

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.

## FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

### HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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:

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.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

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. MALONEY. Mr. Chair, this week, the House is debating a Continuing Resolution (H.R. 1) that includes the dangerous elimination of funding to a key organization, UNFPA, that provides life-saving services to women, children and families around the world in over 150 countries—more than any other organization in the world.

The work UNFPA does recognizes that there is a direct connection between a woman's ability to plan her family, space her pregnancies, and give birth safely and her ability to get an education, work outside the home, support her family, and participate fully in her community. UNFPA knows that when we ignore the health of women, there is a measurable cost in terms of lost productivity, lost resources, and lost lives. The CR works against these efforts which is why I urge you to vote against it.

Recent natural disasters remind us that the needs of women must not be forgotten in times of emergency. The devastating earthquake in Haiti did not stop the need for access to good maternal health care. Haiti already had the highest rate of maternal death in the Western Hemisphere before the earthquake, with the lifetime risk of dying in childbirth equaling 1 in 47.

Since the earthquake, UNFPA has delivered reproductive health supplies, including clean delivery kits and other maternal and neonatal health care products.

UNFPA helps to ensure women and their health care needs are not ignored in the wake of a disaster. But we can't wait until times of emergency to act. Each year more than 536,000 women die due to complications developed during pregnancy and childbirth, and another 10 million suffer debilitating illnesses and lifelong disabilities and UNFPA works to help prevent these deaths and complications.

Every step of the way, UNFPA is working to help women, prevent death, and support healthy families. This bill will cut funding to the basic work UNFPA does as well as the work in does in times of emergency, including Haiti, the Southeast Asia tsunami in 2004, and Afghanistan in 2001, among other times.

For this, and scores of other reasons, I encourage you to vote "no" on H.R. 1.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

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:

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Chair, I rise today in strong support of the amendment to H.R. 1 that would prohibit the U.S. Department of Education from implementing its misguided Gainful Employment rule.

Since the Department of Education issued this rule, I have written numerous times, and have spoken directly with Secretary Duncan to express my strong opposition to this rule. Career colleges serve millions of non-traditional students across the country—including a significant number of minorities and single parents.

In my own district, many well-respected career colleges are helping my constituents realize the dream of better careers and higher salaries. Yet, the Department's rule will disproportionately harm these non-traditional and lower-income students who rely on these institutions for quality education to improve their prospects for better careers.

I oppose this rule and I support this amendment because I do not believe that we should use the actions of a few institutions to paint the entire career college industry with one negative brush. I urge my colleagues to vote yes on this amendment, which is a vote for opportunity for millions of Americans across this country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ANNI-  
VERSARY OF LITHUANIAN INDE-  
PENDENCE DAY**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 17, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Cleveland Chapter of the Lithuanian American Community's commemoration of the anniversary of the restoration of Lithuania's independence, and the re-establishment of their independence.

On February 16, 1918, the people of Lithuania declared their independence to the world as a distinct country of its own culture and traditions. The state was founded on democratic principles and declared its independence in a peaceful manner. However, Lithuania's freedom was short-lived, as the country and its people were subjected to foreign occupation and conquest by the Nazi Germany regime and the U.S.S.R. during World War II. In 1940, the Soviet Union took control of Lithuania, without the people's consent. This unjust control of a free people lasted for 50 years. On March 11, 1990, upon the fall of the Soviet Union, the people of Lithuania re-established their independence, and once again, became a sovereign, free state.

The Lithuanian-American Community's Cleveland Chapter has worked to connect the people of Cleveland of Lithuanian descent and to share their rich and vibrant culture with the community. I offer my best wishes for the upcoming celebration of their heritage and their independence.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in commemorating the independence of Lithuania and, in wishing the country and its people continued freedom and success.

HONORING MRS. ODA LUE  
SANDERS GILMORE**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 Mrs. Oda Lue Sanders Gilmore. Mrs. Oda Lue Sanders Gilmore was born in 1914 in Leake County to Velmon and Maggie Crouther Sanders. Being the eldest of three children, her parents instilled in her the importance of education and having family values, in which she carried and followed throughout her life. She built her life on being a role model to her students by never meeting a stranger and always having an open door to assist anyone. Her motto was "Always walk like you have a purpose in life."

Mrs. Gilmore received her junior high and high school education at Mary Holmes Seminary for Girls in West Point, MS and continued her education at Jackson State College, now Jackson State University, where she received her B.S. in elementary education. Mrs. Gilmore began her teaching career in the rural school system of Leake County, teaching in Tribulation, Pilgrim Rest, Wesley Chapel, and O.E. Jordan Elementary Schools. After teaching the students of Leake County Schools for 46 years, she finally retired in 1978 from Carthage Elementary School. Mrs. Oda married Hollis "Lanky" Gilmore in 1935, in which she joined Wesley Chapel UMC, where she remains a faithful member to date. She has served in many capacities within the church, including secretary, treasurer, nominating committee and Sunday School Teacher. In the United Methodist Women, she has served in various offices, such as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and secretary on the local, sub-district, and district levels. Mrs. Gilmore served as a delegate to the Mississippi Methodist Conference and, later the Mississippi United Methodist Conference, for over 40 years.

She has also attended national and jurisdictional United Methodist Women conferences in Cincinnati, OH; Raleigh, NC; Philadelphia, PA; and Kansas City, Missouri. Throughout the years, she has received distinguished awards and accolades from various associations and organizations, with the most recent being a 96th birthday card from President Barack and First Lady Michelle Obama.

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TIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESO-  
LUTION**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 17, 2011*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on the Administration to stand with Israel and veto the proposed anti-Israel United Nations Security Council resolution. Any compromise in our support for the State of Israel would be detrimental to efforts to bring peace and prosperity to the Middle East. The United States should veto any resolution that endangers our allies in the region and threatens the