAN FOTHERINGHAM

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jake Alan Fotheringham, 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 125, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jake has been very active with his troop participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Jake has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jake Alan Fotheringham 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 LANCE CORPORAL DONALD JAMES HOGAN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a hero from my congressional district, Lance Corporal Donald James Hogan,

United States Marine Corps. Today I ask that the House of Representatives honor and remember this incredible young man who died in service to our country.

Lance Corporal Hogan graduated from Tesoro High School in 2007 and fulfilled his dream to follow in his grandfather's footsteps by joining the U.S. Marine Corps. His grandfather reached the rank of Gunnery Sergeant and Lance Corporal Hogan wanted to match his grandfather's success through a career in the Marine Corps. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton.

Hogan is remembered by friends as supportive, loyal and unselfish. He was a cross country runner in high school and his teammates recall his encouraging spirit that got them across the finish line. On Wednesday, August 26, 2009, Lance Corporal Hogan was killed while on a foot patrol in southern Afghanistan when a roadside bomb went off nearby in a blast that also injured several other Marines. He was 20 years old. Lance Corporal Hogan is survived by his father Jim, mother Carla, and sister Adrianna.

As we look at the incredibly rich military history of our country we realize that this history is comprised of men, just like Lance Corporal Hogan, who bravely fought for the ideals of freedom and democracy. Each story is unique and humbling for those of us who, far from the dangers they have faced, live our lives in relative comfort and ease. The day the Hogan family learned of their son and brother's death was probably the hardest day they have ever faced and my thoughts, prayers and deepest gratitude for Lance Corporal Hogan's sacrifice goes out to them. There are no words that can relieve their pain and what words I can offer only begin to convey my deep respect and highest appreciation.

Lance Corporal Hogan's family have all given a part of themselves in the loss of their loved one and I hope they know that their son and brother, the goodness he brought to this world and the sacrifice he has made, will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 685 I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 685.

HONORING DARIN MATTHEW DUNLAP

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Darin Matthew Dunlap, 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 202, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Darin has been very active with his troop participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Darin has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

RECOGNIZING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF GREATER FLINT

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, today I would like to extend congratulations to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint as they mark their 65th anniversary. This Saturday, September 12, a celebration will be held in my hometown of Flint, Michigan, in honor of this occasion.

The Flint area Big Brothers program developed from an idea of Frank Manley to pair at-risk boys with mentors. He established an informal program during the 1930's and then Father, later Monsignor, Earl Sheridan brought Father Flannigan from Boy's Town to Flint in the 1940's. Through his example and inspiration, the Flint Youth Bureau was formally established in 1944. The Mott Foundation provided the funding and Joe Ryder was the first Executive Director, serving in that capacity for 23 years.

In 1955, Frank Manley, William Minardo and Allen Matherne started the Big Sisters program. The two organizations merged in 1985. Since that time Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint has partnered with several organizations to expand mentoring programs in the area. They have also developed innovative programs like school-based mentoring. Working with the Urban League the 100 Men 100 Boys group was started. The Superstar Club serves unmatched children. In addition, 25 congregations signed agreements to support the Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program (AMACHI).

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the work of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint as they celebrate 65 years of providing positive role models to children, especially children from single parent homes. Their partnerships with the Flint Community Schools and the Genesee Intermediate School District will help them expand their mission to include even more children. I congratulate them for their commitment to serve the youth of our community and to help them grow into the leaders of tomorrow.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards

on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the bioenergy and bioprocessing program.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Provisions/Account: Higher Education Account—Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is Richland Community College located at One College Park, Decatur, Illinois 62521.

Description of Request: The funding would be used for the expansion of Richland's bioenergy and bioprocessing degree programs.

HONORING THE ENFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TOWN OF ENFIELD

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the exemplary work of the men and women of the Enfield Fire Department who have given tirelessly of themselves in defense of the community they love so dearly. In addition to their selfless acts of heroism, the department has seen fit to establish a memorial which honors the memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

For more than 100 years, the men and women of the Enfield Fire Department have put their lives on the line every day to protect their community and the citizens of Enfield. The department was founded on October 15, 1896, after a group of individuals joined together to investigate and combat fires that had been deliberately set. Since that day, more than a century later, the department has continued to serve and protect the people of Enfield with honor and distinction.

