

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING SGT RICHARD F.
CANNON

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor a WWII Veteran, SGT Richard F. Cannon. Sergeant Cannon recently passed away at the age of 84. A true patriot, Sergeant Cannon played an instrumental role in ending WWII. Sergeant Cannon was a member of U.S. Army Air Forces and was part of the mission that dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki on Aug. 9, 1945.

Born and raised in Buffalo, Sergeant Cannon graduated from Bennett High School and earned a degree in accounting from Canisius College in 1950. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Forces as a radar operator, attaining the rank of Sergeant. As part of the 509th Composite Group, Sergeant Cannon normally flew aboard a B-29 named Necessary Evil. His crew was reassigned to the Big Stink, a B-29 Superfortress, to provide camera support to the Bockscar, a B-29 bomber, as it dropped the A-bomb on Nagasaki on Aug. 9, 1945.

After the war, Sergeant Cannon returned to Buffalo and started a food broker company, the R.F. Cannon Company, which he ran until his retirement in 2000. He was president of Buffalo Food Brokers Association and served as commissioner of Williamsville Junior Football for 8 years. He was also the president of the North Forest Civic Association.

Mr. Cannon is survived by his wife of nearly 61 years, the former Marion Dauphinee; two daughters, Kathleen Lane and Maureen Chiofalo; four sons, Richard Jr., Timothy, Kevin and Gregory; one sister, Annette Marmion; and 17 grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, in recognition this brave patriot, I ask this Honorable Body to join me in honoring the legacy of SGT Richard F. Cannon.

HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE NORTHEAST
TIMES

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate The Northeast Times for 75 years of community journalism. From its modest beginnings, The Northeast Times has served as an important chronicle for the people of Philadelphia's Northeast neighborhoods, providing them with a forum for information and dialogue on critical issues and fostering a sense of local history, community pride, and citizen empowerment.

In 1934, Temple University journalism student, Richard Thorpe Lawson, launched the Mayfair Times. With just a handful of pages in each issue, the paper covered local news and was supported by advertising from mom and pop stores in the area. Lawson eventually expanded his staff, purchased better printing equipment, and moved into a building on Frankford Avenue. The newspaper expanded to cover additional neighborhoods in the Northeast, including Frankford, Tacony, and Holmesburg.

After Richard Lawson's death in 1961, his wife Eleanor Smylie succeeded him in the business, expanding to almost 100 employees. She computerized operations, changed the publication's name to The Northeast Times, and updated the format to a smaller tabloid size. In time, Eleanor's children, Robert and Tim, became responsible for publishing and advertising sales. The Northeast Times continued to grow in the 1980's and 1990's, expanding throughout the Northeast and extending into some suburban neighborhoods in Bucks and Montgomery counties.

The Northeast Times continues to inform and give voice to the people, businesses, and community organizations of the Philadelphia's great Northeast on significant issues, as it has since 1934. Both the local coverage and opportunity for civic participation provided by The Northeast Times builds and maintains communities. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating this milestone 75th year and recognizing the critical role played by The Northeast Times in our city.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Hon. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Bureau of Reclamation—Water and Related Resources

Requesting Entity: North Central Montana Regional Water Authority, 48 Second Avenue, Suite 202, Havre, MT 59501

Description: Ultimately, the project will deliver water to roughly 30,000 Montanans living in a large, roughly rectangular region of Montana that is about 150 miles east to west and 70 miles north to south. Part of the Project includes providing infrastructure to pipe water to the Rocky Boy's Reservation. The Authority conducted public hearings for each of its member entities. In total over forty-five public hearing were held. Based on this outreach, all the member entities reaffirmed their participa-

tion in the Authority. They include: Town of Big Sandy, Brady County Water & Sewer District, Town of Chester, City of Conrad, City of Cut Bank, Devon Water Inc., Town of Dutton, Galata County Water District, Hill County Water District (includes the communities of Kremlin, Gildford, Hingham, Rudyard, Inverness, Joplin), City of Havre, Town of Kevin, Loma County Water District, North Havre County Water District, Oilmont County Water District, Sage Creek County Water District, City of Shelby, South Chester County Water District, Town of Sunburst, Sweetgrass Community Water District, Tiber County Water District.

Requesting Member: Hon. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Bureau of Reclamation—Water and Related Resources

Requesting Entity: Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes and Dry Prairie Rural Water, P.O. Box 1027, Poplar, MT 59255

Description: FY 2010 funds will be used by the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes to complete the regional water treatment plant, intake and extend the main transmission pipelines to Poplar and Wolf Point. When water reaches Poplar, it will serve the third largest community in the project and replace existing water supplies, threatened by Brine Plume contamination, with Missouri River water treated to national drinking water standards. Dry Prairie will build distribution system in Valley County pursuant to a recently completed agreement with Boeing to use its water system at St. Marie until the regional water treatment plant and main transmission line reaches Valley County. This will improve water supplies for about 200 rural users and the Town of Nashua.

Requesting Member: Hon. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Bureau of Reclamation—Water and Related Resources

Requesting Entity: Saint Mary Rehabilitation Working Group, 74 Fourth Street N, Glasgow, MT 59230

Description: This project initiates the rehabilitation and construction of the St. Mary Diversion & Conveyance Works in Glacier County MT, identified in Section 5103 of the 2007 Water Resources Development Act (P.L. 110-114). This funding would be used to rehabilitate the aging St. Mary Diversion and Conveyance Works before the system suffers a catastrophic failure.

Requesting Member: Hon. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy—Fossil Energy R&D

Requesting Entity: Center for Zero Emissions Research and Technology, Montana State University—Bozeman, 207 Montana Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717

Description: The U.S.'s heavy reliance on foreign energy sources is an obvious national security issue that could be ameliorated if our ample national coal reserves could be used with a less damaging effect on the environment. U.S. coal reserves are projected to be capable of providing more than 200 years of the nation's energy needs, but current technologies do not sufficiently reduce or eliminate

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greenhouse gases and their impact on the environments. The Center for Zero Emissions Research and Technology focuses on developing and validating zero emission technologies for clean energy production from fossil fuels. This would provide an economic benefit in coal and power producing states, reduce reliance on foreign energy sources, and contribute to a better environment.

Requesting Member: Hon. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy—EERE

Requesting Entity: Flathead Electric Cooperative, 2510 U.S. Highway 2 East, Kalispell, MT 59901

Description: Funding would be used to extend the geothermal test well to power-generation depths to determine viability of the resource for a future renewable energy source. The Hot Springs area in Lake County, Montana is a proven source for geothermal. The hot water is used as a spa. Shallow wells indicate that the source goes deeper. Preliminary work in the 1980s drilled to 250 feet. The cognizant hydrologist believes that a hot water source which is hot enough for geothermal power production lies deeper in the earth at this spot. Flathead Electric would like to continue drilling this well to verify the potential source for development. Geothermal power is a valuable source of distributed, renewable power for this area.

Requesting Member: Hon. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction
Requesting Entity: Rural Montana Water Projects. Allocation of projects and activities within the Corps of Engineers Construction account.

Description: The entities to receive funding for this project are various towns, cities and counties across the state of Montana.

Requesting Member: Hon. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy—EERE

Requesting Entity: The Montana Physical Sciences Foundation, 130 North Main, Butte, MT 59701

Description: Funding would be used for research that will provide an alternative means to make carbon-neutral fuel from abundant biomass waste products such as straw, wood mill waste, as well as non-food crops such as switch grass, for the production of renewable fuels.

Requesting Member: Hon. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers—Investigations
Requesting Entity: Yellowstone River Conservation District Council, 1371 Rimtop Drive, Billings, MT 59105

Description: The purpose of the project is to better the management of the Yellowstone River, its waters and adjacent lands. The project study products have already been used to: (1) develop best management practices to control riparian spread of Russian olive, including bringing in demonstrations of equipment and practices best suited for removing this negatively impacting invasive plant; (2) be a catalyst for fish passage projects on the Yellowstone main stem and the Tongue River. These projects have both increased habitat for warm water fish in the lower Yellowstone and improved/promised improvement of irrigation infrastructure by stabilizing diversion structures and/or helping purchase pumps and pump equipment; (3) de-

velop a method to understand how far the Yellowstone river channel is likely to migrate through the next 50 years, allowing better planning for safe riverside development; and (4) improve conditions for the endangered pallid sturgeon while preserving and improving irrigation facilities.

Requesting Member: Hon. DENNY REHBERG
Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction
Requesting Entity: Yellowstone River Intake Irrigation Diversion Fish Passage (Missouri River Fish Mitigation), The Nature Conservancy, 2721 2nd Ave N, Suite 310, Billings, MT 59101

Description: The Lower Yellowstone Project at Intake is a Bureau of Reclamation irrigation project located on the Yellowstone River. The Corps of Engineers received authority to utilize Missouri River Recovery Program funds to proceed with the Lower Yellowstone Project through WRDA 2007. The Yellowstone River is the largest tributary to the Missouri River and historically served as native habitat to pallid sturgeon. Providing fish passage at Intake Diversion Dam will open up a minimum of 165 river miles of additional pallid sturgeon habitat.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I have received in the Defense Appropriations Act, the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act and the Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: OP,A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida National Guard

Address of Requesting Entity: 82 Marine Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084

Description of Request: I have secured \$5,000,000 by the Florida National Guard at Camp Blanding to install a Regional Emergency Response Network that would provide cellular service during the crucial hours after a disaster occurs. This would allow first responders to communicate with already existing hand held equipment thus providing a much quicker and focused coordinated recovery effort. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE,A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nanotherapeutics

Address of Requesting Entity: 13859 Progress Boulevard, Suite 300, Alachua, FL 32615

Description of Request: I have secured \$2,000,000 for Nanotherapeutics to evaluate NanoFUSE for its ability to expedite the healing of open bone fractures among injured U.S. soldiers. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE,A

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 229 Tigert Hall, Post Office Box 113157, Gainesville, FL 32611

Description of Request: I have secured \$2,750,000 for the University of Florida. Working in cooperation with the Army Natick Soldier Center, UF/IFAS CFDR will use the funds to manage a multidisciplinary program to identify and demonstrate wireless technologies such as radio frequency identification (RFID) in a simulated perishables supply chain. This project will address a critical area to the delivery of optimum quality combat rations and other perishable products: Wireless technologies will be coupled with various environmental and bio-sensors in order to accurately capture and transmit environmental storage and product quality data, and programs developed to automatically calculate in real time the remaining shelf life of combat rations and other perishable products. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: RDTE,AF

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition

Address of Requesting Entity: 15 Southeast Osceola Avenue, Ocala, FL 34471

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,000,000 for the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition. Many military scenarios ranging from combat operations to search and rescue can benefit significantly from teams of humans, robots, and computers that collaborate and coordinate together to solve a problem. This project will provide an innovative solution to the collaboration and coordination problem by tying together computers and humans into a single, collaborating system by virtue of a single program that rapidly moves between all the computers in the system. By making the program move fast enough, the approach creates the illusion of each computer running the same program all the time. Having a single program greatly simplifies the complexity of developing a solution for coordination and collaboration while at the same time improving the ability to debug, verify, and validate the solution. Furthermore, this approach will allow the system to be more robust, resilient, predictable, and efficient when compared to other approaches. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Federal Transit Administration, Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Gainesville, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32501

Description of Request: I have secured \$750,000 for the City of Gainesville. The funding will be used by the City of Gainesville for bus replacement. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS, HRSA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 229 Tigert Hall, Post Office Box 113157, Gainesville, FL 32611

Description of Request: I have secured \$350,000 for the University of Florida for facilities and equipment. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: DOE, Higher Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Santa Fe College

Address of Requesting Entity: 3000 NW 83rd Street, Gainesville, FL 32606

Description of Request: I have secured \$450,000 for Santa Fe College. The funding will be used to establish a Clinical Laboratory Sciences Program at Santa Fe College. Alachua County is home to the largest cluster of bioscience companies in the state of Florida. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HHS, HRSA

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Santa Fe College

Address of Requesting Entity: 3000 NW 83rd Street, Gainesville, FL 32606

Description of Request: I have secured \$150,000 for Santa Fe College. The funding will be used to construct an additional 40,000 square feet of classroom space at the new Alachua Emerging Technologies Center. This Center will house the new Clinical Laboratory Sciences program and a Biotechnology program. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman CLIFF STEARNS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: DOE, Elementary & Secondary Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alachua County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 12 South East 1st Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

Description of Request: I have secured \$250,000 for Alachua County, FL. The funding will be used for the expansion of a multi-agency initiative designed to provide programs and services to at-risk children through a comprehensive after school program. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL S. HOFFMAN

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Ms. DeGETTE. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the extraordinary life and remarkable achievements of Daniel S. Hoffman. Dan Hoffman was an icon in the legal community, an educator, and a public servant who spent his life working for justice.

