

Even during these trouble economic times, more than \$228,903 has been raised already this year.

However, this is a federally protected species and California cannot go it alone. In addition to continuing to work with my colleagues to secure Federal funds to support a continued and complete recovery of the population, I am proud that H.R. 556, The Southern Sea Otter Recovery and Research Act, was passed by the House of Representatives in July of 2009. This tremendous success was buoyed by the support and devotion of many people. In the other house, Senator BARBARA BOXER has introduced a companion bill, S. 1748, which passed out of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation on June 9 by unanimous consent. The Committee hopes to move the bill later this year as a part of their omnibus public lands legislative package. We are just a few steps away from at last making the act into law and bringing needed resources to this threatened species.

Madam Speaker, I applaud the many accomplishments of Defenders of Wildlife, who carry out the important mission to preserve our nation's wildlife and habitat. I also applaud the other nonprofit environmental organizations, working with the Monterey Bay Aquarium, researchers, fishermen, state and federal agencies, schools, and many other institutions and individuals, who devote tremendous effort to protect and recover the southern California sea otter. Sea Otter Awareness Week is just one of their many activities geared towards honoring and saving this species, and I am proud to be associated with this vital work.

IN HONOR OF BILL TOBIN

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I pay tribute today to Bill Tobin, the incoming President of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association (DVFA). President Tobin began his career in the DVFA as a mascot in the Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company in 1959. In 1975 he moved to Lewes, where he joined the Lewes Volunteer Fire Department.

President Tobin's life has been dedicated to serving others. Along with his membership in the Lewes Fire Department, Bill served as President for the Georgetown American Legion Ambulance Company and later became active with the Memorial Volunteer Fire Department in Slaughter Beach. He has served Memorial well in the role of both Treasurer and as Chairman of the Board of Directors since 2000.

I commend President Tobin on his dedication to Delaware's volunteer fire service and tireless efforts on behalf of his community. DVFA is fortunate to have such a man filling this important role. I am confident that President Tobin's experience and leadership will help DVFA continue on the path of exceptional service for which they are known across our state.

REMEMBERING ROBERT P. BILLER

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Robert Biller of La Canada, California. Bob was a gifted educator and passionate advocate for the students of California, and it is with a grateful heart I remember him today.

Bob received his bachelor's degree from University of California, Los Angeles in 1959 and spent the next several years serving his country as the administrator at the U.S. Naval Ordinance Test Station in China Lake, California. He would go on to earn his master's and doctorate degrees from University of Southern California in 1965 and 1969, respectively, winning recognition from his peers and the Henry Reining Jr. Dissertation Award for his dissertation in public administration.

Bob began his professional career in academia teaching at the University of California, Berkeley, where he helped establish the Graduate School of Public Policy and its Experimental Program in Health and Medical Sciences. He returned to USC in 1976, serving as the Dean of Public Administration until 1982. During this time, Bob raised the standard of education for the public administration program and raised the school's first one million dollar endowment as well as serving in leadership roles with the Deans' Council and the Budget Advisory Committee. Bob spent the next twenty years serving in various roles at USC including Executive Vice Provost (1982–1988), Dean of Fine Arts (1987), Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid (1988–1989), Vice President for External Affairs (1988–1992), Vice President for Undergraduate Affairs (1992–1993), Interim Dean of the School of Policy, Planning and Development (1998–2000) and he continued to be actively involved in university life after his official retirement in 2001.

Madam Speaker, it is without a doubt that through his commitment to education and service Bob Biller made USC a better place and its students better off. On behalf of the countless students whose lives he touched, it is my privilege to rise today in recognition of the many accomplishments and contributions of Robert Biller.

TAIWAN'S 99TH NATIONAL DAY

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Taiwan as it celebrates its 99th National Day on October 10th, 2010. This national holiday, known as Double Ten Day, commemorates the 1911 uprising that led to the creation of the Republic of China.

After years of one-party rule, Taiwan has held three democratic presidential elections and two transfers of power. I am very excited to see this young democracy blossoming in East Asia.

During an address earlier this year, Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou offered this

statement, "It is only under a true democracy that one's citizens can live without fear according to the law, and share in the burdens as well as benefits of good governance."