In addition to their service to the community, the Enfield Fire Department has taken it upon themselves to create a memorial garden commemorating those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. On September 11, 2008, the memorial was dedicated with a public ceremony and parade attended by hundreds of Enfield residents. Each year residents of the town will gather to honor the memory of those whose lives were lost on that most fateful day.

The Enfield Fire Department continues its tradition of service to their community, and thanks to their efforts the people of Enfield will never forget that most tragic of days in our Nation's history. The admirable efforts undertaken by the Enfield Fire Department to memorialize the tragedies of September 11, 2001, should inspire each and every one of us to better appreciate the sacrifices made on that fateful day and I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Enfield Fire Department.

HONORING ANDREW BLAINE ALLEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Andrew Blaine Allen, 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 202, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Andrew has been very active with his troop participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Andrew has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

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

APPOINTING FRANCE A. CÓRDOVA TO BOARD OF REGENTS OF SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

SPEECH OF

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my support for Senate Joint Resolution 9, and recognize Dr. France A. Córdova on her appointment as a citizen regent of the Smithsonian Institution's Board of Regents.

The Smithsonian's governing board is comprised of 17 members. These members include the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Vice President of the United States, six Members of Congress, and nine citizens who are nominated by the board and approved jointly in a resolution of Congress. The nine citizen members serve for a term of 6 years each and are eligible for reappointment to one additional term.

Having already established herself as an internationally recognized astrophysicist, and a national leader in postsecondary education, France A. Córdova is currently the 11th President of Purdue University. Known as the first woman and youngest person to hold the position of NASA chief scientist from 1993 to 1996, Dr. Córdova still follows her love of science. Currently, Dr. Córdova and two colleagues have a collaborative experiment flying on the European Space Agency's X-Ray Multi-Mirror Mission.

Prior to joining Purdue in 2007, she served in the University of California system for 11 years, first as the Professor of Physics and Vice Chancellor for Research at UC Santa Barbara and then as the Distinguished Professor of Physics and Astronomy and Chancellor for UC Riverside. Córdova's scientific career contributions have been in the areas of observational and experimental astrophysics.

She has published more than 150 scientific papers and continues to pursue scholarly research. Dr. Córdova was also the winner of NASA's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Medal. As an influential leader in science policy and education, she also serves on numerous state and national boards, most recently accepting an appointment to the Board of Trustees for the Mayo Clinic in May 2008 and a six-year presidential appointment to the National Science Board, effective November 2008.

Dr. Córdova's honors and awards are almost as numerous as the stars in space that she studies. Her accomplishment in the field of astrophysics and her leadership as the head of a national research university provide her with tremendous experience that will benefit the Smithsonian's board and help improve its mission for the increase and diffusion of knowledge. Her impact on education and science has been remarkable.

I will conclude in saying that Dr. France A. Córdova would be an out of this world addition to the Smithsonian Institution's governing board. It will be an honor and pleasure to have her serve on that board, and I ask my colleagues to support Senate Joint Resolution 9.

INTRODUCTION OF UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON AN OPEN SOCIETY WITH SECURITY ACT OF 2009

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the United States Commission on an Open Society with Security Act which expresses an idea I began working on when the first signs of the closing of parts of our open society appeared after the Oklahoma City bombing tragedy, well before 9/11. I introduce this bill on the eighth anniversary of 9/11 because this bill grows more urgent as an increasing variety of security measures proliferate throughout the country without any thought about their effect on common freedoms and ordinary access, and without any guidance from the government or elsewhere. The introduction of this bill also precedes my upcoming September 22nd hearing on federal building security, which has gotten so out of control that a tourist passing by a federal building cannot even get in to use the restroom or enjoy the many restaurant facilities located in areas otherwise bereft of such opportunities. The security in federal buildings has too long resided only in the hands of non-security experts who do not take into account actual threats, and as a result, spend lavish amounts on needless security procedures. For example, the Government Accountability Office completed sting operations this year, carrying bomb making materials into 10 high-security federal buildings and assembling them in the bathrooms. This scandal shines a light on the failure to use risk-based assessments in allocations of resources.