Dan Hoffman was a leader of Colorado's legal community. He served as president of both the Colorado Bar Association and the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association (the only person who has held both those posts) and state chair of the American College of Trial Lawyers. In recognition of his outstanding work, Dan was honored with the Colorado State Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers Lifetime Achievement Award, the American Jewish Committee Judge Learned Hand Award, and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law Outstanding Alumni Award.

Dan was an inspiring teacher at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, where he also served as Dean from 1978 to 1984. The Hoffman Cup, Sturm's most prestigious trial advocacy award, is named for Dan. Students remember Dan as a legal giant who was nonetheless accessible to everyone, including first-year law students, and made them feel that he cared. He mentored many law students and lawyers early in their careers, including my husband, Lino Lipinsky.

Dan was a stellar litigator and advocate. In the 1970s, Dan became part owner of the Denver Nuggets of the American Basketball Association and negotiated the merger of the ABA with the NBA. In one notable case, he represented Michael Jackson against a Denver woman who claimed she had written one of Jackson's hits. Dan's masterful direct examination of Jackson, which included having Jackson sing two songs a cappella, giving the jury a new view of Michael Jackson, is taught in law schools and at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy as a model of direct examination. Whether representing his corporate clients or the "little guy," he was, in the words of Colorado Supreme Court Justice Michael Bender, "the ultimate model of a wonderful lawyer."

Dan Hoffman was born May 4, 1931, in New York City. He graduated from high school at 15 and enrolled in college at the University of Colorado at 16. He received his law degree magna cum laude from the University of Denver. At age 32, he became the City of Denver's youngest-ever public safety manager and led a successful campaign to clean up corruption in the Denver Police Department. Public service was always part of this life.

Dan's commitment to justice and fairness was lifelong. In 1965, he joined Martin Luther King on his civil-rights protest march in Alabama from Selma to Montgomery. He was state director for Sen. Robert Kennedy's 1968 presidential campaign. He joined the protests later that year at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. As an activist and an advocate, he stood up for the injured and those without a voice.

The Colorado legal community has seen many notable lawyers pass through its diverse community, but none like Dan Hoffman. A champion of justice, a crusader for civil rights, a community leader and a teacher and mentor to many, Dan Hoffman has left an indelible mark on all those privileged to have known him. Please join me in paying tribute to the life of Daniel Hoffman.

TRIBUTE TO FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding religious institution, the First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Paterson, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 175th Anniversary of dedicated service to its members, and by extension, the greater community.

It is only fitting that the First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Paterson be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, for the spiritual home it has provided to its members, and to the greater Paterson community that helps keep this deeply rooted Church family growing towards the future.

The documented history of the First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church begins in 1834, making it the oldest Black Church in Passaic County. The first Pastor in Charge of what was then the Paterson A.M.E. Zion Church was Rev. William Serrington, and he reported 22 members. They built a church on Godwin Street and adopted the name of Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, affiliating with the Zion Methodist Episcopal Connection. By 1836, the membership had grown to 26. The next documents report in 1845, that Rev. George Gernet was Pastor in Charge. In 1846, the Trustees of the Church deeded property on Godwin Street, and contracted to have a church built. They leased a nearby home for the minister.

In 1847, the Pastor in Charge, Rev. Vanhass, serving as the first minister of the Godwin Street A.M.E. Zion Church, reported a membership of 13 people. Nine more ministers would succeed Rev. Vanhass over the next five decades. In 1889, during the pastorate of Rev. White, a great revival coupled with the failure of the Bethel A.M.E. Church in Paterson added 105 more people to the congregation. The next Pastor was Rev. Anderson, whose plans to build a new edifice led to the demolition of the Godwin Street Church. He was soon transferred, and the task of raising funds for a new building fell to Rev. Blalock, which was completed in 1897. Five other pastors followed before Rev. Williams was appointed in May of 1911. He led the congregation in the purchase of the current site in 1915, but the building was destroyed by fire in 1921. Rev. Donawa led the construction of a parsonage, and then in 1924, Rev. Cole erected the church which the congregation still worships in today.

Keeping the name of the Godwin Street A.M.E. Zion the church now stood on the corner of Summer and Ellison Streets. It was led through this period by Rev. Robeson, then Rev. Cowan, and then Rev. Taylor who later became the Bishop. In 1945, the mortgage was paid off and the name of the church changed to First A.M.E. Zion.

During the pastorate of Rev. Roberts, a conflict resulted in a separation, and sonic congregants left him to establish the New A.M.E. Zion Church, also located in Paterson. A building fund started by Rev. Mapp left the Church with over \$11,000 in the Treasury, and

then Rev. Richardson led a renovation of the sanctuary and auditorium and property was purchased for a parking lot. Two choirs, the Young Voices of Zion and the Zionaires Gospel Chorus, were organized. Rev. Flowers led the renovation and refurbishing of the Parsonage. Rev. Tate was credited with inspiring many to restore their membership and with enhancing the administration of the Church, and Rev. Collins built on that by establishing a centralized treasury for more efficient management.

In 1991, Rev. Dr. Maven was appointed as Pastor. In the fall of that year, a new parsonage was purchased and the old one was converted into church offices and meeting space. Soon, a 15 passenger van was purchased, and the sanctuary renovated with the installation of new carpet, padding of pews and a new sound system. Slate roofs were replaced and the parking lot resurfaced.

Dr. Maven has led the establishment of many ministries, like the food pantry and clothing bank, a substance abuse support program, Holiday Baskets for the needy and meals for seniors. In 1995, the Alfreida Van Rensalier Memorial Scholarship was established, and has awarded more than \$75,000 in scholarships to college-bound Paterson students. The First Church CDC, now known as Zion CDC, also began in 1995. It cosponsored the development of housing for persons with disabilities and acquired property for future growth. It was awarded a grant in 1996 to provide First-Time Homebuyer Counseling services and continues to provide this service along with foreclosure counseling. Dr. Maven also founded the Paterson Family Success Center in 2006. Housed in the Paterson YMCA, it offers programs, information and referral services to strengthen families. To enhance the spiritual growth and development of the membership, the First Church Christian Training Academy was founded in 1996. Wednesday Worship, a non-traditional contemporary worship service, was started in 2007. Children's Church was also organized.

Dr. Maven's ministry and involvement have not gone unnoticed by the community nor by the A.M.E. Zion Church Denomination, and he is deeply involved in both. He is presently the longest serving tenured Pastor in the 175-year history of the First Church.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to learning about and recognizing the efforts of a wonderful, thriving community like the First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Paterson.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join all of the members and clergy of the First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Paterson, all those whose faith has been enriched throughout the years, and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of the First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Paterson to the church community and beyond.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 722, which marks the eighth anniversary of September 11, 2001 and solemnly recognizes the lives lost and the sacrifices made on that day.

I want to commend Mr. HOYER and Mr. BOEHNER for bringing this bipartisan resolution to the floor.

None of us will ever forget where we were and what we were doing on the morning of September 11, 2001. The images of the planes hitting the World Trade Center towers, the smoke rising above the Pentagon, and the scattered remnants of flight 93 in that Shanksville, Pennsylvania field will forever be seared in our Nation's consciousness.

This resolution affirms that we continue to mourn the innocent loss of life that occurred that horrific morning and extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to family and friends of the victims. It also pays tribute to the heroism of the first responders, law enforcement personnel, and ordinary citizens who rushed to the aid of their fellow Americans on that darkest of days.

With this resolution, the House not only recognizes the extraordinary heroism of that day but acknowledges the significant strides we have made as a Nation to improve information sharing, strengthen our borders, and enhance our resilience. As a result, the United States is more secure today than it was on September 11, 2001. However, we must not lose sight of what still needs to be done or grow complacent about security. The nature of the terrorist threat demands vigilance at all levels of government and in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, this anniversary represents an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to these efforts and H. Res. 722 is a fitting remembrance of how September 11 changed the course of our Nation's history.

Let us never forget the lives that were lost and the lessons that were learned that day.

IN MEMORY OF JUDGE WILLIAM KIMBERLIN

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it is with sadness that I inform the House of the death of the Honorable Judge William Morian "Bill" Kimberlin, former Circuit Judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit of Missouri.

Judge Kimberlin was born in Garden City, Missouri, in 1915. After graduating from Garden City High School, he attended Central Methodist College in Fayette, Missouri where he received a music scholarship, majoring in Piano. An accomplished musician, he played a variety of instruments and was gifted with a rich baritone voice. After two years, Bill trans-

ferred to the University of Missouri School of Law. He was a loyal alumni and lifetime supporter of MU where his father, children, and grandchildren are also alumni. Judge Kimberlin was pleased to account that he was the first graduate to be awarded a diploma at the 100th anniversary commencement of the University of Missouri.

Upon graduation in 1939, he moved to Harrisonville, Missouri, where he practiced law with the firm Crouch & Crouch. His young legal career was interrupted by the onslaught of WWII where he served four years in the Army Air Corps. For his service in the Mediterranean and European Theatres, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service and six campaign stars. Before going overseas, Judge Kimberlin met his future wife, Martha Bumby, on the dance floor of the Officers' Club while stationed in Orlando, Florida. The couple was married in 1946 and settled in Harrisonville.

A lifelong Democrat, Judge Kimberlin was elected Mayor of Harrisonville, served two terms as Prosecuting Attorney of Cass County, and served as the City Attorney of Harrisonville. He was elected five times to serve as Circuit Judge of the 17th Judicial Court of Missouri, and served for 29 years. In honor of his great service, a courtroom was named in his honor upon completion of the new Cass County Justice Center in 2004. He was also one of the twelve original committee members appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court to draft the Missouri Civil Approved Jury Instructions for use in all courts of the state and was appointed a Special Judge to sit for a term on the Missouri Supreme Court.