While Taiwan is a young democracy, it has taken steps to conform to international standards with respects to rule of law and protection of human rights. To this end, Taiwan has codified the following United Nation's documents into domestic law; The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Taiwan's budding commitment to democratic practices is impressive. I look forward to the United States partnering with President Ma and Taiwan for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF STAFF SERGEANT JAMIE WEST

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the courageous and selfless actions of Army Staff Sergeant Jamie West, which have earned him our Nation's highest congressionally authorized award for heroism during peacetime. As a member of the U.S. House Armed Services Committee, I am proud to recognize one of Fort Carson's finest soldiers who placed his own life at risk to save the lives of three Colorado Springs children in 2008. While driving off-duty on February 23, 2008, Staff Sergeant Jamie West observed three children fall through a fragile ice-pond and one of those children becoming completely submerged in the freezing water. The Soldier's Medal citation reads, "Without thought to his own safety, he decided to attempt to rescue the endangered children. With ice crumbling around him and at risk to his own life, he pulled the children from the water and successfully administered first aid until emergency personnel arrived."

Every soldier knows the importance of courage. It is one of the Army's seven core values of soldiering. Courage on and off the battlefield cannot be underestimated. It takes courage to withstand the rigors of war and it takes courage to assume responsibility for life and death decisions. It also takes courage to do the right thing under intense pressure, but the act of courage at the risk of one's own life deserves special recognition.

The pages of American military history are filled with heroes who willingly put their lives at risk in order to save others—and Staff Sergeant West's name will now be inscribed among them.

It was no accident that SSG West was in the vicinity of that pond at the time of crisis. It is clear that, for some providential purpose, he was in the right place at the right time and had demonstrated great courage and personal sacrifice. It is my distinct honor to recognize his heroic actions and commitment to uphold the finest qualities of leadership and military values.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,476,661,616,652.10.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,838,235,870,358.30 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

REMEMBERING LTC CHARLES C. LYDA

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember LTC Charles Lyda of Truckee, California. Chuck was born to Charmian and Lu Lyda in July 23, 1952 in San Diego, California where he grew up with his older sister Laramee, and younger brother, Grady.

An extraordinary athlete, by age 16 Chuck was competing on the world stage, racing for the U.S. National Team in Wildwater Kayaking in the 1969 World Championship. Chuck would go on to be a two-time Olympian and two-time World Champion in Canoe/Kayak, as well as qualifying for 28 U.S. national teams in Canoe, Kayak and Biathlon and serving as U.S. Olympic Team coach from 1996 through 2002. His athletic legacy also includes serving as the first Nordic Director for the Auburn Ski Club Training Center, founding the biathlon program at Northstar-at-Tahoe and the long-running 10th Mountain Division Race, as well as developing the ASC 1–2–3 program, which has introduced nearly 20,000 young men and women to cross-country skiing.

While Chuck's athletic achievements alone would represent a full and accomplished life in their own right, he was also a dedicated and faithful patriot. Enlisting in 1983, Chuck joined the 132nd Engineer Battalion as a combat engineer and served 27 years in the United States Army National Guard. Chuck served multiple rotations as the Mobilization Officer for California, ensuring that the men and women going overseas from California were deployed on time and brought home in the same fashion. It is safe to say that his diligence in this role touched the lives of nearly every soldier who was part of the largest deployment of California troops since the Korean War. In 2005 Chuck was selected to deploy to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he served as the Chief of Operations, Corps of Engineers in Tikrit. Even though he was in his mid-fifties while serving overseas, Chuck maintained the highest levels of physical fitness and discipline imaginable, consistently improving his two-mile run time every time he took the test.

While preparing to deploy to Iraq for his second tour, Chuck lost his battle with cancer and passed away on June 12, 2010. Known by his friends for fierce loyalty and unending perseverance, he will most certainly be missed. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today in recognition of LTC Charles Lyda and to extend my condolences to his family and my gratitude for his many years of service to our Nation.

HONORING THE PERFORMANCE OF TEAM GUAM AT THE 7TH MICRONESIAN GAMES

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Team Guam at the 7th Micronesian Games which took place in Koror, Palau in August of this year. The Micronesian Games are a quadrennial sporting event that unifies the islands of the central and western regions of the Pacific through friendly competition. The 2010 Micronesian Games featured more than 1,000 competitors from the Marshall Islands, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Kosrae, Yap, the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, and Guam. Athletes from across Micronesia competed in the sports of Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Canoe (Va'a), Fast pitch Softball, Micro All Around, Spearfishing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Triathlon, Volleyball, Weightlifting, and Wrestling.

