in the sinking of the South Korean ship Cheonan, and solidarity with South Korea in the aftermath of this tragic incident.

On March 26, the South Korean ship Cheonan sank in the Yellow Sea following an explosion, killing 46 sailors. I offer my condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of those killed in this tragic incident.

In the two months following the sinking of the Cheonan, the South Korean government has undertaken extensive forensic work with a team of impartial international investigators to determine the cause of the explosion. Their work leaves no doubt that the sinking of the Cheonan and the death of 46 sailors was the direct result of a torpedo fired by North Korea.

The United States stands with President Lee Myung-bak and fully supports the measures he has taken to respond to the sinking of the Cheonan. President Lee's decision to close sea lanes and cut off trade with North Korea sends a strong message that South Korea will not tolerate unprovoked aggression.

South Korea is a strong ally of the United States, and as the President has made clear, our commitment to supporting their defense is unequivocal.

I urge the international community to join with South Korea and the United States to condemn North Korea's unacceptable, belligerent behavior.

And I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 1382 and send a strong message that the United States Congress stands with South Korea during this difficult time.

HONORING THE INTERNATIONAL MYELOMA FOUNDATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to help raise awareness of myeloma. Myeloma is a cancer in the bone marrow affecting production of red cells, white cells, and stem cells. It is also commonly known as ''multiple myeloma'' since it affects multiple areas of bone marrow.

Myeloma is the second most common blood cancer after lymphomas. Each year approximately 20,000 Americans are diagnosed with myeloma and 10,000 lose their battle with this disease. At any one time there are over 100,000 myeloma patients undergoing treatment for their disease in the U.S.

Although the incidences of many types of cancers are decreasing, the frequency of myeloma cases continues to climb. Once thought of as a disease of the elderly, it is now being found in increasing numbers in people under 65 and it is not uncommon to find patients in their 30s.

As the oldest and largest myeloma foundation, the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF) is dedicated to improving the quality of life of myeloma patients while working toward prevention and a cure. This dedication has led to dramatic and important advances in treatment for multiple myeloma in the last few years. Unfortunately, the needless disparity in coverage between oral and intravenous (IV) chemotherapy has left many patients unable to utilize many of these breakthroughs.

I believe myeloma patients and their doctors should be able to take advantage of the treatment that is best suited for each patient, and not have to select their treatment based on insurance coverage. This is why I introduced my bill, HR 2366, The Cancer Drug Coverage Parity Act of 2009. The Cancer Drug Coverage Parity Act works to eliminate these inequities for cancer patients whose insurance has differences in the way oral and intravenous chemotherapy treatments are covered. This is an important issue for myeloma patients, their families, and every American battling cancer.

Madam Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the exemplary work being done by the IMF to improve the quality of life of myeloma patients and their families and their efforts to find a cure in the fight against cancer.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF MANUFACTURED AND MODULAR HOUSING

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 24, 2010

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to thank the Gentleman from Indiana for introducing H. Res. 584, ''Recognizing the importance of manufactured and modular housing in the United States.''

Manufactured and modular housing play an important role in meeting the housing needs of the people of my home state of Alabama and the United States of America.

Over the past two decades, the quality of manufactured housing has become essentially equivalent to that of conventional housing and manufactured housing has grown in popularity as an affordable alternative to conventional site-built housing.

A Harvard University Joint Center for Housing Studies reported that manufactured housing has no impact on the appreciation rates of surrounding properties, putting an end to the myth of negative property value impacts.

It is also good to know that the manufactured and modular housing industry continues to be an important part of our nation's economy. Manufactured and modular housing has produced approximately $6 billion annually in sales and employs approximately 70,000 people in factories and retail centers alone.

These factories are an important contributor to the economy in the district I represent, as there are more than ten manufacturers in the 4th Congressional District of Alabama.

During a recession, I would encourage any Americans to consider a manufactured or modular house as an option. According to the Manufactured Housing Institute, construction costs per square foot for a new manufactured home average anywhere from 10 to 35 percent less than a comparable site-built home, excluding the cost of land, depending on the region of the country.

Home ownership is part of the American Dream and I am pleased to encourage affordable home ownership opportunities through manufactured and modular housing for so many Americans who can benefit from this type of home ownership.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, on Monday, May 24, 2010, I was not present for votes 291, 292, and 293.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 291, expressing the sense of Congress that a grateful Nation supports and salutes Sons and Daughters in Touch on its 20th Anniversary that is being held on Father's Day, 2010, at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, the District of Columbia, I would have voted ''aye.''

Had I been present for rollcall No. 292, Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act, I would have voted ''aye.''

Had I been present for rollcall No. 293, Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Extension Act, I would have voted ''aye.''

RECOGNIZING STEPHANIE McCONNELL FOR HER COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS AND EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephanie McConnell, for her achievement of being named the Arkansas Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year for her work at Helen Tyson Middle School in Springdale.

A graduate of the University of Arkansas with a master's degree from Harding University, McConnell is never far from the classroom even after work hours are over because she's working towards a specialist's degree from Harding.

McConnell's hard work and leadership has been an inspiration at the school and for the entire Springdale School District. She attributes her success at Tyson Middle School to her colleagues and her students. Her passion, dedication and enthusiasm for seeing our students succeed is something we can all learn from.

I am proud of Stephanie McConnell for her commitment to education and her efforts to improve the lives of students in Arkansas. This recognition is a well deserved honor.

HONORING MR. RICHARD SLAWSON

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. Richard Slawson. Mr. Slawson served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Hannover Town Council.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Slawson served his term with his head held