Judge Kimberlin was revered for always treating everyone with dignity and respect, both inside and outside of the courtroom. He dedicated his life to public service, donating much of his time to community organizations and serving on numerous boards and committees. Included were the First Christian Church, Ararat Shrines, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sons of the American Revolution, Cass Lodge #147 A.F. & A.M., Board of Directors of the Missouri Municipal League, district Chairmen of the Thunderbird District of the Kansas City Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity, was past President of the Harrisonville Kiwanis and lieutenant-governor of the Division II Kiwanis. At the same time, he was an avid hunter and golfer. Most importantly, Judge Kimberlin was a devoted family man who enjoyed spending time with his wife Martha, his children, Marsha Peters and William Bruce Kimberlin, and two granddaughters, Lauren Kimberlin Peters and Lindsey Morlan Peters.

Madam Speaker, Judge William Kimberlin was an honorable Judge and respected leader in the community. I am certain that the members of the House will join me in extending their heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. NATHAN DEAL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican leadership standards

on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks one of my district institutions received as part of Bill 3326, the "Department of Defense Appropriations Act for 2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman NATHAN DEAL

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Account: O&M, Army Account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: North Georgia College and State University

Address of Requesting Entity: North Georgia College & State University, The Military College of Georgia 82 College Circle, Dahlonega, GA 30597.

Description of Request: The DoD Language Transformation Roadmap requires language education for officers. This pilot establishes a cost efficient model for meeting this requirement. The hub concept provides for pre-commissioning language education rather than while on active duty, saving annual pay and allowances in excess of \$40K per year per officer. Following the three year pilot, state funding based on credit hour production begins, resulting in a sustainable language hub program. Initial investment is repaid in savings within three years of pilot completion and subsequently represents an annual cost savings in excess of \$2M.

CONGRATULATING ST. MARY'S
MERCY LIVONIA ON THEIR 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and pay tribute to the doctors, nurses, and the entire staff of St. Mary Mercy Livonia, as they celebrate 50 years of providing compassionate care to the citizens of my district.

St. Mary Mercy Livonia was built in the tradition of the Felician Sisters, who were founded by the Blessed Mary Angela in Warsaw, Poland in 1855 as a ministry of healing and service. Her selfless dedication to her fellow citizens played an influential role in the creation of the hospital.

St. Mary Mercy Livonia opened its doors in 1959 with 170 beds, 99 physicians and 300 employees and the hospital has developed extensively since its origin. Today, the hospital includes an innovative Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, as well as a Heart & Vascular Center and an Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit. The hospital is an essential part of our community and continues to provide caring and comprehensive health care.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to say the hospital has received various honors over the years. In 2007, St. Mary Mercy Livonia received the HealthGrades 2007 Clinical Excellence Award for the third straight year. Last year, St. Mary Mercy Livonia was named a 100 Top Hospital for 2007 by Thomson Healthcare. Congratulations to the talented and erudite doctors, nurses and staff who work tirelessly to improve the lives of countless numbers of human beings every day.

St. Mary Mercy Livonia has had a long and distinguished history as a sanctuary for those who need quality care. I ask my colleagues to

join me in congratulating St. Mary Mercy Livonia on its 50th anniversary and venerating the institution's dedicated commitment to the community and our country.

HONORING MEXICO ON HER
INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 199th anniversary of Mexican Independence Day, which celebrates the historic independence of Mexico from Spanish rule. This momentous day is significant because it represents a sign of justice and equality—rights valued and protected in our great country of the United States. It represents the day when Mexico was able to begin its quest for freedom for the people of that beautiful and spirited country. Our two countries will continue to make sure that the rights of the people come first.

Mexican Independence Day is celebrated on the date that Father Miguel Hidalgo y Castillo, a priest in Dolores, Guanajuato, frustrated with Spanish rule, rang the church bell to gather the people of the town. Hidalgo ignited a fire in the listeners, thus starting Mexico's War of Independence, requesting that the people of Mexico join him in rising against Spanish rule. Just as the soldiers in the American Revolutionary War fought on behalf of our country, these courageous, patriotic men fought to gain the independence of their beloved Mexico. The war lasted 10 years, finally giving Mexico its independence in 1921. Now, this event known as Grito de Dolores or "Cry of Dolores" is joyfully celebrated every year on September 16 by Mexicans all over the world. The red, white, and green flag is proudly displayed on this day during festivities. The green represents independence, the white represents religion, and the red represents union. This occasion is celebrated with food, parties, and the Mexican president delivering the speech that rallied the people to fight for Mexican freedom.

El Centro Comunitario Mexicano, or as it is popularly known, CECOMEX, is one of the oldest active, not-for-profit organizations for Mexican Americans in New York City. It has worked independently as a community organization in East Harlem, catering to the needs of the Mexican American population established in the tri-state area, specifically the area of El Barrio. It is estimated that there are around 35,000 Mexican immigrants or Mexican descendants there. CECOMEX has been organizing Mexican Independence Day festivities since 1996, with attendance growing every year. I would like to commend Consul Ruben Beltran and Ambassador Arturo Sarukhán for their hard work on behalf of the country of Mexico.

Let's pay our respects to those courageous men who fought on behalf of Mexico to help position the country where it is today. I call upon my fellow Members Of Congress to join me in celebrating Mexican Independence Day in honor of all the Mexican immigrants and descendants, not only in my district, but throughout this great nation and world.

TRIBUTE TO FAMILY FARMS LIKE
J & J FARM IN AMHERST, MAS-
SACHUSETTS

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. OLVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the continuing importance of family farming in America, well exemplified in my district by J & J Farm of Amherst, which marks its 100th anniversary this year, the same year of the 250th anniversary of the Town of Amherst. Family farming is a long and proud tradition in Massachusetts, and the positive community impact of these farms is as vital as ever. Family farms help maintain economically and socially vibrant rural communities. They serve to conserve and enhance our invaluable soil, water and wildlife habitat for future generations. Most important of all, they provide healthy, high-quality food for American families.

Because of the tremendous importance of family farms and rural communities to our nation and to western Massachusetts in particular, it is fitting that we should recognize the many years of hard work of farm proprietors, like the Waskiewicz family of J & J Farm.

Dimetro and Victoria Waskiewicz immigrated from southern Poland in 1895. Dimetro worked as a farm laborer in the North Amherst area for several years. By 1909 he had saved enough money to purchase a farm on Meadow Street in North Amherst from the Spear family. The original farm consisted of 40 acres with the Mill River running through the east side of the farm. Ten years later another 40 acres were added. Milk, tobacco and onions were the farm's main products.

Dimetro died at the early age of 43. His two eldest sons bought the farm from Victoria in 1930. Joseph and John Waskiewicz began the farm as it is now known, J & J Farm. Joe's son Joseph took over operations following John's retirement in 1970. Cucumbers, potatoes and milk became their main crops. Joseph Sr. retired in 1995 at the age of 86. The farm is now in its fourth generation: Joseph III and Michael now operate the farm with their father.

The past century has brought floods, hurricanes and droughts, but despite hardships and market changes the farm has continued to provide area residents with fresh produce and dairy products. J & J Farm is the last remaining dairy farm in Amherst. The farm operates a seasonal roadside stand that supplements the dairy products with sweet corn, another specialty.

We must sustain our rural communities so that future generations of family farmers, like the Waskiewicz family, will enjoy the dignity of a good day's work and the reward of seeing the tangible yield of their labors with the land and with livestock. It is my hope that future generations will maintain the tradition of family farming that the Waskiewicz family built at J & J Farm, and that America will sustain its family farms through the 21st century and beyond.

HONORING JONATHAN BYRD

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today with deep sorrow to mark the passing of a true friend of the state of Indiana.

Jonathan Byrd will forever be regarded as a savvy businessman who grew a family-owned cafeteria into the world's largest banquet facility and owned a successful racecar team. But it was his generosity and deep faith that will cast Jonathan Byrd's most lasting legacy.

Jonathan Byrd often told people as a teenager that he would be a millionaire by the age of 25. Operating Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants in central Indiana in the 1970's and 80's, Jonathan did in fact become a millionaire in his first quarter century on Earth.

However, those closest to Jonathan understood that those millions were not for himself, but instead a means in which to carry out the will of the Lord. He funded many Christian schools, financed mission trips, and helped put more than 500 million copies of Scripture in the hands of people around the world.

Millions of people have dined at Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria since it opened in 1988, but this enterprise wasn't the only business venture Jonathan Byrd found success in.

He Founded Byrd Enterprises of Arizona—their products include Intercontinental, Hilton and Marriott Hotels. Jonathan Byrd's Rare Books and Bibles quickly became the nation's largest dealer, importer, and restorer of ancient Bibles and theology books under his stewardship.

Like many Hoosiers, Jonathan had a passion for auto racing that led him to form his own race team. True to form, Jonathan applied his business sense to his race team and of the 16 cars that he entered in the Indianapolis 500, he is credited with 7 top-ten finishes.

He was also blessed with a wonderful family: wife Virginia of 35 years; two sons, Jonathan and David; and many grandchildren. My prayers will be with them in the days and weeks ahead. Though Jonathan Byrd is no longer with us, we can all take comfort knowing that the Byrd legacy will live on because of the example he leaves behind.

Jonathan Byrd personified the American Dream. Though he was a well known businessman, Jonathan was guided by strong principles, anchored by his faith and had a servant's heart.

Let that be the standard to which we all aspire.

RECOGNIZING 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 556, which recognizes the 75th anniversary of the passage of the Federal Credit Union Act.

Credit unions, not-for-profit financial cooperatives, are a form of economic democ-

racy. Credit unions exist to serve their members, not turn a profit. Earnings beyond operating expenses are returned to members in the form of lower loan rates, higher interest on deposits, and lower fees.

While we are recognizing the 75th anniversary of the passage of the Federal Credit Union Act today, it is important to note that credit unions have been present in the United States since 1909, starting with the chartering of the first credit union in the State of New Hampshire.

As a Representative from Michigan, a State with 341 credit unions serving over 4.3 million members, I can speak to the positive impact of these vital financial institutions.

In Michigan, members of a credit union can expect to see a membership benefit of, on average, \$92 a year by working with a credit union. For the average household, the annual benefit rises to \$175. I know that in my district, \$175 goes a long way toward covering necessary household expenses.

For a member in Michigan, financing a new automobile through their credit union produces an average savings of \$156 per year in interest expense. The Invest in America program, a partnership between GM and Chrysler with credit unions, has helped to spur over 189,000 new vehicle sales. Sales from this program have reinvested over \$3.05 billion in the national economy, crucial support during the current economic downturn.

In addition to the direct financial benefits that credit unions provide to their members, credit unions positively impact their communities in other ways. Credit unions put on financial literacy seminars throughout Michigan in order to educate people about their financial options.

Because of these contributions to our Nation's communities, I am proud to support House Resolution 556.

Congratulations on the 75th anniversary of the Federal Credit Union Act and the first 100 years of credit unions in America.

I urge my colleagues to support the passage of this bill.

IN HONOR OF RUTH HYMAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ruth Hyman on the occasion of her 90th birthday celebration. On September 13, we celebrate Ruth Hyman's birthday as well as her many years of service to her local community. Ms. Hyman is certainly deserving of the recognition that she has received over the years for her passionate work.

Ms. Hyman has been a longtime leader in the Jewish community. Her leadership as the president of the Long Branch Hadassah brought fresh ideas and a successful path towards empowering and motivating women in the Jewish community. Also, as a benefactor and board member of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Monmouth County, Ms. Hyman has provided a place where people of all ages have access to programs that improve their health and enrich their lives.

Ms. Hyman has been recognized for her superior support of Jewish causes both in my

district and in Israel. Perhaps the greatest reflection of her commitment is the dedication of the Ruth Hyman Jewish Community Center by the Community Center of Greater Monmouth County. It is appropriate that the center be named after Ms. Hyman considering her years of hard work, generosity and devotion to her fellow members of the community.

