

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL
JUDGESHIP ACT OF 2009**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Federal Judgeship Act of 2009, which calls for the creation of additional federal judgeships in the courts of appeals and district courts.

The United States legal system is the envy of the world. Our legal system has historically provided fair, timely, and expert adjudication of civil disputes and criminal prosecutions for hundreds of years. There are, however, a number of challenges facing our federal legal system that must be addressed if it is to maintain the standard of service our citizens expect and deserve. One of these challenges is an overworked judiciary.

Many of our federal courts are in desperate need of new judges. It has been nearly 19 years since Congress has passed a comprehensive judgeship bill. In this time, caseloads for district courts have gone up 31 percent and the caseloads for appeals courts have gone up 38 percent, placing significantly increased demands upon our federal court system. This unfairly burdens our judges and leads to delays in the administration of justice. If we are to avoid realization of the old adage, "justice delayed is justice denied," we must not delay in providing our judiciary with the resources it needs.

The Federal Judgeship Act of 2009 calls for 12 additional court of appeals judgeships and 51 additional district court judgeships. The number of judgeships called for in this legislation mirrors those called for by the Judicial Conference of the United States in its 2009 recommendations.

The Judicial Conference's recommendations are based on a comprehensive analysis of the workload of federal judges, which took into consideration not only the number, but also the nature and complexity of the cases before the various courts. According to this analysis, the average weighted case filings for the 25 district courts receiving additional judgeships under this bill were 573, while the target number of case filings is only 430. In other words, the workload before these courts is 133 percent of what is considered the normal capacity of these courts. Clearly, this is stretching our judiciary beyond reason.

In the interests of timely and effective administration of justice, we must pass comprehensive judgeships this Congress. I thank my colleagues Representatives JOHN CONYERS, SILVESTRE REYES, SHEILA JACKSON-LEE, and ROBERT WEXLER, who have worked with me on this very important piece of legislation. I also ask the rest of my colleagues in the House of Representatives to support rapid passage of this legislation.

CONGRATULATING CLARKSVILLE
POLICE CHIEF GREG DONALDSON**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

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Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Clarksville Police Chief

Greg Donaldson for his service to protecting the public, upholding the law and his vision for community involvement in helping find missing children. For his dedication and commitment, Chief Donaldson has been named the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police, AACP, 2009 Chief of the Year. Chief Donaldson shares this honor with the community, telling the Russellville Courier that "Without the employees here and the members of the community, I could have never been chief of the year," he said. "It would be easy for me to say, 'I have this award, and this award is about me,' but it belongs to the whole community."

Chief Donaldson is continuously putting the community first, as a police department employee for two decades, serving in a number of roles including dispatcher, patrol officer, investigator, supervisor, Sergeant and for the last 21 months as Chief.

At the helm of the department Chief Donaldson has implemented new and innovative programs including partnering with Morgan Nick Foundation for the "Picture Them Home Campaign" that puts pictures of missing children on patrol cars. The Clarksville Police Department was the first to do this and since then several other law enforcement agencies have followed. In recognition of the department's efforts Chief Donaldson and the Clarksville Police Department was awarded the "2009 Morgan's Choice Award." Chief Donaldson is always looking for ways to make an impact on the community. "The day I walk out the door, I want people to be able to say 'he made a difference in the lives of children and grandchildren.' If they say that, I've done my job," he told the Russellville Courier.

It is clear he has done that and I am confident that will continue. I commend Chief Donaldson for his service as well as his good work and wish him continued success in the future. I ask my colleagues today to join with me in honoring Greg Donaldson, a wonderful public servant, who is and always will be dedicated to the people of Clarksville.

IN HONOR OF WALTER STRINE,
SR.**HON. JOE SESTAK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the remarkable life of Walter Strine, Sr., who passed away on September 22, 2009 at the age of 100.

A living example of the Horatio Alger ideal, Mr. Strine was trained as a bricklayer at the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades, from which he graduated in 1929. It was at Williamson—established in 1888 to provide financially disadvantaged young men with the opportunity to become productive and respected members of society—that the foundation of a very successful life was laid. From there Walter Strine embarked on a career that included teaching, real estate development and philanthropy. In each aspect of his exceptional life he reflected very proudly on the virtues and skills he learned at Williamson. His work ethic, intellect, devotion to family and community were unmatched and left the most positive, lasting impression on everyone who knew him.

Married to the love of his life, Elizabeth Sterling Strine, for over 70 years and the father of Walter Jr. and William—both talented and successful men in their own right—his life could not have been fuller. He was inordinately generous to Williamson—where he was responsible for the construction of the Strine Learning Center and he was a member of the Board of Trustees for 25 years.

His vision, basic decency and business acumen shaped the Borough of Media, Pennsylvania into one of the most livable and prosperous communities in our Commonwealth. In addition to his work developing the area's commercial district, he also purchased the Media Theater and transformed it over time into a center for the Performing Arts that is a showcase for local talent and venue for residents from throughout Delaware County to gather in the company of one another.

I cannot imagine a better life than the one lived by Walter Strine, Sr. The results of his work abound in his hometown, he made a great and better difference in the lives of thousands and he was loved and respected. He will be sorely missed.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
CHASE BURCHER FOR WINNING
THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE
BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Chase Burcher showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Chase Burcher was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Chase Burcher always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Chase Burcher on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. 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. 2265, the Magna Water District Water Reuse and Groundwater Recharge Act, 2009.

Requesting Member: ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 2265

Account: Title XVI of Public Law 102–575, the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act

Legal name and address of requesting entity: Magna Water District, located at 8600 W. 2711 S., PO Box 303 1, Magna, Utah 84044