The bill I introduce today would begin a systematic investigation that takes full account of the importance of maintaining our democratic traditions while responding adequately to the

real and substantial threats terrorism poses. To accomplish its difficult mission, the Commission created by this bill would be composed not only of military and security experts, but for the first time, they would be at the same table with experts from such fields as business, architecture, technology, law, city planning, art, engineering, philosophy, history, sociology, and psychology. To date, questions of security most often have been left almost exclusively to security and military experts. They are indispensable participants, but these experts cannot alone resolve all the new and unprecedented issues raised by terrorism in an open society. In order to strike the balance required by our democratic traditions, a diverse group of experts needs to be working together at the same table.

For years before our eyes, parts of our open society have gradually been closed down because of terrorism and the fear of terrorism—whether checkpoints on streets near the Capitol even when there were no alerts, to applications of technology without regard to their effects on privacy. We have also seen heightened controversy, litigation, hearings, legislation and court decisions because of the use of technology that intercepts terrorist communications but also covers communications among Americans.

Following the unprecedented terrorist attack on our country on 9/11, Americans expected additional and increased security adequate to protect citizens against this frightening threat. However, in our country, people also expect government to be committed and smart enough to undertake this awesome new responsibility without depriving them of their personal liberty. These years in our history will long be remembered by the rise of terrorism in the world and in this country and the unprecedented challenges they have brought. We must provide ever-higher levels of security for our people and public spaces while maintaining a free and open democratic society. Yet, this is no ordinary war that we expect to be over in a matter of years. The end point could be generations from now. The indeterminate nature of the threat adds to the necessity of putting aside ad hoc approaches to security developed in isolation from the goal of maintaining an open society.

When we have faced unprecedented and perplexing issues in the past, we have had the good sense to investigate them deeply and to move to resolve them. Examples include the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (also known as the 9/11 Commission), the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction (also known as the Silberman-Robb Commission) and the Kerner Commission that investigated the riotous uprisings that swept American cities in the 1960s and 1970s. The important difference in this bill is that the Commission seeks to act before a crisis-level erosion of basic freedoms takes hold and becomes entrenched. Because global terrorism is likely to be long lasting, we cannot afford to allow the proliferation of security that neither requires nor is subject to advance civilian oversight or analysis of alternatives and repercussions on freedom and commerce.

With no vehicles for leadership on issues of security and openness, we have been left to muddle through, using blunt 19th century approaches, such as crude blockades, unsightly

barriers around beautiful monuments and other signals that the society is closing down, without appropriate exploration of possible alternatives. The threat of terrorism to an open society is too serious to be left to ad hoc problem-solving. Such approaches are often as inadequate as they are menacing.

We can do better, but only if we recognize and then come to grips with the complexities associated with maintaining a society of free and open access in a world characterized by unprecedented terrorism. The place to begin is with a high-level presidential commission of experts in a broad spectrum of disciplines who can help chart the new course that will be required to protect our people and our precious democratic institutions and traditions.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Center for Health Professions Performance Improvement.

Bill Number: H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Provisions/Account: Health Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services Account

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mid-Illinois Medical District located at 130 West Mason Street, Room 216, Springfield, Illinois 62702.

Description of Request: The funding would be used for the construction of the Center for Health Professions Performance Improvement that will provide continuing educational opportunities for individuals in the healthcare industry.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SALVATION ARMY'S PRESENCE IN ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th Anniversary of the Salvation Army's presence in Altoona, Pennsylvania. The Salvation Army has had a long and cherished history assisting the community with essential services like utility assistance, food banking, emergency shelter, clothing, Christmas help, and many other services critical to the lives of families in need.

The exact date of the founding of the Salvation Army in Altoona remains unclear after all of these years. However, their ministry was one of action, not of chronicle. In the beginning the ministry of the Salvation Army in Altoona, like many others, was primarily a ministry of the street, a ministry that took its message and its critical services directly to the people.