As Ms. Hyman celebrates her 90th birthday I am sure she will reflect on her many unique experiences. The world has changed in many ways over these past ninety years. However, our country would not be the great power it is today without the dedication and hard work that citizens like Ms. Hyman put forth over the last 90 years.

Surely these many years have departed on her wisdom and knowledge that few can share. I appreciate the contributions that my constituents make to their communities and Ms. Hyman's have certainly been numerous and valuable.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring Ruth Hyman on the occasion of her birthday. Her leadership and dedication will long serve as a shining example of what can be accomplished by the determined human spirit.

CONGRATULATING JACOB
COSTELLO FOR HIS CONGRES-
SIONAL AWARD SILVER MEDAL**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jacob Costello from Wesley, Arkansas for achieving the Congressional Award Silver Medal.

The Congressional Award Silver Medal is achieved after participating in 200 hours of Public Service in the community as well as setting and achieving challenging goals in physical fitness and personal development and expedition/exploration.

Jacob's volunteer service was completed through involvement in the Washington County Historical Society, the Washington County Master Gardeners, and the Boy Scouts of America. He also worked with a local summer camp for children with parents in prison, helping prepare the facilities by painting, hauling gravel and removing fallen leaves. In addition to completing the requirements for the Silver Medal, he's already added 40 hours of volunteer work through his Boy Scout Eagle project which will go towards his Gold Medal aspirations.

To complete the physical fitness portion of the award, Jacob biked, swam, hiked, and backpacked for more than 100 hours. He actually completed more than half of the necessary hours to achieve the Congressional Gold Medal.

For the personal development requirement, Jacob joined the performance for Peter Pan at the Northwest Academy of Fine Arts. Playing his violin, he attended rehearsals and practiced on his own time, learning how to play in a group setting. He attended a Fiddle Workshop at the Ozark Folk Center and traveled to New York City to play with the North Arkansas Youth Orchestra at Carnegie Hall. Once there,

he practiced under Conductor Myron Flippin to prepare for the orchestra.

Jacob had the unique opportunity to attend Philmont Boy Scout camp for his Expedition. To prepare for this, he worked toward his Physical Fitness goal of carrying 55 pounds in his backpack for a distance of 12 miles over two days by planning mini-hikes with his pack and cross-training in the pool and on the track.

Among all of these achievements, Jacob is also involved in the White River Fellowship Church as a youth leader and a worship team member. I congratulate Jacob in his achievements and commend him for his aspirations to continue on his path to accomplish the Congressional Gold Medal.

HONORING THOSE WHO COACH US TO GREATNESS

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, as football season kicks off, I am reminded of the exceptional coaches I've worked with over the years. I have been lucky to learn from great men like Mike Ditka, Johnny Majors, Phillip Fulmer, Now Turner, and my high school football coach Boyce Deitz. During high school, Coach Deitz influenced me more than anyone outside of my immediate family. Of all the coaches I've had before or after, he has had the strongest and most-lasting impact on my life. Most adults still can remember the name or face of one childhood coach who taught them a better way to throw a ball, improve their time, or overcome an obstacle that seemed insurmountable.

Today, we live in a time when young people face serious challenges to their well-being. Childhood obesity has reached record proportions. School drop-out rates approach fifty percent in many urban school districts. Nearly one million minors report association with gang activity. Where these trends are at their worst, coaches often play a critical role in equipping young athletes with the tools to make better choices. Coaches dedicate countless hours of their time helping young people build strong work ethics, communicate effectively, and work as part of a team. The coaches, who have the vital role of parlaying those values to our youth, make up the backbone of youth sports programs.

To recognize the service of youth sports coaches for their tremendous contributions, I have been working with Rep. MIKE MCINTYRE and other Members of the U.S. House to enact the first ever National Coach Appreciation Week. This week can be a time to recruit hundreds of thousands of new coaches, and to honor every youth, JV, and Varsity coach who gives so much to our Nation's next generation of leaders.

My high school football coach taught me to be both mentally and physically tough. He constantly challenged me to improve myself, including encouraging me to run track to improve my speed on the football field. Coach Deitz warned me early on about excessive media attention and said 'you will never be as good as they make you out to be and you will never be as bad as they make you out to be.' His advice has guided me through the high-

lights and rough patches of my college and NFL career, and in my current role as a Member of Congress. When I was elected to Congress, I knew I had to surround myself with the best staff I could, so Coach Deitz was one of my first hires.

We stand at a crossroads in which all of us must reflect on the qualities that have helped American society thrive and endure. Through National Coach Appreciation Week, our Nation will recognize those such as Coach Deitz who teach values such as teamwork, discipline, and leadership to our Nation's youth. These fundamental life skills are instrumental to ensuring success throughout an individual's educational, family and professional life. I thank the great coaches I've had, and I look forward to National Coach Appreciation Week, a time to honor the coaches who have taught us the life lessons that have made us who we are today, as individuals, as communities, and as a country.

Madam Speaker, for myself and for everyone whose life has been touched by a coach, I rise to thank these most influential and indispensable individuals. I encourage my fellow Members to vote in support of establishing the first ever National Coach Appreciation Week.

RECOGNIZING CHEF JOEL ROZELLE AND SMOKING JOE'S BAR-BE-QUE OF ST. LOUIS

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise before you and recognize a new addition to St. Louis' Locust Business District, Smoking Joe's Bar-Be-Que. The Locust Business District, located in the heart of the city, is tasked with spawning a renewed sense of community morale and revitalization. As it sits in the historic Tudor Building on Washington Avenue, Smoking Joe's Bar-Be-Que fits in perfectly with this aim.

Owned and operated by Executive Chef Joel Rozelle, Smoking Joe's has helped bring new business and consumer interests to the Locust Business District. Smoking Joe's truly utilizes the culinary and performing arts to bring St. Louis culture and history alive. Each meal is a taste of St. Louis; from the succulent ribs and chicken dishes, to old-fashioned green beans and potato salad, the diners' already superb experience is enhanced by the soulful sounds of live jazz entertainers who hold steadfast to St. Louis' rich musical customs. This unique atmosphere has earned Smoking Joe's the UrbanSpoons' "Talk of the Town" distinction. Using self-developed dry rubs and staying true to St. Louis-style cooking, Chef Rozelle and his talented staff are to be applauded for their contribution to the neighborhood renewal and their respect of St. Louis culinary traditions.

HONORING IRVING PARK BAPTIST CHURCH AND 120 YEARS OF COM- MUNITY SERVICE

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished history of the Irving Park Baptist Church community on the occasion of its 120th Anniversary. Over the past 120 years, Irving Park Baptist Church has provided spiritual guidance to generations of families throughout the Irving Park Community on the northwest side of the City of Chicago.

The Irving Park Baptist Church was originally established in 1889. The church's multi-ethnic and multigenerational character has brought together a community of people to unite in one faith. Irving Park Baptist Church is actively involved with other churches and non-profits in the community. As an active and caring institution, the church is also a founding member of Hands to Help Ministries, which helps to provide housing and services for persons in distress.

Irving Park Baptist Church is a community of people from different cultures and backgrounds who are united in their belief. The community's mission is to faithfully serve God by ministering to each other, to their neighbors, and to the world.

On September 13, 2009 parishioners and friends of the community came together to celebrate this momentous anniversary. The Anniversary Luncheon took place at La Villa Banquets.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois, I wish to recognize Irving Park Baptist Church and its 120 Years of Community Service. I wish all the best for its clergy, for its families, and for its success in the future.

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL— HELEN SNAPP

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise before you today in recognition of Helen Snapp and her distinguished service with the U.S. Women's Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) of WWII. In honor of Mrs. Snapp's sacrifice to our nation, this Congress bestows upon her our highest gesture of appreciation, the Congressional Gold Medal. I am especially proud to serve Helen Snapp in Florida's 23rd district.

Helen grew up in Washington, D.C., where she quickly realized a passion for flight. Helen is one of the spectators who sat on Pennsylvania Avenue, eagerly anticipating the parade in honor of aviation legend Charles Lindbergh. Like many young women, Helen admired female aviation pioneers, Amelia Earhart and Jacqueline Cochran. Helen would follow in their footsteps and go on to earn her license to fly. Jacqueline Cochran would eventually offer a personal invite for Helen to join the ranks of distinguished women pilots. Helen would go on to join the WASP and honor the inroads her heroines had paved.

At the outset of the Second World War, women were perceived as intellectually and physically inferior to their male counterparts. This stigma was well established throughout Air Force culture. Consequently, women were strictly prohibited from flying combat missions. Instead, women were limited to serving in non-combat roles. With this background, WASP was created to allow women to fly as service pilots. Unlike their uniformed sisters, WASP was created as a civilian division. In fact, WASP was the only women's military branch in WWII not to receive congressional approval.

Women service pilots were mainly used as auxiliary pilots. By serving in this capacity, the women pilots released qualified men to fly in combat. WASPs were limited to the North American front. Their duties also included ferrying airplanes, towing targets, and training men to be pilots, navigators, gunners and bombardiers. In a two-year period, the women of the Air Force service pilot's organization flew over sixty million miles and delivered 12,652 airplanes domestically. Thirty-eight of these brave women, who received no military benefits, sacrificed their lives serving our country.

Helen and the women of WASP defied the accepted belief that females should be relegated to remedial tasks. These civilian soldiers boasted higher admittance standards and a graduation percentage that surpassed their male counterparts. As the war continued, WASP played a pivotal role in our efforts to defeat the axis powers. More importantly, these brave women proved to their skeptics that women were fully capable of operating aircraft during wartime. They matched, if not exceeded, male performance. In his closing address to the last WASP graduating class General Henry "Hap" Arnold, a one-time cynic, offered his praise, "You and nine hundred of your sisters have shown that you can fly wingtip to wingtip with your brothers. If there ever was a doubt in anyone's mind that women can become skillful pilots, the WASP have dispelled that doubt."

Helen's service facilitated the transition of women into the Air Force and, ultimately, redefined the female role in the military. Her efforts allowed the military to fully appreciate a woman's capability and iron will. Like her champions Earhart and Cochran, Helen refused to allow the perpetuation of female mediocrity. Her service defied expectations and generated opportunities for generations of young women to follow. Her perseverance symbolizes the female spirit and the grit that is embodied in the Congressional Gold Medal.

Madam Speaker, Helen Snapp continues her lifetime of exceptional accomplishment. Helen continues to advocate on behalf of local women pilots and possesses a fond admiration for female astronauts. Helen continues to see her old flying companions when she can. It is only fitting that Helen Snapp now share this distinguished honor with the same pioneer that inspired her ambition, Charles Lindbergh.

TRIBUTE TO JUDITH SCHUMACHER-TILTON

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention an outstanding

community member, Judith Schumacher-Tilton. She will be honored on September 11, 2009 as the John I. Crecco Foundation's Woman of the Year for her many achievements not only in business but also in the greater community.

It is only fitting that she be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth, for she has a long history of dedication and commitment to the New Jersey community and to the American dream.

Judith Schumacher-Tilton is a Dealer Principal of Tilton Automotive Group, Gearhart Chevrolet and Schumacher Chevrolet. She has been a part of the General Motors Women's Retail Network since its inception and was recently elected to represent the Northeast for the General Motors Women's Retail Network.