At the end of the ten day competition, the 200-member Guam Team garnered a grand total of 66 medals, including 20 Gold, 25 Silver, and 21 Bronze medals. I commend the athletes of Team Guam for their performances at the Micronesian Games and for representing the island of Guam with great pride, promoting the values of sportsmanship and dedication to fitness. I would like to recognize the following individuals and teams who achieved Gold medals in their respective disciplines:

Amy Atkinson: Women's 1500m Run; Derek Mandell: Men's 800 Meter Run, 1500m Run, and 10,000m Run; Michael Gaitan: Men's 5000 Meter Run; Women's Basketball; Men's Basketball; Women's V6 15km Canoe; Susanna Schlub: Women's V1 10k Canoe; Men's 500m Canoe; Justin Dugan and Alea Dugan: Mixed Tennis Doubles; Justin Dugan and Wendell Roden: Men's Tennis Team; Justin Dugan and Wendell Roden: Men's Tennis Doubles; Jay Sternadel and Michael Todd Genereux: Spearfishing Team Event; Women's Volleyball; Men's Volleyball; Maria Dunn: Women's 63kg Freestyle Wrestling, Women's Light Weight Beach Wrestling, and Women's Overall Heavy Weight Beach Wrestling; and Raymond Tenorio Jr.: Greco Roman Wrestling 66kg.

The following individuals and teams achieved Silver medals:

Naomi Burke: Women's 100m Sprint; Naomi Blaz: Women's 200 Meter Sprint; Amy Atkinson: Women's 800 Meter Run; Nicole Layson: Women's 5000 Meter Run and Women's 10,000m Run; Gerardo Genie: Women's Shot Put; Naomi Blaz, Noreen Ericsson, Nicole Layson, and Amy Atkinson: Women's 4x400m Relay; Michael Herreros: Men's 110m Hurdles;

Jeofry Limtiaco: Men's 1500m Run; Toby Castro: Men's 5000 Meter Run; Women's V1 500m Canoe; Women's 500m Canoe; Women's 1500m Canoe; Men 1500m Canoe; Women's Tennis Team Event; Ayuri Sugahara: Women's Tennis Singles; Alea Dugan and Terea Tapu: Women's Tennis Doubles; Women's Fast Pitch Softball; Men's Fast Pitch Softball; Mark Walters: Men's Triathlon Individual Event; Theodore Tamashiro: Men's 55kg Freestyle Wrestling and Greco Roman Wrestling 55kg; Raymond Tenorio Jr.: Men's 66kg Freestyle Wrestling; and Patrick Camacho: Men's 120kg Freestyle Wrestling and Greco Roman Wrestling 120kg.

The following individuals and teams earned Bronze medals:

Naomi Burke: Women's 200 Meter sprint; Naomi Blaz: Women's 400m Sprint and Women's Triple Jump; Nicole Layson: Women's 1500m; Women's Sheena Subido: 10,000m Run; Genie Gerardo: Women's Discus Throw; Noreen Ericsson: Women's Long Jump; Jeofry Limtiaco: Men's 400 Meter Hurdles; Michael Gaitan: Men's 800 Meter Run; Toby Castro: Men's 1500m and Men's 10,000m Run; Albert Juan III: Men's Triple Jump; Derek Mandell, Michael Gaitan, Jeofry Limtiaco, and Keith Muna: Men's 4x400m Relay; Men's Baseball; Men's V1 500m Canoe; Edwin Adag and Arlene Taitague: Mixed Doubles Table Tennis; Edwin Cadag, Arman Burgos, and Prudencio Burgos: Men's Team Table Tennis; Edwin Cadag and Arman Burgos: Men's Double Table Tennis; Michael Todd Genereux: Men's Individual Spearfishing; Mark Avery Sasai: Men's 60kg Freestyle Wrestling; and Cliffourd Kusterbeck: Men's 74kg Freestyle Wrestling.

I join our community in congratulating the men and women of Team Guam for their accomplishments at the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau, and I look forward to Team Guam's continued success in international competitions.

BALANCING WORK AND FAMILY

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, balancing work and family is not solely a woman's issue. This seems obvious, but all too often both the media and the political debate seem to forget this reality.

There is no doubt that the huge influx of women into the workforce over the last 50 years has put them at ground zero for balancing the competing demands of family and work. But that same trend has also created challenges and changes for men.

Today, over 70 percent of mothers work outside the home, more and more men are taking on care-taking and household duties. Of course, that's only more household responsibilities relative to what men have done in the past—so in congressional lingo, we are starting from a very favorable baseline.

But there is no doubt that men are feeling more anxious about balancing work and home responsibilities, and 95 percent of American fathers report conflicts between work and family demands. This means men have a clear stake in a debate they have been largely missing from, and their absence undercuts a political drive to make long overdue progress.