Over the past 125 years, the Salvation Army in Altoona has occupied about 15 different locations. On December 5, 1976, the Salvation Army built their permanent location after a successful capital fund drive.

At different holidays the Salvation Army provides gifts to the nursing homes, VA hospitals, and anywhere individuals might not receive necessary needs at any time. The Salvation Army in Altoona does not discriminate against anyone based on their race, color, creed, or religion. The Salvation Army in Altoona maintains a presence in the community to assist and love and to meet the needs of all those who need it.

Historically, the Salvation Army has provided programs for children to help with their self esteem and caring for others, women and men programs, and older adult programs. The Salvation Army in Altoona still provides these services and will carry on its tradition of social and worship services in the community for many years to come. I congratulate them on this wonderful milestone.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. BOYD. Madam Speaker, due to personal reasons, I was unable to attend to votes this week. Had I been present, my votes would have been as follows:

“Yea” on H.R. 3123;
“Yea” on H.R. 310;
“Yea” on H.R. 324;
“Yea” on H. Res. 447;
“Yea” on H. Res. 722;
“Yea” on H.R. 2498;
“Yea” on H.R. 2097, and
“Yea” on H.R. 965.

TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN LEGION DAY

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to one of our Nation's largest and most successful veterans advocacy organizations, the American Legion. Since the Congressional charter was issued on September 16th, 1919, the American Legion has worked tirelessly to serve American veterans and communities across the nation. Arkansas has the honorable distinction of becoming the first American Legion Department in the United States to be incorporated.

The American Legion was founded under four principles or pillars: The care for our veterans, the care for our children, a strong national defense, and the promotion of Americanism. Over the years, the American Legion has become a preeminent community-service organization, which includes more than 2.5 million members at over 14,000 American Legion posts worldwide.

Every year, members of the American Legion donate thousands of hours of community service in veterans' medical facilities and

homes to care for our nation's heroes. They remain committed to upholding the ideals of freedom and democracy, strive to improve the overall quality of life to our nation's servicemen and women, and tirelessly work to make a difference in the lives of fellow Americans.

Today, on American Legion Day, we now have an opportunity each year to come together and celebrate the organization's long history and distinguished service to the community, state and nation. Millions of people who have been positively affected by the American Legion, as well as the American people are grateful for their efforts in serving our country. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, we thank you for your courage, your character, and your service to our country.

RECOGNIZING REVEREND WAYNE PERRYMAN

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of an individual from my district and his efforts to honor the principles of President Abraham Lincoln. Reverend Wayne Perryman from Mercer Island, Washington, and Kasandra Rae Huff, an 18-year-old student from Longview, Washington, created a piece of artwork that was recently accepted into the permanent collection of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

As our Nation confronts challenging times, we must remember and treasure the life and work of President Lincoln as he led this country through an extraordinarily difficult period. I commend Reverend Perryman and Ms. Huff for their artwork and am pleased to submit the text of it on their behalf into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

This portrait of Lincoln is the fine work of Miss Kasandra Rae Huff, an eighteen year old high school student from Longview, Washington.

Kasandra sincerely admired our 16th President, who was perhaps the most lonely person that ever occupied the White House. He was a man not known for his good looks, but for his good heart.

Many scholars criticize Lincoln for his thoughts regarding what to do with the freed blacks after ending slavery, but few commend him for what he did for blacks by ending slavery. During the past thirty-plus years African Americans have occupied every major cabinet level position in the United States government; two have sat on the United States Supreme Court; several others have run our nation's largest cities, including Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, and Atlanta; one headed the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and 145 years after Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address, this nation has elected its first black president.

History reveals that Lincoln's appreciation for blacks was an evolving process, as it was for most Americans. The more exposure he had, the more he appreciated and saw African Americans as equals. By the time he reached Gettysburg on that cold November afternoon in 1863, he was at peace with idea of blacks being equal. Using carefully selected words in a cleverly crafted speech that he had worked on all night, he told those who gathered at the cemetery in Gettysburg what he thought about equality when he spoke these words:

“Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.”