Judith attended the University of Vermont with her husband Stephen, majoring in education. While raising her children, she was actively involved in educational fundraising activities as well as many community organizations. Her path soon changed though. When faced with the responsibility of running the family business after the deaths of her father and brother, it was her greatest wish to create a wonderful legacy in their memory. She has accomplished that dream by keeping the business strong and growing over the last 10 years. In 2005, Judith was chosen Business Person of the Year by the local PBA and community. The following year, she was chosen to serve on the Chevrolet New York L.M.A. Board.

While accomplishing all of these professional goals, she has still made time to help her community in many other ways. She is a past board member of the Sussex County Red Cross. She currently serves as a board member for the Montclair State University Foundation, the Boys and Girls Club of Clifton, the Passionist Ministry, the Passaic County 200 Club Trustees, the Chilton Hospital Foundation and is an advisory board member for Lakeland Bank. Long before the issue of domestic violence was brought to the forefront, Judith had a deep concern for women who she felt suffered in silence. She was approached by the Little Falls Chief of Police to become a part of the Domestic Violence Response Team for the Passaic County Women's Shelter, and was accepted into an extensive training program where she became certified and soon spent any extra hours she had working to help with this important cause.

Recently, Judith has devoted her support and positive input to the automotive industry, especially General Motors, as our Nation passes through difficult economic times. She has offered her expertise in numerous television and radio interviews, and her comments have been quoted in both local and national newspapers.

Judith is a member of the Metropolitan Golf Association, playing golf for the Upper Montclair Country Club. She and her husband Stephen have three grown children, two sons, Stephen Jr., who is married to Lisa, and Kenneth, who is married to Laura. Their daughter Margaret is married to Michael Magaldi. Judith and Stephen, Sr. are also the proud grandparents of Steven Tilton, III, Jake, Julia, William and Sienna.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the dedication and

service of people like Judith Schumacher-Tilton.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, everyone at the John I. Crecco Foundation, Judith's family and friends, and me in recognizing Judith Schumacher-Tilton's exceptional life and career.

HONORING ROBERT AND IRWIN GOODMAN

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lifelong philanthropy of Robert and Irwin Goodman of Madison, Wisconsin. Irwin's death in August was mourned by his brother, Bob, their extended family, and an entire community touched in ways big and small by the Goodman brothers' generosity.

Astute businessmen, Bob and Irv saw their business not as an end in itself, but as a means to nurture the minds, bodies, and spirits of their neighbors. They lived frugally, spoke softly, and gave continually and in great measure, guided by the lessons and love of their parents, Harry and Belle.

Gifted athletes, Bob and Irv were health conscious long before fitness became fashionable. Their philanthropy helps kids learn to swim, seniors to exercise, families to eat healthfully, and women to compete on a level and luminous playing field.

From the University of Wisconsin to Edgewood College, the Red Cross to Rotary, HospiceCare to Meriter Hospital, the first community swimming pool to a new community center, the imprint of Bob and Irv's generosity is felt by in every corner of the greater Madison community. And while some bricks and mortar bear their name, vast numbers of beneficiaries will never know of their largesse. The Goodman brothers would rather bring light to the dark corners of society than stand in the spotlight themselves.

Steadfast members and supporters of Madison's Jewish Community, Bob and Irv's lifelong devotion to helping others of all backgrounds is grounded in the Jewish tradition of "tikkun olam," (repairing the world) inherited, they say, from their beloved mother.

Bob and Irv Goodman shared far more than a bloodline. They shared an abiding commitment to each other and to their adopted hometown. I join the greater Madison community in honoring their life's work and loving spirit.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SCREEN ACT

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Supporting Colorectal Examination and Education Now (SCREEN) Act. This legislation will remove barriers to one of the most effective preventive health screenings available, saving lives and reducing health care costs in the process. I

urge all of my colleagues to support this important legislation.

BACKGROUND

The statistics surrounding colon cancer are startling. Colon cancer is the number two cancer killer in the United States. Nearly 50,000 people will die this year from this disease. According to the American Cancer Society (2009 Fact & Figures), of the nearly 50,000 people expected to die from colorectal cancer in 2009, early detection could save more than half. These statistics alone are a tragedy.

But the statistics become even more tragic when one considers that colorectal cancer is highly preventable with appropriate screening. And the disease is detectable, treatable, and curable if found early. According to the American Cancer Society (2009 Facts & Figures), the 5 year survival rate is 90 percent for those diagnosed at an early stage; however, only 40 percent of the cases are diagnosed at the stage.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recognizes the preventable nature of this disease and provides its only grade 'A' recommendation of cancer screenings for colorectal cancer screens.

Unfortunately, almost half of the Medicare population is not being screened, despite the availability of a Medicare colon cancer screening benefit. According to CMS, Medicare claims indicate that only 52 percent of beneficiaries have had a colorectal cancer test and there is "clearly an opportunity to improve colorectal cancer screening rates in the Medicare population." (CMS website "overview of colorectal cancer screening")

Numerous barriers account for this fact, including structural issues in the Medicare program, significant Medicare cuts to providers, and lack of knowledge and preparation among patients.

THE SCREEN ACT

The SCREEN Act is designed to address these barriers and increase the participation of patients in this preventive service. The bill accomplishes this in several main ways.

REDUCING PATIENT BARRIERS

First, the bill would reduce patient barriers to being screened. The legislation would waive Medicare co-insurance for diagnostic and screening colorectal cancer tests in order to increase utilization.

In addition, the bill would provide coverage for a pre-operative visit with a physician prior to a screening colonoscopy. This is the standard of care, but is not currently covered by Medicare.

Finally, under the legislation all Medicare beneficiaries will be notified about the Medicare colorectal cancer screening benefit and reminded of the benefits periodically.

These common sense steps will ensure that more patients are screened and more lives are saved.

PROVIDER QUALITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

We must also ensure that there are adequate numbers of high-quality physicians performing colonoscopies. The legislation reverses years of provider reimbursement cuts by creating a preventive services payment modifier for colorectal cancer screens that is adequate to incentivize physicians to perform colorectal cancer screens. It would base this incentive on a national colorectal cancer

screening goal established by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The bill would also require the Secretary to establish a national minimum standard for basic knowledge, training, continuing education and documentation for physicians and facilities. A physician would not be permitted to receive the preventive services modifier if he or she did not meet this standard.

STATE INTERVENTIONS TO INCREASE SCREENING

The legislation would also support state-level interventions to increase colorectal cancer screening. The legislation authorizes grants to states for colorectal cancer programs that include: screening to high risk individuals; case management and referrals for treatment; follow up and care for individuals screened; health professional education, training, and skills; and public information and education programs.

INFORMATION ON WHAT WORKS

Finally, the legislation gathers information on best practices in incentivizing colorectal cancer screening. The bill requires reporting on screening rates and interventions in Medicare Advantage and commissions a study by the Secretary of HHS on levels of coinsurance for screening tests under private plans.

CONCLUSION

More than 50,000 Americans will die from colon cancer this year alone. Ninety percent of these cases might have been prevented. We cannot afford to wait another moment before doing something to eliminate these and other barriers that are standing in the way of preventing colon cancer.

Therefore, I urge all of my colleagues to co-sponsor the Supporting Colorectal Examination and Education Now (SCREEN) Act and support its passage this year.

TRIBUTE TO MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) for its extraordinary record of athletic achievement.

Under the direction of head coach Gary Parker, the Women's Outdoor Track and Field team finished the 2008–09 season with a 25–0 record against two-year college competition and earned first place at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III National Championship, marking the program's fourth national title.

The Women's Cross Country team, also under head coach Gary Parker, finished its season with an undefeated 25–0 record against two-year college competition, and rounded out the year by winning the NJCAA Division III National Championship, the program's ninth national title. Coupled with the Men's team's second place finish, MVCC's cross country program earned the coveted Pepsi Cup, an award given to the college with the best combined finish at the National Championships.

Looking more broadly at college's 20 competitive intercollegiate athletics programs, MVCC won last year's second place trophy at the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators Cup competitions for its overall performance in the non-scholarship division's national championships. In the last six years this competition has been held, MVCC has never taken anything less than fourth place.

The aforementioned achievements represent the continuation of decades of success for MVCC's athletic programs. With one of the largest and most diverse two-year college intercollegiate athletic programs in the country, MVCC is home to 17 national championships, 107 individual national champions and 330 NJCAA All-Americans. Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent such talented and dedicated athletes in my district. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the MVCC Hawks and wishing them the best of luck in their future athletic and scholarly endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MS. GRETCHEN WILSON

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Grammy Award winner and country music recording artist, Ms. Gretchen Wilson, as she receives the 2009 National Coalition for Literacy Leadership Award at The Library of Congress. Gretchen is being recognized by the National Coalition for Literacy and the Center for the Book for her contributions to the advancement of adult education and literacy.

Until recently, the multi-platinum acclaimed singer/songwriter was one of millions of Americans who had not finished their high school education. Ms. Wilson left high school to pursue her music career; she has since had three #1 albums. Last year at the age of 34, Gretchen earned her G.E.D. Her friend and mentor, Charlie Daniels, was guest speaker at her graduation ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Lebanon, TN.

As a mother, it was important for Gretchen to lead by example and demonstrate to her eight-year-old daughter, Grace, just how important it is to have an education. Gretchen is currently teaming up with the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to honor GED students and organizations dedicated to the advancement of literacy.

Ms. Wilson has won Female Vocalist of the Year from both the Country Music Association and the Academy of Country Music and a Grammy Award for Best Female Country Vocal Performance. She also had her first book and autobiography, "Redneck Woman: Stories from My Life," appear on the New York Times Best Seller List.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Gretchen on her hard work, resilience, and many notable achievements and ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing her dedication and contributions to adult education and literacy awareness.

CONGRATULATING DELANO AND
THE MATH AND SCIENCE ACAD-
EMY IN WOODBURY, MINNESOTA

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate two schools from my state of Minnesota. Both Delano High School and the Math and Science Academy in Woodbury have been recently recognized as "Blue Ribbon Schools" by the U.S. Department of Education. The Blue Ribbon Program honors public and private middle, junior and senior high schools that demonstrate academic superiority, especially with minority populations.

This is a great honor to the teachers, faculty and administration of these schools. And, in particular, Delano's Principal Matthew Schoen and Woodbury's Director Paul Simone, should be exceedingly proud of their efforts. Their dedication to foster a positive learning environment encourages families and students across the nation. Through the Blue Ribbon School program, other educators have a set of "Best Practices" in classroom tactics, school programming choices and administrative strategies like none other.

These schools are shining stars in America's education system. It is my honor to recognize two of these schools, Delano High School and the Math and Science Academy in Woodbury, before this Congress today. I encourage every school in America to look at these Blue Ribbon winners not only as a resource but also a reminder of what our schools can be.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE 111TH
CONGRESS ON BEHALF OF VET-
ERANS

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity to acknowledge the significant bipartisan accomplishments made by the 111th Congress for our veterans and their families. Our Armed Forces sacrifice a tremendous amount for this country. In light of such commitment and dedication to our nation, the House has worked feverishly to provide the resources and support America's warriors need before, during, and after their service.

In this Congress, one of the House Armed Services Committee's finest achievements was unanimously passing H.R. 2647, the 2010 National Defense Authorization Act. Designed to restore our military's readiness and improve the quality of life of our service members and their families, the bill would provide a 3.4 percent pay raise for service members, strengthen efforts to expand mental health care for troops, and improve military housing. On June 25, 2009, H.R. 2647 passed the full House by an overwhelming margin.

