

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.

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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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**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

future of the peace process. We must stand with Israel and veto this resolution in the United Nations Security Council.

CONGRATULATING KIRK WHALUM FOR RECEIVING THE 2011 GRAMMY AWARD FOR BEST GOSPEL SONG

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 17, 2011*

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate jazz saxophonist Kirk Whalum for receiving the 2011 Grammy Award from The Recording Academy for Best Gospel Song. The award winning song, "It's What I Do," is from his album, *The Gospel According to Jazz Chapter III*. Kirk Whalum, a Memphian, is the son of the late Reverend Kenneth Whalum, Sr., and Dr. Rosie Whalum. The Whalum family is known for their musical, spiritual and community involvement in the Memphis area. In addition to receiving the Grammy Award, Mr. Whalum was named the President and Chief Financial Officer of the Memphis-based Soulsville Foundation in April of 2010.

Mr. Whalum has been part of the music community for many years, and it is great to see him be recognized for his tremendous talents. Over the years, he has received multiple Grammy nominations and has won many other awards. He has received two Dove Award nominations, a NAACP Image Awards nomination and has won two Stellar Awards. In addition to his awards, Mr. Whalum has worked with impressive musical artists including Barbara Streisand, Al Jarreau, Luther Vandross, Larry Carlton, Quincy Jones and Whitney Houston.

Kirk Whalum and the Whalum family are no strangers when it comes to community service and musical talent. His father was a prominent minister at Memphis's Olivet Baptist Church and also served two terms on the Memphis City Council. Kirk Whalum's brother, Reverend Kenneth Whalum, Jr., took over their father's post at the Memphis church and is also the father of recognized saxophonist, Kenneth T. Whalum III. Kevin Whalum, the third Whalum brother, is known for his talents as a jazz vocalist. Kirk Whalum's uncle, Hugh "Peanuts" Whalum, is a recognized singer, composer and multi-instrumentalist.

Kirk Whalum is a true ambassador of the city of Memphis. He is doing great things with his new post at the Soulsville Foundation, which oversees the Stax Museum of American Soul Music, the Stax Music Academy and The Soulsville Charter School. Through the Soulsville Foundation, he is able to further enrich the musical talents of the youth in Memphis and serve as a mentor to budding musicians. His dedication to music and musical talent has led him to receive not only many awards but has earned him much deserved accolades from the music community. Mister Speaker, I ask the House to join me in congratulating Kirk Whalum for receiving the 2011 Grammy Award for Best Gospel Song.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 17, 2011*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent on February 16, 2011. If I were present, I would have voted for the following: Lummis (WY) amendment (No. 193)—rollcall No. 61: no; Moran (VA) amendment (No. 338)—rollcall No. 62: no; Flake (AZ) amendment (No. 376)—rollcall No. 63: no; Pompeo (KS) amendment (No. 376)—rollcall No. 64: no; Reed (NY) amendment (No. 379)—rollcall No. 65: no.

HONORING ROBERT "BOB" WOODSON

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 17, 2011*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, Robert "Bob" Woodson, the eighth of nine children, was born in Carroll County, Mississippi, to the late Mamie Dixon Woodson and John Woodson.

During his infant years, Bob's family relocated to Yazoo County, Mississippi. His dad being a sharecropper, Bob was raised on a plantation.

Bob attended a one-room country school from first through eighth grade, then was bused more than 70 miles, one way, to attend high school in Yazoo City. Although a high school was closer to where he lived, busing was used to maintain segregation. After graduating from high school in 1956, Bob was ordered to report for induction into the United States Armed Forces. However, being the only son at home to assist his dad with farming, the plantation owner was able to secure a permanent deferment.

Because of Bob's father's failing health, the family gave up farming to relocate to Jackson in the late 50's. Migrating from an agricultural to an industrial society, his first work experience was a carpenter's helper. Being impatient and discontent, Bob shortly thereafter obtained a job with Swift & Company, where he got his first exposure to the labor movement when he joined the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers, AFL-CIO.

Because of seasonal work, in July 1959, Bob became employed at Mississippi Products, a furniture manufacture facility, as a finish sprayer. At the time of employment, the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners (UBCJ of A) of the AFL-CIO was in its initial stages of trying to implement a union organizing campaign. Due to the vicious anti-union climate, Bob became quietly involved trying to convince his fellow workers of the advantages of labor unions.

After 3 years of much agony and frustration to overcome racial hatred promoted by company management, and then Mississippi's Governor Ross Barnett and the entire business community to keep the work force divided; finally in 1963, the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America won an election at Mississippi Products and was certified as bargaining agent for the plant by the National Labor Relations Board, NLRB.

After negotiating a contract, workers were afraid to become union members. Due to the lack of participation within the union by employees, in September of 1965, Bob became employed full-time for the Union for the sole purpose of recruiting workers to become union members. During the first year of his activity, door to door soliciting increased the membership from 20 percent to over 60 percent. For the next 17 years, Bob held the combined positions of vice-president and business agent; and president and business agent of the Local Union. This was the beginning of many firsts for Bob Woodson.

In 1966, Bob was the first black elected to the executive board of the Mississippi AFL-CIO. He participated in civil rights marches, "not out front," but concentrating more on voter registration.

In 1968, Bob was a "Loyalist" delegate to the Democratic National Convention. In 1972, Bob organized the Mississippi A. Philip Randolph Institute, and was named chairman. In 1974, Bob was a delegate to the Historical National Democratic Charter Convention in Kansas City, Kansas. In 1975, Bob was the first black named to the "Regular" Hinds County Democratic Executive Committee. In May 1983, Bob continued his services as an International Representative traveling many thousands of miles on job assignments in several states, including: DC, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Illinois, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

During Bob's career of more than 30 years as a full-time Union Representative, he received many hours of specialized academic training provided by the National Labor Relations Board in the George Meany Center for Labor Studies, in the area of contract negotiations, grievance and arbitrations, handling unfair labor practice proceedings and many other labor management relations.

Some of Bob's experiences include: Head Negotiator, Administrator, Fiscal Officer, Labor Management Specialist, OIC Board Chairman, Director of Minority Affairs of Mississippi AFL-CIO for 12 years, president of Mississippi A. Philip Randolph Institute 1972-1979 Program and Evaluation Committee for Jackson Manpower Planning Council, and the list goes on.

Bob was very active and influential in many political campaigns; and has received certificates of appreciation and recognition and several awards for his outstanding services, leadership and contributions to help improve working conditions for all people.

Bob retired in May 1996, as a full-time Union Representative, after more than 30 years of service.

CONGRATULATING MYASIA BURNS AND CHARLES ORGBON III

**HON. ROB WOODALL**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 17, 2011*

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, I proudly submit this statement congratulating two young people from my district, Miss Myasia Burns and Mr. Charles Orgbon III, who were recently chosen as being among the top youth volunteers in the State of Georgia for 2011 in the