Even though he wrestled with what to do with the freed slaves after the war, he had grown to appreciate African Americans through his relationship with his black advisor, Frederick Douglass, and his wife's best friend and traveling companion, Ms. Elizabeth Keckley, a black dress designer. (Keckley, a freed black woman, designed dresses for Mary Todd Lincoln and other prominent women of that time.)

Evidence of Lincoln's evolving feelings toward blacks was clear to everyone when Democrats pressured Lincoln to sit down with Jefferson Davis to negotiate peace. The president, who once thought that saving the union “without freeing any slave” was an option, took that option off the table and stated that “reunion and the emancipation” were the only grounds for peace. Democrats tried to embarrass and discredit the president by accusing him of prolonging an unnecessary and unpopular war and by placing cartoons in newspapers depicting Lincoln as a “Widow Maker” and the killer of young men. Committed to the cause, Lincoln said, “If at the end, when I come to lay down the reins of power, I have lost every friend on earth, I shall have at least one friend left, and that friend shall be down inside of me.”

His renewed commitment to the emancipation of blacks was also reflected in the portion of the Gettysburg Address where he said:

“That this nation under God, will have a new birth of freedom and that the government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from this earth.”

Unfortunately, many critics are quick to quote from Lincoln's speeches prior to the Gettysburg Address, but not as quick to quote from his speeches after the Gettysburg address. Through Frederick Douglass, Elizabeth Keckley and the black soldiers who so bravely fought for the Union, Lincoln had gained a greater appreciation than most Americans for blacks. His struggle was not so much over how he would accept the new black citizens, but how his fellow white brothers and sisters who had only a stereotypical view of blacks would accept them.

With Jefferson Davis leading the nation of the Confederate States, Lincoln was the only president in our lifetime who was faced with the possibility of a future where there would be two separate nations rather than the one that our founding fathers had established. Winning the war and uniting the country was a tremendous accomplishment and that alone should make Lincoln the greatest president of all time. Had he allowed the South to exist as a separate nation, and had we remained as two smaller countries instead of one we know today, becoming a superpower would have been only a dream and never a reality. As two separate (smaller) nations, we would not have grown to be a superpower and our defense of democracies around the world would have never been a possibility. How different the world be, had he failed.

Had he lost the Civil War, what would have happened to blacks? What would have happened to the Republican Party, the Party of Lincoln? Would the defeat of the Union also have meant the destruction of this new fragile political party? Without the Party of Lincoln, would there have been the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution as well as other subsequent Civil Rights legislation to give blacks freedom, citizenship and the right to vote—all of which paved the way for America to elect its first black president?

Even though members of the Party of Lincoln honor Ronald Reagan as a great president, he was no Abraham Lincoln. Reagan gave his service to this country, but Lincoln gave his life for his country. Without Lincoln there is a strong possibility that there would be no Republican Party today. We owe it to ourselves to honor this man by keeping the true Legacy of Lincoln alive. Republicans, African Americans and the world as a whole owe this lonely log-splitting country lawyer much more than we will ever know: perhaps even our lives.

Please help us establish and maintain the Legacy of Lincoln through the Legacy of Lincoln Foundation so that future generations will know of his true greatness and his enduring contribution to the entire world.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Achieving Lightweight Casting Solutions.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Provisions/Account: Army: “RDT&E” Section of the bill, Line Title: End Item Industrial Preparedness, Program Element: 0708045A, Line Number: 179.

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: The entity to receive funding for this project is American Foundry Society, 1695 North Penny Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to develop lightweight metals and casting methods to produce vital defense components in fast, low cost, efficient ways.

RECOGNIZING THE HARLEM CULTURAL ARCHIVES HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S TRIBUTE TO THE LLOYD EVERETT DICKENS FAMILY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of The Harlem Cultural Archives Historical Society's tribute to the legacy of the Lloyd Everett Dickens Family at their 2nd Annual Award Luncheon taking place at Harlem's renown Londel's Supper Club.

Before the first Wall Street crash and Great Depression of the early 1920's, hard-working successful African Americans found it very difficult to rent apartments and buy homes. Landlords did not want Blacks living in their buildings as tenants, and white property owners would not acknowledge Blacks who sought to bid on their property.

