

I would have voted aye for rollcall vote 469, on motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill H.R. 6018 "Foreign Relations Authorization Act", which would authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes.

I would have voted aye for rollcall vote 470, on motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill S. 2009, "Insular Areas Act of 2011" which would require a study of possible health risks to people living on an atoll in the Marshall Islands, and also delay an increase in the minimum wage in American Samoa, and require those increases to take place every three years instead of annually.

RECOGNIZING LOCAL 2012  
OLYMPIANS

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate seven remarkable athletes who are competing in the Summer Olympic Games in London later this month. Of the 530 Americans participating in the Olympics, these 7 will proudly represent my district. I wish them the best of luck in each of their respective sports.

Through dedication and determination, Ryan Lochte from Canandaigua, Abby Wombach, Iris Zimmermann, and Jason Turner from Rochester, Meghan Musnicki from Naples, Molly Huddle from Elmira, and Henrik Rummel from Pittsford achieved their goal of competing for the U.S. Olympic team. Lochte, Zimmermann, and Turner head to London as veteran Olympians in swimming, fencing, and shooting, respectively, while the other four will compete for the first time in various events including soccer, rowing, and track and field.

Qualifying for the Olympic Games is one of the highest athletic honors the world has to offer. The countless hours these seven athletes sacrificed practicing and perfecting their skill set exemplifies the true American spirit. I will proudly watch these seven Olympians compete for a Gold Medal in London and I hope they attain the success they deserve.

HONORING SHUNDRARIA  
RONEISHA TRIBBLE

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a remarkable young woman: Shundraria Roneisha Tribble. Shundraria is the only daughter of Michelle Tribble of Falcon, Mississippi.

She graduated as an outstanding scholar of Madison Shannon Plamer High School. Throughout her high school career she has remained on the Principal and Superintendent Lists. She was a member of the Beta Club, the Student Council, and the United States Achievement Academy. Shundraria was also elected as Miss Madison Shannon Palmer High School 2011–2012.

As a freshman, Shundraria set a goal to graduate in the top ten of her senior class,

and through hard work and determination she was named class Salutatorian on May 12, 2012. Shundraria aspires to enter the medical field as a Registered Nurse to later venture on to become a physician.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Shundraria Roneisha Tribble, Salutatorian for Madison Shannon Palmer High School Class of 2012.

HONORING THE SIXTH CONGRES-  
SIONAL DISTRICT OF GEORGIA'S  
OLYMPIC ATHLETES

**HON. TOM PRICE**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor two constituents from the 6th Congressional District of Georgia, Kathleen Hersey and Eric Hurd, who will compete in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. Kathleen Hersey will be participating in 100m/200m butterfly, while Eric Hurd will be in the Slalom Double Canoe event.

By taking second place in the 200m butterfly, Kathleen qualified for her second Olympic games. Last year Kathleen won a national title and a gold medal at the Duel in the Pool, both in the 200m butterfly. She finished eighth in the same event in Beijing four years ago. Kathleen has shown amazing dedication, discipline, and devotion to swimming, training roughly 9,000 yards per day, six days a week.

Eric earned a spot on this year's Olympic team by winning the Gold earlier this year at the 2012 Pan American Championship in Brazil. Eric also finished first at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Teams Trials in Charlotte, North Carolina. Eric's paddling career began at Atlanta's "Waterworks"—a single Class II rapid with gates set up for training purposes. Since then, he has been preparing rigorously ahead of this year's games by training at the U.S. National Whitewater Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for all Members of the House in wishing these two outstanding individuals the best of luck. Their exceptional commitment to athleticism is an inspiration to us all. I know Kathleen and Eric, along with a multitude of other exceptional athletes across this great land of ours, will be a wonderful illustration to the world of American strength and perseverance.

IN MEMORY OF A HOOSIER HERO,  
SPECIALIST NICHOLAS ANDREW  
TAYLOR

**HON. MIKE PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, as flags fly at half-staff in northeast Indiana today, I rise with a heavy heart to remember and honor a constituent, Indiana National Guard Specialist Nicholas Andrew Taylor, an American hero who lost his life while courageously supporting combat operations in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, on July 16, 2012. He served with the 713th Engineer Company of the Indiana

National Guard based out of Valparaiso, Indiana.

Army Specialist Nick Taylor was from the small town of Berne, Indiana. Despite receiving several offers to play college football after graduating from South Adams High School in 2010, Specialist Taylor signed up to serve his country in the Indiana National Guard. He was a hard worker and a man of integrity. He excelled in everything he did, whether it was being a three-sport athlete or his involvement in First Missionary Church.

Specialist Taylor wanted to follow in his father's footsteps. His father, Timothy Taylor, is Berne's chief of police and those who knew Nick said he wanted to continue his public service after his deployment by applying to the Fort Wayne Police Department. He also planned to use the money he earned from his military service to enroll in college and study criminal justice.

Specialist Taylor was an outstanding citizen-soldier who, along with the other brave members of the 713th, was assigned a dangerous mission and performed courageously on behalf of a grateful state and nation. Our hearts in Indiana are heavy as we remember one who lost his life wearing the uniform of the United States, and those he left behind.

On behalf of the people of the Sixth Congressional District and my wife and children, I extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Specialist Nick Taylor, including his father, Timothy Taylor, his mother Stephanie, brother Drew, and sisters Holly and Sophia. The Bible tells us, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted," and that shall be our prayer. May God bless the memory of this brave young man. The name of Specialist Nicholas Andrew Taylor will be forever enshrined in the hearts of a grateful state and nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHIRLEY E.  
COVERDALE

**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2012*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Shirley E. Coverdale, First Lady of the First Baptist Church of Riverhead, New York, who is being honored on July 21st for thirty years of service to her church and community.

In her tireless work on behalf of others, Mrs. Coverdale has come to embody the mission of the church where her husband, Charles Coverdale, serves as pastor. As a faith community, First Baptist seeks to offer hope and service to both its members and the community at large. Mrs. Coverdale's hand and heart have been instrumental in almost every aspect of the church's work.

Specifically, Mrs. Coverdale has served as Sunday school superintendent; director of an after-school mentoring program in collaboration with the Riverhead School District; developer of a computerized membership and financial management database for the church; project manager for C.A.R.E, which established a volunteer corps of senior citizens; grant writer; fundraiser; and catalyst for legislation that improves the quality of life for ordinary people.

Furthermore, Mrs. Coverdale is committed to social justice, care for the elderly and infirm,