

mortal workplace dangers. The Accord has widespread support, and signatories include fifty major global apparel companies and retailers (including U.S. companies Abercrombie & Fitch, Sean John Apparel, and PVH Corporation). It has also received the support of civil society and international organizations, including the European Parliament, the United Nations, and the International Labour Organization.

The military exchanges should represent the best of American values—including those of fairness, justice, and commitment to human rights. This amendment is an important step toward ensuring that the United States military commissaries and exchanges are not unintentionally supporting abuses against garment workers in Bangladesh.

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES H.
JOYCE

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a prominent and active New Yorker who passed away June 9, 2013. Charles H. Joyce of Andover, New York was a dear friend to many in the 23rd District.

Charlie worked in the oil and gas industry from the age of 14, rising to become President of Andover Oil, a company he built after his retirement from Otis Eastern Service, Inc. Considered an expert in the energy industry, he received an honorary membership in the Pipe Line Contractors Association for his outstanding contributions to the industry. Additionally, he was a long-time member of the New York State Oil Producers Association and served as President from 2008 until his passing.

Charlie dedicated himself to responsibly preserving the land he worked with, receiving many awards for his commitment to conservation. His passion for philanthropy led him to help countless others in Allegany County. He donated his time to numerous community groups, including the Andover Lions Club, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Wellsville Elks Club.

Our communities are enriched and improved by citizens like Charles H. Joyce and I am honored to commemorate his contributions. He was an outstanding member of our southern tier community and it is right that we honor his legacy here today in the official record of the United States.

HONORING DEE DEE D'ADAMO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Mr. DENHAM to recognize Dee Dee D'Adamo as she is honored for her years of service to California's San Joaquin Valley. Dee Dee was recently appointed by

Governor Jerry Brown to the State Water Resources Control Board. This appointment is well deserved as Dee Dee has served in numerous roles to better the lives of the people of California and of the San Joaquin Valley.

Dee Dee graduated from the University of California, Davis in 1982, and continued her education at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. After receiving her Juris Doctorate, Dee Dee served on several committees for the California State Assembly. Dee Dee also served as a visiting lecturer at California State University, Stanislaus. She taught for the Department of Politics, so her courses ranged from U.S. government, to state government, and environmental policy.

Before her new appointment, Dee Dee served on the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as the Law Member since 1999 when she was appointed by Governor Gray Davis. She championed language on several of CARB's recommendations to the legislature. A couple years ago, CARB approved a cap and trade program that was aimed at reducing the state's greenhouse gas emissions. Dee Dee had a prominent role in ensuring that rural communities with agricultural based economies received their fair share of revenues.

Dee Dee also served the Valley at the federal level, working for several Members of Congress. She was the legislative director for Congressman Gary Condit from 1990–1991 and was his legal counsel from 1994–2003. Following her career with Representative Condit, Dee Dee was Congressman Dennis Cardoza's senior policy advisor for nearly ten years. When Representative Cardoza retired, Dee Dee joined Congressman JIM COSTA's staff. She served as the senior policy advisor for his office up until the day she was appointed to the State Water Resources Control Board.

In 2012, Dee Dee was honored as Woman of the Year for the 17th Assembly district by Assemblywoman Cathleen Galgiani. The knowledge and expertise that Dee Dee exhibits is truly admirable, and we are grateful to have had the opportunity to work with her over the past couple decades.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join Mr. DENHAM and myself in recognizing Dee Dee D'Adamo for the outstanding contributions she has made to our Valley and our entire nation. Dee Dee will undoubtedly prove to be an asset to the Governor's Administration.

IN HONOR OF CHIEF BARRY PILLA

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 14, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor Chief Barry Pilla.

Day to day, we Americans are protected by the men and women in law enforcement who stand ready to serve. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their service and our peace of mind. On the occasion of the retirement of Northampton Township Police Chief Barry Pilla on July 1, 2013, we acknowledge his ability to achieve the goals he set for the department, while leading it with integrity and

honor. For more than 40 years, Chief Pilla dedicated his life to citizen protection and a safe community. He also created a work environment that fostered professional development and resulted in accomplishment. His life was dedicated to public service, beginning with the United States Army in 1968, followed by an exemplary police career. We join Northampton Township in thanking Chief Barry Pilla for his life's work and offer him our sincerest wishes for new adventures and many happy retirement years.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1960) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Chair, this en bloc includes my amendment to address a critical aspect of oversight for U.S. funds being spent in Afghanistan. It requires an assessment of the Afghan National Security Forces' (ANSF) capability to operate and manage the facilities currently being built for the Afghan National Police and Afghan National Army.

As we speak, the United States is undertaking a process whereby our servicemembers, as well as those of our allies, are redeploying. By the end of 2014, the Afghans will be fully responsible for their security. In the meantime, our efforts are now primarily focused on training the Afghans to take on their new role.

However, we are not only providing training: we are also investing millions in constructing facilities to be used by the Afghan Army and Police forces. In order to ensure the best use of this funding, we need to make sure that the structures will be able to serve the Afghans long after we leave. Proper operations and maintenance is the key.

Unfortunately, there is a serious deficit in this capability. In October 2012, the Special Inspector General for Afghan Reconstruction, or SIGAR, published an audit in which it noted a significant lack of trained personnel with the skills to operate and maintain ANSF critical facilities. They include vital systems such as water supply, waste water treatment and power generation.

The amendment will require the Department of Defense to assess, and report on, Afghan capability to address these needs and what is being done to prepare them to be able to do so. It is the best way to ensure that our investment will result in a national security force that will be able to meet Afghanistan's future security needs.

I would like to thank the Rules Committee for making this amendment in order and the Armed Services Committee for including it in this en bloc amendment.