

Lower Mississippi River deep draft navigation channel to adequately meet our transportation needs. It is our intent that the Corps recognizes the economic importance of navigation on the Lower Mississippi River when allocating these funds.

HONORING BESSIE BAKER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Bessie Baker. Could you honestly say that "My house is your house?" Could you honestly say that "I will help you when you need me?" Are you willing to "be there when your neighbor needs you?" Are you willing to "set aside your time to do for others in any situation?" Are you willing to "feed a stranger?"

At the young age of 50, Bessie L. Baker has 3 adult children and 2 teenage children. She continues to make silent sacrifices for others within the community by being reliable, caring, and passionate about those in need. She is always willing to put one foot in front of the other, despite personal struggles and situations that we all face day-to-day. Bessie continues to be involved not only within her family's lives, but also in the lives of others. She is the epitome of selflessness in society as a whole not just today, but everyday.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CLARENCE HARPER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Clarence Dominic Harper and in honor of his commitment to family, community, and country.

Clarence spent his entire life devoted to his community. In 1930 he was born in Richfield, Ohio, where he would remain and serve for the rest of his life. He left a profound mark on those with whom he lived. The denizens of Richfield will remember Clarence fondly due to his constant support and devotion to the community. Clarence had a great admiration for the natural beauty of Ohio. In fact, during his life he became a self-taught expert on animals native to Northeast Ohio.

Clarence also possessed a strong, vital love for his country. In fact, this Nation will forever be in debt to the years he devoted to serving his Nation during the Korean War.

Most importantly, Clarence was a family man. He spent 55 years of his life with his loving wife Helene. He was an active role model for his children, Stacy, Gregory, and Mary, for whom he was always a loving and caring father.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembering Clarence Dominic Harper whose legacy of commitment towards community, country and family is an inspiration. I extend my sincere condolences to his wife, his three children and three grandchildren.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Chair, I strongly oppose this bill's elimination of funding for Title X family planning services.

This extremely successful program helps both men and women access lifesaving preventative healthcare, including breast exams, cancer screenings, and HIV tests.

The proposed cuts in H.R. 1 would eliminate these, which is unconscionable.

If my colleagues across the aisle really want to reduce the number of abortions in this country, they should support Title X funding which helps prevent unintended pregnancies through education and access to contraception.

In my home state of California, Title X helps more than 200,000 women avoid unintended pregnancies.

The birth rate among California teenagers has decreased by more than half since 1992. Without Title X funding it would be 37 percent higher!

Eliminating the \$2.2 million in Title X funds that San Diego County receives every year will mean taking away care in a state already struggling with limited resources.

I will not let San Diego families lose these valuable health services.

When women have better access to family planning, it leads to healthier outcomes for both mother and child.

Leadership proposes these cuts under the guise of being "fiscally responsible," but that is far from reality, particularly for states that are in budget crises like California.

The contraceptive and other reproductive health services provided at Title X—supported centers in my state saved \$581,890,000 in public funds in 2008 alone.

Cutting family planning is fiscally irresponsible.

Eliminating it doesn't save taxpayers any money; in fact, it puts their health and potentially their lives at risk. That is a cost we cannot afford.

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SPEECH OF

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina. Mr. Chair, with the federal budget deficit soaring past \$1.5 trillion dollars, our national debt is no longer simply a pressing economic problem. It is a looming catastrophe. If we do not reduce government spending immediately and by massive amounts America will never recover. The annual deficit alone equates to nearly \$5,000 for every man woman and child. That means we are spending \$5,000 per person more than we take in each year. The amount of total debt our government has accumulated is much too great for our citizens to even fathom at \$14 trillion.

I agree with the nonpartisan Eagle Forum citizen advocacy group which recently stated that if we do not drastically reduce spending now, the problem won't simply be that our children and grandchildren will be saddled with debt. Our currency will become worthless, economic growth will become nearly impossible and our nation will be plunged into a modern equivalent of the dark ages. Our only choice is to drastically reduce the size and cost of our government. It is not possible to raise taxes high enough to pay for all the spending the President wants. Despite the tremendous work ethic and resourcefulness of the American people, it is no longer even possible for the United States to grow our way out of this mess. Freezing spending is not enough. Merely trimming spending is not enough. We need to cut and cut deeply. Representatives JIM JORDAN and SCOTT GARRETT and Senator JIM DEMINT have proposed \$173 billion of discretionary spending cuts over the next two years, \$16.1 billion in cuts to Medicaid, ending the "stimulus" program which will save \$45 billion, and ending government ownership of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, saving another \$30 billion. This proposal is an excellent start. It is necessary. And it may be America's only hope if we wish to avoid an economic calamity.

HONORING MARY FRANCES MOORE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the long and distinguished life of Ms. Mary Frances Moore.

For more than twenty years she spent numerous hours campaigning for the person she thought was the best candidate for political position. Whether it was going door to door collecting absentee ballots or campaign at the polls, she was always there. She campaigned for offices of President, Representatives, Supervisors, Mayors and numerous others. If there is ever a political rally, you can count on her to be there.

She represents the many voices, faces and ideas that we may never hear, see, or even understand. She knows what is most beneficial for our town, state and country. She takes her political experience and uses it in a positive manner and that is to provide our citizens the opportunity to be heard by a ballot cast.

To know her is to love her and to be on the opposing side, well, you are in trouble.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Mary Frances Moore for her role in the political arena.