Additionally, the House has worked to ensure the health of our veterans and their families. Among other initiatives, we have approved legislation to expand and improve VA

health care services for the 1.8 million women who have bravely served our country, voted to increase veterans' disability payments to reflect cost-of-living increases, and approved a bill I introduced that would expand military retirement and VA disability benefits to disabled military retirees with less than 20 years of service. In June, the House approved the Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act, authorizing Congress to approve veterans' medical care funding one year in advance to better anticipate and meet the demand for veterans' health care services. And, in February, the House approved my resolution designating 2009 as the "Year of the Military Family" to recognize the sacrifices and contributions of over two million military families.

The dedication of our men and women in uniform makes our nation strong and keeps us free; we cannot forget the debt we owe to those who serve so nobly. While there certainly remains work to be done, I am proud of the achievements this Congress has made on behalf of our nation's warriors and their families.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. NATHAN DEAL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD regarding earmarks one of my municipalities received as part of Bill 3288, the "Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 2010."

Requesting Member: Congressman NATHAN DEAL

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: TCSP—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The State of Georgia, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District 100 West Oglethorpe Avenue P.O. Box 889 Savannah, GA 31402

Description of Request: CG funding of \$33,725,000 is necessary to begin construction of the SHEP. While the Record of Decision will not be signed until mid-2010, these funds can be used for final pre-construction monitoring and engineering design of the channel and mitigation components for the project.

Additionally, these funds will be needed immediately after project approval for negotiation of the Project Partnership Agreement. Construction contracts cannot be awarded prior to the completion of this agreement.

ACKNOWLEDGING EDGAR
HAGOPIAN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO
HIS COMMUNITY

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Mr. Edgar Hagopian, a compassionate humanitarian and public advocate who has worked tirelessly on behalf of his fellow citizens.

Edgar grew up in metro Detroit. As a teen in the 1950s, he began working for his father, Haroutun Hagopian, who ran a cleaning business. Edgar worked hard under the leadership example set by his father. Buoyed by the devotion and support of his wife Sarah, the Hagopian Family of Companies grew and earned a reputation for excellence in business. Presently, Edgar serves as Chairman of the Hagopian Family of Companies, which encompasses Hagopian & Sons, Incorporated, Hagopian World of Rugs, Hagopian Cleaning Services, Incorporated, Hagopian Fire & Flood Services and The Ghiordes Knot. The Hagopian name has long been associated with carpet cleaning and fine Oriental Rugs and their cleaning slogan, "expect the best, expect the purple truck", can be heard over local airwaves daily.

As 2009 marks the distinct recognition of 70 years in business, it is with great gratitude and appreciation that I recognize Edgar Hagopian. His leadership stands as a fine illustration of Southeast Michigan ingenuity and innovation. He has assertively fostered economic growth, created jobs and inspired hope in a state ravaged by mass unemployment. Additionally, Edgar has been involved in numerous charitable organizations and his generosity is well known throughout the community.

Edgar and his wife Sarah have worked to promote Armenian culture and unite the metro Detroit Armenian community. They have worked to help build a stronger Armenia by bridging the cultural gap and bringing people of all ethnicities and traditions together. Mr. Hagopian has spearheaded both large and small projects, each with qualitative impacts felt across all spectrums of life. Moreover, he has long worked tirelessly to better inform people of the Armenian Genocide on both a local and national level. These efforts resulted in the passing of Michigan Public Act 558 (2002) "Armenian Genocide Remembrance Days" signed into law by Governor John Engler.

Madam Speaker, Edgar Hagopian is a spirited political activist, caring benefactor, compassionate citizen and cultural icon whose generosity has shaped the lives of countless people in our community. We are all indebted to the countless sacrifices and contributions he has made to strengthen the social fabric of our society. He personifies a legacy of distinction. Madam Speaker, today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Hagopian and recognizing his years of loyal service to our community and country.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CITY
OF KINGSPORT ON THE HIGHER
EDUCATION INITIATIVE

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Higher Education Initiative by the City of Kingsport. The Higher Education Initiative worked to revitalize the economy in Kingsport by improving the overall education level of its labor force.

Madam Speaker, I am not the only one praising Kingsport for their initiative. Kingsport has been awarded the 2009 Innovations in American Government Awards by The Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University for its higher education initiatives.

To win this prestigious award, Kingsport had to compete against 600 other federal, state and local governments.

The Kingsport Center for Higher Education consists of five institutions: Carson-Newman College, King College, Lincoln Memorial University, Northeast State Community College, and the University of Tennessee. This unique partnership allows the Center to offer courses and programs ranging from associate to doctoral degrees.

Just recently, I moved my district congressional office to this impressive facility. As a member of the Education and Labor Committee, I support this great initiative and I thank Kingsport for their dedication to their local economy and their commitment to education.

Since Kingsport has taken the initiative towards promoting higher education nearly a decade ago, there has been a 23 percent increase in high school graduates, a 27.5 percent increase in those with Associate Degrees and a 19.2 increase in those with Bachelor's Degrees.

Education adds value and improves quality of life. I commend the City of Kingsport for their hard work and dedication that has truly made the city a better place.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS PELAIA

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the work of an outstanding individual, Thomas Pelaia, who will be recognized by the John I. Crecco Foundation with its Public Safety Award on September 11, 2009 for his many years of dedicated service to keeping our communities safe.

It is only fitting that he be honored in this, the permanent record of the greatest democracy ever known, because he is the embodiment of the patriotism and community service that make our nation great.

Thomas Pelaia joined the Bloomfield Fire Department on May 13, 1980. After serving as a line fireman, he was transferred to the Fire

Prevention Bureau where he served as an Inspector, Senior Inspector, and now as the Fire Official who is the Chief Inspector of Fire Prevention. During his tenure there, he has worked to make Bloomfield one of the safest communities in the nation. In 1999, he partnered with the Bloomfield Board of Education in having fire sprinklers installed in major school construction projects. To date, three of the eight elementary schools and the high school are fully equipped with sprinkler systems; many of the other schools are partially equipped.

Tom has been the Deputy Essex County Fire Mutual Aid Coordinator since 1994. On January 19, 2000 he organized the mutual aid response to the devastating fire at Seton Hall University. Shortly after the fire, Tom worked closely with Bloomfield College to have sprinklers installed throughout all of the dormitories, even before legislation was passed to mandate them. Due to his efforts in protecting these schools, he was honored as Fire Protection Inspector of the Year in May 2001 by the New Jersey State Fire Prevention and Protection Association and the New Jersey State Department of Community Affairs. Also as Fire Coordinator, he organized Essex County's response to New York City after the tragic events of eight years ago when the September 11, 2001 attacks took place. He organized the response of 25 Essex County fire companies to protect the boroughs of Staten Island and Brooklyn on September 12 and 13, 2001.

Tom was an integral part of the accreditation team that worked to have the Bloomfield Fire Department receive International Accreditation. It is the first in New Jersey and the first career Fire Department in the northeast to receive this prestigious recognition which was awarded in March of this year. Tom has been an active member of many organizations throughout the years. He has served as Bloomfield FMBA Local 19 Treasurer, Vice President, President, and Executive Delegate for over 15 years. He also served the New Jersey State FMBA as a District Vice President and Legislative Committeeman.

Tom currently serves as a Fire Advisor to the Bloomfield Volunteer Emergency Squad. He is the Secretary of the Bloomfield Firemen's Relief Association and is the Essex County Legislative Committeeman for the New Jersey State Fireman's Association. As a 35 year member of the Bell and Siren Club, Inc., he is the Chairman of its Essex Committee and the Vice President of the International Convention which will be hosted in New Jersey in 2011. He is also an active member of the Essex County Fire Prevention Association and the Essex County Fire Chief's Association. Tom is also a member of Bloomfield UNICO. He resides in Livingston, New Jersey, with his wife Maria and his niece Danielle.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to being able to highlight the achievements of great Americans like Thomas Pelaia.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Thomas's family and friends, everyone at the John I. Crecco Foundation, and me in recognizing the outstanding contributions of Thomas Pelaia to his community.

CONGRATULATING DOLPHIN
HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
GROUP OF THE YEAR

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the outstanding members and citizen leaders who make up the Dolphin Heights Neighborhood Crime Watch.

It is a great honor to recognize the Dolphin Heights Neighborhood Crime Watch and I wish this group continued success.

The Dolphin Heights Neighborhood Crime Watch took a firm stand in letting the criminals know that the activities that they were involved in were not going to continue in their community. Due to the efforts, participation and teamwork provided by the Dolphin Heights Neighborhood Crime Watch Group, the Dallas Police Department and the City Prosecutor, a 12 percent decrease in crime within the past year was noticed among the following criminal offenses: 5 percent decrease in Business Burglaries, 7 percent decrease in Burglary of Motor Vehicles, 6 percent decrease in Thefts and a 2 percent decrease in Auto Thefts. Officers of the Southeast Patrol Division made a total of forty-seven (47) Arrests and issued seven hundred and eighty-six (786) Citations involving Drugs, Prostitution, Urban Habitation, Alcohol Violations, Code Violations, Auto Thefts, Assaults, Traffic Violations and Outstanding Warrants.

They also have other successful community programs, including City of Hope, Eye on the Community, Treasure of Hope, National Night Out, Community Clean-up, Community Emergency Response Team, and the After School Program.

The Dolphin Heights Neighborhood Crime Watch is a hard working group that believes in teamwork and accomplishing their goals.

I am pleased to congratulate the Dolphin Heights Neighborhood Crime Watch on their outstanding efforts and share their good work with my colleagues in the United States Congress and the American people. They're making Texas a better place to live, work and raise a family.

GRATITUDE FOR THE SERVICE OF
LILLIAN V. GERMAN

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank one of the most dedicated and indispensable members of the Judiciary Committee staff, Lillian German. For the past 6 years, Lillian has served as a counsel to the Committee, working principally as the Deputy Chief Oversight Counsel during the 110th and 111th Congresses.

A proud native of Houston, Texas, Lillian graduated from the University of North Texas where she was a leader in student government and a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. She earned her law degree from Southern Methodist University, and, following

her graduation, served as a briefing attorney for the Texas Attorney General and in private practice in Dallas.

Lillian came to Washington 15 years ago to work on the Hill, and has served in the offices of many of our dear friends and colleagues. Lillian first worked as press secretary and then Chief of Staff to Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson. With Congresswoman Johnson, Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr., and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense Fund, Lillian helped organize a historic bus tour throughout the south to highlight the impact of the Supreme Court's decision in *Shaw v. Reno* (1993) on voting rights and minority districts. Lillian went on to serve as the Legislative Director for Congresswoman Barbara Rose Collins, with whom she worked to draft several amendments to the 1996 Telecommunications Act to increase minority ownership of commercial broadcasting companies. Lillian continued on as Press Secretary and Chief of Staff for Congressman Alcee Hastings. She organized Vice President Al Gore's first environmental justice site tours of southern Florida's minority communities and brownfield lands, and during the 2000 Presidential election, Lillian served as an area political director for the Gore recount committee. Following the September 11 terrorist attacks, Lillian helped usher through a \$125 million grant to assist the Nation's tourism industry, and she successfully managed the effort to secure the Health Care Financing Administration's approval of the Dean Ornish Program for reversing coronary heart disease. Lillian then served as the Chief of Staff to Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee, where she worked with the Houston community in the wake of Enron's collapse. During the 2002 Florida Governor's race, Lillian worked as the Get-Out-the-Vote director for Miami-Dade County Democrats.

