

filed suit to bring the elections back to the district rather than at-large, and won. He then ran again in a special election in 1972 and won. Mr. Bunton was the 7th black supervisor elected in the state of Mississippi. Mr. Bunton served on the board for 12 years with WWISCAA, served on the board of MACE for 4 years, and was also a member of the Freedom Democratic Party, which was formed because black democrats were not accepted by the regular Democratic Party, which defeated the regular Democratic Party, and was seated at the National Democratic Convention. Mr. Bunton also helped to get sufficient water and sewer for the Town of Mayersville, and also had involvement with the corporation of the town. Mr. Bunton was also seriously involved in the Issaquena County Backwater Project.

TRIBUTE TO DON ROBERTSON

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Don Robertson of Marietta, Georgia. For over 26 years, Don has been headmaster of The Walker School. Prior to becoming a leader in Marietta, Don had been Assistant Headmaster at a school in Princeton, New Jersey, but we are lucky that he and his family came to Cobb County and for the tremendous assets they have been to our community.

When Don first came to Walker in 1985, the school had 450 students and one building. Today, he leaves the school with a student population of 1,040, 34 acres of land, and more than 1 million square feet of teaching space.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in thanking Don Robertson for his commitment to the education of our Nation's future leaders and the betterment of his community. Don, I wish you the best in the next chapter of your life.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. COLLEEN W. HANABUSA

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 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:

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to the amendment of the gentleman from Texas.

This amendment proposes to cut all funding for the East-West Center—a shortsighted and impulsive measure that takes away from a program that has done so much on behalf of our Nation.

Due to its strategic location half way between the continental U.S. and Asia, the East-West Center has served as an unparalleled

resource; a bridge between the United States and our allies in the Pacific.

For more than 50 years, it has been working to further diplomatic efforts between China, Japan, and other Asian countries through collaborations on education and research.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, let us not forget that one of America's biggest opportunities will be culminating later this year with the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation Leaders Meeting. The East-West Center will serve as the anchor to this meeting.

For the first time since 1993, the United States will be hosting leaders of 20 other member economies. At this event, our Nation is poised to showcase our best and brightest, illustrating President Obama's goal to out-innovate, out-build, and out-educate our competitors. This is our chance to show the world what Americans are capable of.

I believe that there is no better place in America for this than the East-West Center. However, if we decide to eliminate this center for collaboration between the U.S. and Asia, if we take away the mere \$10 million that they require; we are sending a message that rejects our diplomatic relationships with Asia, rejects our strides in innovation, and rejects our ability to be capable hosts at one of the most important meetings of the next 10 years.

IN SUPPORT OF AMENDMENT 64 TO H.R. 1, CONTINUING APPRO- PRIATIONS ACT, 2011

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Amendment 64 offered by my friend, Mr. THOMPSON of California.

This amendment would require Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to adopt standards consistent with the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program of the Department of Energy.

In my hometown of Sacramento, our economy is struggling with unacceptably high unemployment, and furloughs of State employees have erased tens of millions of dollars from the economy.

Since July 6 of last year, I have worked diligently with my colleagues, specifically Representatives THOMPSON, ISRAEL, PERLMUTTER, and SARBANES, to restore the promise of the job creation program known as PACE.

The PACE program is an extremely important component in our nation's transition to a clean energy economy. It would upgrade thousands of homes with energy efficiency products, and create thousands of jobs in California alone.

Unfortunately, our efforts to expand and support the PACE program have been extremely difficult because Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and the Federal Housing Finance Agency, are not holding up their end of the bargain.

I have heard from clean tech and business leaders about the importance of the PACE program for economic growth, achieving energy independence, and reducing our emissions. One company CEO told me that, "The only thing worse than absence of jobs, is the

illusion of jobs." And that is exactly what has happened as a result of the inaction of Fannie and Freddie Mac, and the ill-advised actions from Federal Housing Finance Agency.

Today's amendment can once again make those jobs a reality.

We have seen the job creation benefits from the PACE programs in Sonoma and Placer County, and I know my hometown of Sacramento is eager to take advantage of the program.

I am pleased to support my colleague's amendment to require the reinstatement of the program as intended.

I will continue to fight for the PACE program, which will reduce energy bills, promote a cleaner environment, and put hard-working Americans back to work. It is important for Sacramento, and for our economy as a whole.

I urge my colleagues to vote in support of Amendment 64.

TRIBUTE TO ANDREW MIROLLI

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Andrew Mirolli, a young student from Acworth, Georgia, who has been awarded the 2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Award. Andrew's efforts in combating poverty, both in our community and around the world, are truly deserving of this great honor.

Mr. Speaker, Andrew is working to raise money for a local food pantry and a project in Uganda to rebuild a girls' dormitory. So far, he has raised \$12,480. The world is made a better place by selfless service like Andrew has exemplified.

With his receipt of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, Andrew has been named one of the top youth volunteers in the State of Georgia. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this young man on his achievements.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, on February 16, 2011, I missed a vote on the Amendment by Representative POMPEO of Kansas, Number 84.

I would have voted "yea."

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

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