

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF MARY JANE (POLLY) TETI

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 8, 2012*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mary Jane (Polly) Teti of Chester County, Pennsylvania on her retirement after 30 years of law enforcement service with the Tredyffrin Township Police Department.

Detective Teti began her law enforcement career in 1980 with the City of Coatesville Police Department. In 1982, she was hired by the Tredyffrin Police Department and in 1986 was named Officer of the Year. In 2000, Teti was promoted to Detective and specialized in sex crimes and child abuse cases. She has received numerous unit citations and merit awards for the investigations and arrests she has handled.

Detective Teti served as Defensive Tactics Instructor for the Tredyffrin Police Department in the PR24 Baton, ASP Baton and OC Spray. A trained Crisis Negotiator, she was instrumental in creating a team of negotiators to quell volatile situations through communications. Detective Teti became Team Leader for the Crisis Negotiators North Team for Chester County and served as Vice-President of the Delaware Valley Negotiators Association.

Mr. Speaker, in light of her years of exemplary service to his community and litany of sterling accomplishments, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Detective Mary Jane (Polly) Teti for her invaluable contributions to the quality of life of the citizens of Tredyffrin Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION SMALL  
CONDUIT HYDROPOWER DEVELOPMENT  
AND RURAL JOBS ACT  
OF 2011

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 7, 2012*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2842) to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, as Co-Chair of the House Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus, I support the responsible development of renewable energy wherever we can generate it—and that includes the development of small conduit hydropower at Bureau of Reclamation facilities.

What I cannot support is this legislation's blanket exemption from the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). Conducting appropriate environmental reviews is not a barrier to the responsible development of our energy resources; it is a prerequisite for that development. Moreover, NEPA already gives federal agencies the authority to create categorical exemptions for projects that already meet statutory and regulatory criteria.

For that reason, I will be supporting the amendment offered by Rep. NAPOLITANO to

correct this defect in the underlying bill. If the NAPOLITANO amendment is not adopted, I will oppose final passage and urge my colleagues to do the same.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH  
BIRTHDAY OF MRS. HELEN  
MYERS LONG CORDELL

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 8, 2012*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and honor to extend my sincerest congratulations to Mrs. Helen Myers Long Cordell, a beloved citizen of Albany, Georgia, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Sunday, March 18, 2012. On this special and momentous day, she will be honored by her family and friends at a celebration at Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany.

Mrs. Cordell was born on March 18, 1912 in Chipley, Florida to Albert Addison Myers and Meddie Fryer Myers. She spent her early childhood in Chipley but after the sudden passing of her father, the family moved to Albany, Georgia in 1924 before then moving to Rome, Georgia.

Mrs. Cordell is a graduate of Rome High School and she received a bachelor's degree in education from Shorter College.

As an advocate for quality education for all of our Nation's children, Mrs. Cordell served as a teacher in Columbus, Georgia from 1933–1944; at Albany High School in Albany, Georgia from 1946–1959; and at Albany Vocational School from 1959–1968. She was very dedicated to her role of properly instructing young people and helping them to reach their full potential.

As a testimony to her endearing charisma and her devotion to her pupils, the students and faculty of Albany High School dedicated their annual yearbook, *The Thronateeska*, to her in 1955. She also actively participated in various educational associations and was a member of many community organizations including the Albany Garden Club and Gold Star Wives.

During World War II, she married Master Sergeant Wayne C. Long on October 9, 1943. Sadly, Master Sergeant Long was killed while serving his country at the Battle of the Bulge on December 20, 1944.

On October 19, 1968, she married Joel J. Cordell, the longtime Superintendent of Dougherty County Schools. They were happily married for many years before his passing in 1988.

Always active in her church, Mrs. Cordell was a dedicated member of First Baptist Church in Albany for many years. Following her marriage to Mr. Cordell, she became a longtime member of Sherwood Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir and held a leadership role in the activities of the church.

As fate would have it, I had the great pleasure of serving in the U.S. House of Representatives with Mrs. Cordell's nephew, former U.S. Congressman Earl Hutto, who dutifully represented Florida's 1st Congressional District from 1979 until his retirement in 1995.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Mrs. Cordell, a beloved educator and inspiring fig-

ure, as she and her loved ones prepare to celebrate her 100th birthday. I commend her for her exceptional work of educating the generations of young people who have grown into teachers, entrepreneurs, and leaders and helped build a stronger foundation for Georgia and for our Nation.

Happy Birthday Mrs. Cordell! May God continue to bless you and may you have many, many more years of peace and happiness.

MARGARITO CANO "GUNNY"  
VASQUEZ

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 8, 2012*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor Margarito Cano "Gunny" Vasquez. For many years, we have worked side by side to help improve the quality of life for many Veterans and their families around the Houston area. Mr. Vasquez passed away on February 24th and on March 1st, the Houston Chronicle printed his obituary written by Pedro Pinto. In honor of Mr. Vasquez, I would like to submit the text into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Margarito Cano "Gunny" Vasquez, who worked with programs helping military veterans and their families, has died of liver cancer. He was 77.

Vasquez was a member of countless organizations, including Veterans Incarcerated, which helped imprisoned veterans get their lives in order.

"He helped incarcerated, disabled, and homeless veterans," his son, Monte Vasquez, 33, said. In a 2005 interview with the Chronicle, Vasquez said he wanted his incarcerated brothers to come out and be productive.

"My hope is to die as an honorable Marine, that I tried to do what I could for veterans," he said then. He died on Feb. 24.

Vasquez also worked for Kids with Disabilities First, an organization dedicated to helping veterans' children with Down syndrome.

Vasquez also was instrumental with efforts to rename an East End street after Navy veteran Cesar Chavez and acquire the Houston Veterans Memorial Park, family and friends said.

Vasquez was born on July 20, 1934, in Bastrop. After a couple of years in the Army, he found his niche with the Marines.

"Any Marine was his brother; his loyalty and love was with the Marine Corps," said his son, Monte. "If he could have served his whole life there, he would have."

He got his nickname for having retired as a gunnery sergeant.

"He instilled a lot of Marine in us," said his daughter Margie Vasquez Lopez, 44. "When we were little, he taught us how to starch our clothes Marine style."

The family was proud of his volunteering, she said, but didn't know he'd helped so many people.

"When he passed away, we learned how devoted and recognized he was," she said. "We had people calling us who we didn't even know."

A prayer service will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday in Compean Funeral Home, 2102 Broadway. Burial will follow at Houston National Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Consuelo, and six children, Debra Ann, Margie, Michelle, Michael, Martin and Monte.

With great sorrow, I honor Margarito Cano "Gunny" Vasquez for his efforts to improve