Two young men, Fred and Lloyd Dickens from Watonga, Oklahoma, where their father, Andrew, was a United States marshal disliked what they had observed and what Blacks were experiencing in seeking housing and ownership. They created and built a partnership to conduct real estate business in Harlem and throughout the City of New York.

By the late 1950s, Lloyd E. Dickens had built a reputation as one of Harlem's most successful veterans in the housing profession. He had also established a name in political circles, distinguishing himself as both a District Leader and Assembly Member as one of New York City's major powerbrokers. In 1959, he was the only Tammany Hall leader to defy party leaders when then Manhattan Chairman Carmine G. De Sario sought to end the political career of Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Instead of following, Dickens led, pressing an agenda that called for a fair share of patronage and representation to deal with the social and economic problems of black people.

For the rest of his years, Lloyd Dickens remained in the vanguard of the struggle to secure equality for blacks and other minorities in the job market, the courts, city government and education. Today, the Dickens family legacy continues through Lloyd's two daughters, Delores Richards and my political wife Inez “Betty” Dickens. Delores continues to run Lloyd E. Dickens & Company with the same dedication, integrity, fairness and core values, which was inspired by her father and uncle. Inez is following in the same path as her father, District Leader, first vice chair of the New York State Democratic Committee, and now, the Majority Whip of the New York City Council—second most powerful female member and highest-ranking African-American woman.

Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to thank the Harlem Cultural Archives Historical Society for preserving and documenting Harlem's illustrious contributions and its history; and for establishing the Dickens Family Scholarship for college students who have exhibited an interest in the Harlem community and achieved academic excellence. It is the least that we can do to honor and pay tribute to a man who did so much for our community and all people of good will.

CONGRATULATING BISHOP JACOB COHEN

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and extend my congratulations to Bishop Jacob Cohen on his 50th anniversary of pastoral ministry in service to the A.M. Cohen Temple, the Eastern Florida Jurisdiction, and the Church of God in Christ.

Bishop Jacob Cohen, the ninth son and twelfth child of Bishop Amaziah Melvin Cohen, founder and pastor of the Miami Temple Church of God in Christ, was educated in the Miami-Dade County Public School System. While a student at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University his educational pursuit was interrupted with his decision to serve in the United States Army, stationed in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He then went on to serve the 82nd Airborne Division. Upon honorable discharge, he enrolled at Fayetteville State University in North Carolina and graduated in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in education.

Soon after, Bishop Cohen married his wife, Mrs. Josie Jackson, the daughter of the Late Deacon John and Mother Josie Jackson. The two are blessed with four children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In 1971, Bishop Cohen was appointed as Superintendent of the Miami District and also served as Jurisdictional Bishop of the Eastern Florida Jurisdiction. In 1972, he was elected to serve on the General Board of the Church of God in Christ, the governing board of the international church. He served for 14 years.

With a career spanning half a century, Bishop Cohen served on many national, state, and local boards and advisory councils including the NAACP, YMCA, Governor's Committee on the Black Family, and the Boy Scouts. He sponsored the Labor Task Force for the renovations of Saints Industrial Junior College, established the Clergy Bureau for the Church of God in Christ, and wrote the financial plan for the National Church of God in Christ. On March 11, 2006, Bishop Jacob Cohen was presented with an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Saint Thomas Christian College in Jacksonville, Florida.

Under the leadership of Bishop Cohen, A.M. Cohen Temple has taken an active and progressive role in directly addressing the temporal and spiritual needs of our neighbors. I want to commend him for his tireless apostolate in ministering to those who were imprisoned, to the hungry and to all those seeking the love and solace of a Church that seeks to affirm and confirm their dignity as God's children. Bishop Cohen's anniversary in the ministry takes on a meaning much greater than the passage of time, for he and the Church have met the spiritual needs of thousands of people who came before them, and through the grace of God will continue to do so for another century to come. It is a magnificent legacy we will celebrate.