Lillian joined the Judiciary Committee in 2003 and has made numerous contributions to the committee's civil rights, criminal justice, and government oversight work. She helped secure funding for the expansion of the U.S. Marshal Service's Safe Surrender Initiative to seven additional States, including the District of Columbia and my home State of Michigan. She visited the Texas-Mexico border several times to investigate government's response to the high-death tolls and helped with the committee's immigration field hearings in Texas, Michigan, California, and Iowa. She led the House's investigation into the wrongful firing of rail workers under the Transportation Security Administration's Transportation Worker Identification Card program, which ultimately resulted in the reinstatement of 36 workers. She successfully led the Committee's effort to release three inmates wrongfully incarcerated in solitary confinement for 36 years in the Angola Penitentiary in Louisiana, and she and I recently met with Governor Bobby Jindal to discuss the prisoners' final release. She organized committee hearings on FBI whistleblower protections; the Justice Department's role in the Jena Six cases; and voter intimidation during the 2006 elections, which featured then-Senator Barack Obama as a witness.

On behalf of the Judiciary Committee, its staff, and this distinguished body, I would like to thank Lillian for her service. Throughout her time on the Hill, she has been a stalwart voice for social justice and the under-represented. Lillian is a tour-de-force that will be sorely

missed. Her spirit, loyalty, wit, generosity, and professionalism have made all of the offices in which she has worked places to belong and places to thrive. We are losing a dear advisor, mentor, and friend.

We wish her the best of luck and extend to her our deepest gratitude.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FRED
BABER FAMILY AS THE 2009
OKALOOSA FARM FAMILY OF
THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is a great honor for me to rise today to extend congratulations to the Fred Baber family for being selected the 2009 Okaloosa County Farm Family of the Year.

Mr. Fred Baber, the family's patriarch, celebrated his 90th birthday this year, but he still loves to rise before dawn and head out to farm in Laurel Hill, Florida. He is the herd manager for Roger's Ranch and manages 60 head of cattle. In their early days as Ohio farmers, Fred and his brother were pioneers in the fields of artificial insemination (AI) and dairy herd improvement association milk testing (DHIA). Fred brought his advanced knowledge of these techniques to Florida. He also built one of the first Harvester silos in the local area, and was instrumental in bringing the Tampa Independent Dairy Farmers Milk Co-op to the Florida panhandle.

Fred's family is a huge part of his successful farming career. His son Andy helps him run the family farm, producing peanuts, soybeans, and hay. Andy, the oldest of eight Baber children, and his wife Barbara both work at Ruckel Properties. Andy also serves on the Okaloosa County Farm Services Agency Board.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to Baber family's tireless work and dedication to family, faith and trade. They are a role model for all of us. My wife Vicki and I wish their entire family best wishes for continued success.

TRIBUTE TO SAN DIEGO POWER
SURGE 96

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of San Diego Power Surge 96 for its championship victory in the Amateur Softball Association's 2009 Girls National Fastpitch Tournament. The girls of Power Surge 96 competed against some of the most talented and formidable teams in the country—and they did not disappoint their fans. Their national championship victory represents a great accomplishment for not only each team member, but also for the San Diego community.

Over the course of the tournament, Power Surge 96 won a total of nine games to com-

pliment the team's overall and quite impressive record of 92 wins, 7 losses and 1 tie. The team's final matchup turned into a heroic test of endurance and skill after falling behind to their opponent, the SoCal Jynx, early in the game. In the seventh inning, Power Surge 96 tied the score at three, forcing the game into extra innings where they eventually took the lead and never looked back.

On their way to the top, the girls of Power Surge 96 prevailed through a qualifying tournament that included several tough opponents. That tournament, the ASA Southern California State Championship, was the first qualifying victory for any Power Surge team since forming in 1992 and competing at the national level.

In 2009, Power Surge 96 competed in a total of nine tournaments. The team won six of those tournaments outright, sharing a seventh as co-champion. Altogether, 2009 was a great year for the girls of Power Surge 96, highlighted by their national championship victory. Surely, their victory will help motivate them to reach the same level of achievement next year, when they resume competitive play and prepare to defend their national championship.

The girls of Power Surge 96 deserve great credit and recognition for their success and remarkable accomplishment. Their national championship victory, as well as the time they have shared together and hours invested in practice and preparation, is an experience they will always remember. It is an experience that will stay with them well into their adult lives and, hopefully one day, be shared with their children to encourage and inspire them to reach new heights.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to rise in recognition of Power Surge 96 and I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to this team of talented girls. Next year's national championship tournament will not be easy but if there is any group up to the challenge, it is the girls of Power Surge 96.

WIND ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT AND HEAVY
DUTY HYBRID VEHICLE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND
DEMONSTRATION ACT

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the Wind Energy Research and Development Act (H.R. 3165) and the Heavy Duty Hybrid Vehicle Research, Development and Demonstration Act (H.R. 445). I thank my colleagues on the Science and Technology Committee for their work on these important bills, which will help secure America's role as a global leader in innovation.

An aggressive transition to a clean renewable energy economy is necessary to modernize America's economy for the 21st century. In this historic moment, we have the responsibility and the opportunity to secure America's place as a global hub of technological innovation, an economic leader, and a steward of our planet. Passage of H.R. 3165 and H.R. 445 will focus American ingenuity to achieve these important goals.

Wind energy is a critical component of America's clean energy future. The growth potential for the industry is enormous: in 2008 alone the industry installed enough new wind energy production capacity to power over 2 million homes. My state of Minnesota is currently fourth in the nation for installed wind energy production capacity and is in the top ten states for wind energy production potential. However, like many new industries, the wind energy industry requires federal incentives to fuel its growth. The Wind Energy Research and Development Act authorizes an important new demonstration program at the Department of Energy to reduce the costs of construction, generation, and maintenance of wind energy systems. Developing these technologies will help reduce existing barriers to expansion of wind power around the country.

America's shift to a clean energy economy requires the development of advanced vehicle technologies to save consumers money and reduce harmful emissions. In addition to clean passenger vehicles, we must modernize our commercial transport fleet. The Heavy Duty Hybrid Vehicle Research, Development and Demonstration Act will create a competitive grant program to support research, development and demonstration of advanced heavy duty hybrid vehicle technologies. This program will help make America's commercial transport fleet the cleanest and most efficient in the world.

Transitioning to a clean energy economy and curtailing global climate change are two of the great challenges of our time—American innovation is the key to addressing them both. I urge my colleagues to support these two important pieces of legislation.

RECOGNIZING DAVID DAVIS FOR WINNING THE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate David Davis for winning the Volunteer of the Year Award. According to his peers, since 2003, David Davis has volunteered for the City of Dallas and has logged approximately 1,947 hours. This year David has logged 394 hours and in the month of June alone has logged 62 hours.

David Davis had made a significant contribution by taking charge of several Volunteer Programs which include being a Crime Watch Captain for the Oaklawn Crime Watch, a VIP Captain for Oaklawn Neighborhood and participates in every Central Patrol VIP training class. David Davis also sits on the CWEB Board as a NE and NW alternate. David is CERT trained and heads up CERT Teams for Northeast and Northwest.

David Davis also volunteers for COPS, White Rock Lake VIP, VIP Traffic Safety Fairs, assists in traffic and crowd management for various parades throughout the city, CHIPS training assistance, CHIPS on the job training, VIP training and participated in the Citizens Police Academy.

In May 2009 Dallas Police Crisis Intervention Training Program (CIT) held the National Association on Mental Illness (NAMI) walk at

Fair Park and David Davis assisted by organizing a group of volunteers for additional crowd management in order to facilitate this successful fundraiser.

On numerous occasions David Davis has contacted the local police personally to offer his assistance with crime watch events, parades and volunteer training and has always shown a great dedication and reliability in his support of these Dallas Police events.

David Davis has also proven himself to be an accomplished crime fighter and has made a tremendous impact during his Volunteering in Patrol. David Davis leads by example in this area by explaining to new volunteers that crime may be brought down by the volunteers who patrol certain areas.

David Davis has also taken on patrol of the Katy Trail and Reverchon Park areas. He has organized newly trained volunteers for these areas and keeps track of current crime trends and passes along information to police officers who also work these parks.

Congratulations David Davis. I salute you.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD HOLST

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and accomplishments of Mr. Richard Holst, who died in the line of duty on September 9, 2009, while defending the community from a fire.

Mr. Holst served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War in the Atlantic Fleet on the U.S.S. Saratoga. In addition to his military service, after retirement, he joined the Huntington Manor Fire Department as a firefighter, eventually becoming the head of New York State Association of Fire Chaplains.

Mr. Holst was a true leader, who carried the torch of service throughout his life. He will be remembered by his family, friends, and community for his generosity and sincere commitment to helping those in need.

IN RECOGNITION OF RONNIE E. BELL UPON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ronnie E. Bell, a community leader who is retiring after over thirty years of public service with Walton County, Florida. Mr. Bell spent his career serving Northwest Florida, and I am proud to honor his dedication and service.

Ronnie is life-long resident of Walton County. He graduated from Walton Senior High School in 1977 and from Okaloosa-Walton Junior College in 1980. He began his career with Walton County in 1977 as an Emergency Medical Services Secretary. From 1978 through 1986, Ronnie served as an EMT and Paramedic for Walton County EMS, and was the Walton EMS Supervisor between 1986 and 1987. In 1988, Ronnie became the Wal-

ton County Administrative Supervisor, and served in that capacity for eleven years. In 1999, he became Public Works Director, and was selected as Walton County Administrator in 2004.

In over thirty years of service to the public as a Walton County employee, Ronnie has shown a true dedication to helping his fellow citizens. He has always strove to make Walton a better place to live.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize Ronnie Bell for his lifetime of service to Northwest Florida. Walton County will miss his leadership. My wife Vicki and I wish all the best for him and his family as they embark on this next journey in their lives.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF FORMER SENATOR JOSE "PING" ANDRES RAMIREZ DUEÑAS

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of former Guam Senator Jose "Ping" Andres Ramirez Dueñas, a lifetime resident of the village of Dededo, Guam. Senator Dueñas passed away on August 31, 2009 after a long illness. He was 78.

Born on October 17, 1930, in Hagåtña, Guam, Ping was the oldest of four sons of Juliana Ramirez Dueñas and Jesus Camacho Dueñas. Ping and I were classmates at George Washington High School, where we both graduated from in June of 1951. On April 19, 1954, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, he married his high school sweetheart, Rosario Cruz Perez, fondly known as "Ling". Ping enrolled in Marquette University and later received his bachelor's degree in accounting from St. Thomas Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

After graduation from college, Ping returned home and began his twenty-eight year career of public service with the Government of Guam. Ping started as an auditor with the Department of Administration before being promoted to chief accountant. In 1962, Ping and nineteen others joined together to form the Government of Guam Employees Federal Credit Union (GGEFCU). From an initial membership of twenty founding members, the GGEFCU has grown to over 40,000 members, three branches, and is an important resource for financial services to the Government of Guam employees.

Ping sought political office in 1970 and was elected to four consecutive terms as a Senator in the 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th Guam Legislature from 1970 to 1978. He served on the Rules Committee; the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Federal and Foreign Affairs; and Natural Resources, Land and Community Development. He also served on the 1975 Legislative Task Force for the review of the federal-territorial political relationship with its findings to be reported to the White House. After serving as Chairman of the Democratic Party of Guam, Ping and I joined together as running mates in the 1990 gubernatorial election. While unsuccessful in our bid for Governor

and Lieutenant Governor of Guam, Ping would go on to continue his service to our community as Vice President of Financial Affairs for the University of Guam. While there, he helped in the growth of the university and was instrumental in the establishment of the Marine Laboratory.