Madam Speaker and my colleagues, I ask that you join me in honoring Bishop Jacob Cohen, a humble servant of God, a true beacon of hope and a guiding light in the 17th Congressional District of Florida.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE LAB SCIENCE PROGRAM

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the community-based Life Lab Science Program for their 30 years of work in the field of science and environmental education. The Life Lab Science Program is committed to environmental stewardship by promoting science and garden-based education for all learners. Since its inception in 1979, the Life Lab has supported science and garden-based education through publications, professional development, and innovative programs. Through the efforts of the Life Lab Science Program, thousands of educators and youth have developed gardens, while simultaneously learning about food, health, the interrelationships of the natural world and environmental sustainability.

Today, the Life Lab Garden Classroom is a two-acre interactive and educational garden which receives over 15,000 visitors each year. Using the Life Lab garden and farm, in cooperation with the UCSC Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food systems, the Life Lab Garden Classroom teaches environmental science, garden-based nutrition and effective outdoor education pedagogy to children and adults alike. It offers guided garden-

based field trips for elementary school classes, a variety of workshops for teachers, and an opportunity for the public to learn about ecological concepts in a hands-on, living laboratory.

The Life Lab Science Program also works with schools in Santa Cruz County to make a positive impact on the environment through an intensive waste reduction program, called Waste Free Schools. Along with gaining a deeper understanding of educational issues related to waste reduction, each participating school organizes a Community Outreach event. These events educate the greater community about resource conservation and the school's waste reduction efforts. Currently, Waste Free Schools conducts assemblies and in-class presentations that reach over 8,000 students each year.

Another significant contribution of the Life Lab Science Program is the Monterey Bay Science Program, which provides professional development services to teachers in order to bring all learners into the mainstream of academic literacy. This award-winning program hosts teacher workshops on how to use scientific concepts from the physical, earth and life sciences.

Programs such as the Life Lab Garden Classroom, Waste Free Schools, and the Monterey Bay Science Program serve to educate the youth of today about the importance of environmental sustainability and waste management. The Life Lab Science Program is a rare gem, teaching people of all ages about the unbreakable bond between humans and the beautiful environment in which we live. The efforts of the Life Lab, and others like it, better our chances at some day achieving a sustainable future, in which all citizens truly appreciate the plentiful gifts we reap from the land.

Madam Speaker, I applaud the Life Lab Science Program's efforts to promote environmental sustainability and education in an interactive living laboratory. Its dedication towards environmental education is one that ought to be mimicked across the nation, as the effects of unsustainable practices and environmental degradation begin to be felt by our generation and those to come. I know I speak for the entire House when I congratulate the Life Lab Science Program for its 30 years of commendable community service and extend our wishes for many more to come.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation of the Manufacturing Lab for Next Generation Engineers.

Bill Number: H.R. 3326 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010

Provisions/Account: Army: Army; Research, Development, Test and Evaluation; University Research Initiatives

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: Bradley University, 1501 W. Bradley Avenue, Peoria, IL 61625.

Description of Request: The funding would be used to construct a laboratory to discover

innovative and creative manufacturing techniques and teach these techniques to engineers so they can be competitive in a global economy.

RECOGNITION OF SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK SEPT. 6-12

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the week of September 6 through September 12 as National Suicide Prevention Week. Suicide is a public health problem and suicide prevention is a responsibility we all must share.

The reality of suicide is staggering. Did you know that in the United States more people die by suicide each year than homicide? Suicide is now the leading cause of death among people from the age 15 to 24. In fact, the suicide rate for those 15–24 years old has more than doubled since the mid-1950s.

It is estimated that 5 million people in the United States are survivors of a loved one's suicide. Many of us, myself included, have been touched by teenage suicide. For every completed suicide by a youth, it is estimated that 100 to 200 attempts are made. Each year, there are approximately 10 youth suicides for every 100,000 youth. Each day, there are nearly a dozen youth suicides, and every 2 hours and 5 minutes, a person under the age of 25 commits suicide.

Most suicidal individuals do not want to die, but they do not know how to end the pain they are experiencing nor do they comprehend the permanence of their act. They use their behavior as a means of coping with stress and calling out for help. We must assist these individuals. Not all adolescent attempts may admit their intent so we must look for the signs of at-risk behavior, such as the expression of hopelessness, sadness, or threats to hurt oneself. We must be aware of the abuse of drugs or alcohol, withdrawal from family and friends, or increased aggressive or impulsive behavior.