I join our community in mourning the loss of former Senator Jose Ramirez "Ping" Dueñas. Ping was a good friend of Guam, and he devoted his life to serving our people. We extend heartfelt condolences to his wife, Rosario "Ling" Perez Dueñas; his children, Joseph, Daniel, Anthony, Gerardlyn, Carina, Thomas, Marcella, and Julianne; his 25 grandchildren; his 16 great grandchildren; and his many family and friends.

God bless the family and friends of Senator Dueñas. He will be missed dearly.

HONORING ADAM DIAZ ON HIS
100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to praise and reflect upon the career of an outstanding public servant and community leader, Adam Diaz. I would also like to take a moment to congratulate Mr. Diaz on his upcoming 100th birthday.

For more than seventy years, Mr. Diaz has been a champion for the Mexican American community in Phoenix. A lifelong Arizonan, Mr. Diaz was born in Flagstaff on September 29, 1909, before moving to Phoenix, where he has lived for the past 94 years. He began his career working at the Luhrs Hotel as a messenger boy with Western Union. From this humble beginning, he eventually became the Superintendent of Properties for Luhrs Properties, a position he held until his retirement. During the 1970's, I had the occasion to see him and his brother at Luhrs and seek his counsel.

Mr. Diaz is noted for having been elected as Phoenix's first Mexican American City Councilman in 1948. He served four years on the council and one year as vice-mayor of the city of Phoenix. Later, Diaz served for five years on the Phoenix Elementary School District Number One Governing Board.

Mr. Diaz has served on the board of directors of several community-based organizations including The Friendly House and Chicanos Por La Causa. He has also been actively involved in many other organizations, commissions, and committees such as the League for United Latino American Citizens, the Arizona Centennial Commission, the Governor's Conference on Youth, the Boy Scouts, and the Vesta Club.

While Chairman of the Board of Chicanos Por La Causa, his efforts to fund senior housing for low-income Hispanics resulted in establishing Casa de Primavera, a low-income senior housing complex near 43rd Avenue and McDowell Road. Later, President Bill Clinton appointed him to the Task Force on Aging. In this role, Mr. Diaz visited the White House to discuss Social Security, Medicare and other important senior issues with Second Lady Tipper Gore.

Mr. Diaz continued his work for senior citizens at the American Legion Post 41, where

he organized numerous fundraising events to help indigent elderly buy dentures and hearing aids, items not covered by Medicare. When Mr. Diaz was in his 70's, he still went daily to the YMCA gym and assisted seniors as a trainer in the swimming pool and weight room.

Adam has been a mentor and a friend to many community leaders. I have been fortunate to have him as a supporter, advisor and a friend. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Adam Diaz for his extraordinary leadership and lifelong dedication to public service, and wish him a happy 100th birthday.

CONGRATULATING OFFICER
BERVIN SMITH

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Officer Bervin Smith of the NE Dallas Police Division for winning the prestigious Officer of the Year award.

According to his peers, by his own desires Officer Smith organized the current DPD-NE Volunteer Committee. This committee which is now a viable organization with over 14 members is already meeting with Deputy Chief Lawrence at the NE Police Division on a monthly basis at the NE station to discuss and reactivate volunteers on a list that is over 1,000 names in the NE Division area. Deputy Chief Lawrence is very supportive of this group and is working with them to reduce crime in the NE area.

Officer Smith is a dedicated officer who wants to do his job the best that he can.

It is a privilege to recognize him for a job well done. I am certain that he will continue to touch the lives of many in his community. It is a great honor to commend Officer Smith in the United States Congress, and I wish him continued success.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF
NORMAN BORLAUG

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Dr. Norman Borlaug, who passed away on September 12, 2009 at the age of 95. Dr. Borlaug combated world hunger on a global scale by revolutionizing the science of agriculture. He developed and introduced high-yield, disease resistant crops and innovative agricultural techniques, which he then spread throughout the globe. These innovations started the "Green Revolution," which allowed the world's food supply to keep up with the growth in population. Through his work, he saved hundreds of millions of lives from hunger and starvation. His life is testament to the extraordinary change one person can make. He was a Great American and our world shall forever benefit from his life's work.

Dr. Borlaug was born on a farm near Cresco, Iowa in 1914. He studied forestry and plant pathology at the University of Minnesota

and completed his doctorate in 1942. Dr. Borlaug led a distinguished career that spanned more than 60 years. Much of his work was done in Mexico at Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maíz y Trigo, or the International Maize and Wheat Center. In 1984 he began teaching as a Distinguished Professor of International Agriculture at Texas A&M—College Station. Throughout his life he continued to teach and inspire new generations of scientists and farmers. Agriculture in the 15th Congressional District of Texas and throughout the state has benefitted greatly from Dr. Borlaug's contributions.

Dr. Borlaug transformed the way the world feeds its population. The exponential growth in crop yields created stability and prosperity in nations that were struggling to feed its citizenry. Dr. Borlaug's ultimate legacy is one of world peace, which he achieved through ensuring that a basic human need was provided for throughout the world.

We offer our deepest condolences to Dr. Borlaug's friends and family: his daughter Jennie Borlaug Laube, his son, William Gibson Borlaug, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

JOHNNY GRANT HOLLYWOOD POST
OFFICE BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, there could be no more appropriate moniker for a Hollywood post office than Johnny Grant's. The unofficial mayor of Hollywood for more than half a century, Johnny's name is synonymous with the community he loved and promoted so well.

It is especially appropriate that the post office at 1615 North Wilcox Avenue, just off of Hollywood Boulevard, would bear his name, as he managed to secure a Hollywood postmark, despite the fact that it's not its own city. Only Johnny Grant could have pulled that off. While celebrating his 84th birthday, Johnny said that the Hollywood postmark was one of three accomplishments of which he was most proud, along with the Hollywood sign and the Walk of Fame.

I had the privilege of knowing Johnny and calling him a friend for many years. I always admired his incredible zeal for life. He brought a tremendous amount of energy and enthusiasm to everything he did—which was never on greater display than when he tirelessly supported our Nation's veterans. While serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II, his "Strictly GI" radio show was broadcast in New York City and North Carolina, featuring stories of interest to servicemen and women. He went on to do 60 USO tours and personally sponsored trips in Korea and Vietnam to show his deep support and commitment to our men and women in uniform, to encourage them and boost morale during very difficult times.

Johnny produced and hosted the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots telethon for ten years, and organized countless other events raising millions for the USO, the Boy Scouts of America, police and fire services and veterans organizations.

Hollywood, the City of Los Angeles and the entire Nation mourned his death in January of last year. H.R. 2760 is a modest but fitting tribute to Hollywood's favorite son, and I think he would appreciate seeing his name live on in the community he loved and called home for over fifty years.

HONORING THE LIFE, SERVICE,
AND SACRIFICE OF NORTH
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA POLICE
OFFICER RICHARD CRITTENDEN

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and public service of North Saint Paul Police Officer Richard Crittenden who will be laid to rest tomorrow.

On Monday morning, Officer Crittenden was sent to respond to a domestic dispute call. He was killed protecting a woman from a man who had repeatedly abused her.

North Saint Paul is a wonderful community of 11,000 people where I raised my children and served on the city council. To lose an officer in the line of duty is a tragedy for every resident.

On behalf of my constituents and all Minnesotans, I extend our prayers and deepest sympathies to Officer Crittenden's wife, Christine, his children, and grand-children. Their loss is tremendous.

To North Saint Paul officials and residents, especially the members of the police depart-

ment, I extend my condolences at this time of great pain and loss.

Officer Crittenden gave the ultimate sacrifice—his life—in the line of duty. His service as a peace officer was always respected, but his courage and sacrifice makes him a hero who shall always be remembered and honored.

Madam Speaker, at this time I also want to recognize Maplewood Officer Julie Olson who was injured in the line of duty in the incident that claimed Officer Crittenden's life. I commend Officer Olson for her courageous service and wish her a full recovery.

SALUTING ED FOX FOR WINNING
THE DORIS BERRY CRIME
WATCH CHAIRPERSON OF THE
YEAR 2009 AWARD

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2009

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ed Fox for winning the Doris Berry Crime Watch Chairperson of the Year Award for 2009. According to his peers, Ed has served as the chairperson for the Prestonwood Estates Neighborhood Association West (PENA West) Crime Watch since its inception in October 1999. He has also served as chairperson for their Volunteers in Patrol (VIP) program for seven years. Ed is also currently serving a third term as the North Central Patrol Division's Crime Watch Execu-

tive Board (CWEB) representative and was recently elected president of CWEB.

In addition to the time required to fulfill his duties as CWEB president and PENA West CW chairperson, Ed spends countless hours attending crime watch and VIP start up meetings to assist new groups in getting started. Based on his reputation in the North Central Division, many citizens request to have Ed speak at their crime watch meetings. Being a retired salesman, Ed uses his skills to sell the VIP concept to various homeowner groups. Not only does he help them organize a neighborhood meeting, but he also speaks at the meeting himself to promote the CW and VIP programs. In the past year alone, Ed has attended over 120 CW and VIP meetings and also spoken at the majority of them.

Ed is always trying to think of ways to expand the CW/VIP programs in North Dallas. Last year he contacted the North Dallas Chamber of Commerce to inquire about using their organization to spread the word about neighborhood crime prevention programs. Ed has proposed the idea to them to consider establishing a permanent crime prevention committee to provide advice and information for their members.

For his tireless work ethic, enthusiasm and dedication to the Crime Watch and VIP programs in the North Central Division, it is my honor to recognize Mr. Ed Fox for winning the 2009 Doris Berry Crime Watch Chairperson of the Year Award.

God bless you and I salute you.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 16

Time to be announced

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant, of Wisconsin, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, and Peggy E. Gustafson, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, both of the Small Business Administration.

Room to be announced

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the use, impact, and accomplishments of Federal appropriations provided to improve the education of children in the District of Columbia.

SD-192

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Daniel I. Werfel, of Virginia, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

SD-226

2 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Richard Serino, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine exploring three strategies for Afghanistan.

SD-419

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Science and Space Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine options from the review of the United States Human Space Flight Plans Committee.

SR-253

SEPTEMBER 17

Time to be announced

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Michael H. Posner, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

SD-419

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine veterans' disability compensations, focusing on benefits in the 21st century.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine countering the threat of failure in Afghanistan.

SD-419

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, and the nominations of Paul Joseph Fishman, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, and Jenny A. Durkan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington, both of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Judiciary

Crime and Drugs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 1551, to amend section 20 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for a private civil action against a person that

provides substantial assistance in violation of such Act.

SD-226

2:15 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine energy and related economic effects of global climate change legislation.

SD-366

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine federal tax treatment of health care benefits provided by tribal governments to their citizens.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.

S-407, Capitol

SEPTEMBER 22

10 a.m.

Judiciary

Immigration, Refugees and Border Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform, focusing on how the current immigration law impacts America's agricultural industry and food security.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

Terrorism and Homeland Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine strengthening security and oversight at biological research laboratories.

SD-226

SEPTEMBER 30

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Veterans Affairs contracts for health services.

SR-418

POSTPONEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 16

2 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine southern border violence.

SD-342

SEPTEMBER 17

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Contracting Oversight Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine improving transparency and accessibility of federal contracting databases.

SD-342