When suicidal behaviors are detected early, lives can be saved. As a community, we must promote awareness that suicide is a public health problem and develop strategies to reduce the stigma associated with mental health and suicide prevention services. There are services available in our communities to address the behaviors and underlying causes of suicide. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting National Suicide Prevention Week, because together we can reduce the number of lives shaken by a needless and tragic death.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

This week, we remember the thousands who lost their lives on September 11. We re-

member their courage, their dreams and their spirit. Their families and loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers.

As we stand here, eight years later, the memories of that September morning remain very fresh, and we shall never forget those dreadful hours, days, weeks and subsequent months where the American spirit was put to the ultimate test.

But we, as a Nation, are resilient and have showed the world our resolve. The dark shadows of terrorism did not, and will not crush the steadfast determination of the American people.

Since that terrible day, we have shown the world that America remains vibrant, optimistic and resolute in our ideals of freedom and democracy.

Our shining city on a hill continues as a beacon of freedom to the world.

This anniversary also reminds us of the challenges we have ahead of us when it comes to the protection of freedom, security and prosperity. Tyrants across the region have not wasted any time in crushing personal freedoms and fomenting hate.

Madam Speaker, this week we honor those who lost their lives on September 11. We honor them in our thoughts and prayers. We also honor them by imparting the significance of the day and the lessons we have learned as a Nation on to our children and grandchildren. Finally, we honor them by upholding the ideals of freedom, security, and prosperity that continue to make our country strong.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 283, 284, 285, 286, and 287 I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 283; "nay" on rollcall No. 284; "nay" on rollcall No. 285; "aye" on rollcall No. 286; and "aye" on rollcall No. 287.

HONORING MSGR. JOHN "JED" PATRICK ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Monsignor John "Jed" Patrick, or "Father Jed" as his parishioners know him, on his retirement from St. Michael's Parish in Marquette, Michigan. During his 41 years of ministry in the Diocese of Marquette, Father Jed served both his parish and his community with dedication, sharing his life and his church with open arms.

A native of Ironwood, Michigan, Father Jed served parishes in Marquette, Escanaba, Trenary, Palmer, Gladstone, Big Bay, and my hometown of Menominee. He became pastor at St. Michael's in 1995, serving there 14 years before his retirement.

Father Jed attended St. Lawrence Minor Seminary in Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin and St.

Francis Major Seminary in Milwaukee. He went on to study in Rome, until he was ordained a priest on December 21, 1967 by Bishop Francis Reh at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. His first assignment after ordination was to the very parish he retired from—St. Michael's Parish in Marquette.

At St. Michael's, Father Jed served as director of vocations and Vicar General. He also was responsible for the Catholic Campus Ministry at Northern Michigan University. In 1999, Pope John Paul II bestowed the title of Prelate of Honor to His Holiness on Father Jed, allowing him to be addressed as Monsignor.

Father Jed is a friend, and I have seen firsthand his deep commitment to his parishioners, his dioceses, and to the Upper Peninsula. The Marquette Diocese is rich in history, rich in faith and rich in the Lord's spirit and Father Jed upheld each of these traditions to the fullest extent throughout his 41 years of service.

Father Jed now plans to catch up on reading, work in his yard and around his home and travel to places both far and near to the Upper Peninsula. But even in retirement he continues to spread the Word of the Lord, taking on weekend assignments in churches throughout the area.

Madam Speaker, it was at St. Michael's in Marquette that Father Jed first stepped into the priesthood, and it was at St. Michael's that he stepped down after his decades of service to parishioners throughout the Upper Peninsula. His work and his ministry have touched the lives of many, including myself, and have become an important part of the history of the Diocese of Marquette. He has shown dedication to the Roman Catholic Church and devotion to the Lord. And so I ask, Madam Speaker, that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in honoring Monsignor John "Jed" Patrick on his retirement from St. Michael's Parish in Marquette.