

Board of Directors; chair for the William E. Doar, Jr. Public Charter School for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC Board of Trustees; president for Pigtown Main Street, Inc. in Baltimore, Maryland Board of Directors and was a member of the 100 Black Men of Maryland, Inc., the Association of Fundraising Professionals and the Rotary Club of Washington, DC. He was also a member of the Executive Committee for the National Pan Hellenic Council; a member of the Eunice Kennedy Shiver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development at NIH Community Ambassadors Council, and board member for the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation. Currently, Marco served as a member of the International Community Ambassadors Network (!! CAN).

Marco was featured as one of 27 interesting personalities in the Who's Who in Black Washington, D.C. inaugural publication and was the recipient of the 2009 Thurgood Marshall Prestige Award presented by the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. He has also been featured in the Who's Who in Black Washington, D.C. second edition and Who's Who in Black Baltimore inaugural publication. The Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, The Honorable Steve Beshear, commissioned Marco as a Kentucky Colonel; the Mayor of Augusta, Georgia, The Honorable Deke Copenhaver, recognized him for his outstanding service to the community; the Mayor of Meridian, Mississippi, The Honorable Cheri Barry, declared September 26, 2010, as Marco McMillian Day and the Mayor of Huntsville, Alabama, The Honorable Tommy Battle, and City Council honored him for his contributions to the Tennessee Valley. Marco was also the recipient of President Barack Obama's Lifetime Volunteer Service Award.

Upon the former life member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Inc. and the NAACP was bestowed the honor of being the youngest member inducted into the Outstanding Sigmas of the Southern Region Chapter, the highest honor granted to a member of the fraternity by his region. He was the youngest person featured in Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity's 100+ Most Influential Members publication, commemorating the organization's centennial celebration. Marco had received numerous other awards and accolades.

Marco leaves to cherish fond memories: his parents, Patricia (Amos) Unger and Airy McMillian, Jr., Clarksdale, MS; his brother, Darius Jones, Atlanta, GA; his grandmother, Louise Taylor, Clarksdale, MS; a surrogate mother, Bertha (Samuel) Blackburn, Clarksdale, MS; two godmothers, Daisy (John) Burnett, Clarksdale, MS and Bobby (Stanley) Morton, Lincoln, NE; godfather, Carter Womack, Columbus, OH; godson, Rustin Holt, Jackson, MS; two goddaughters, Ermaecia Johnson, Fort Worth, TX and Augusta Morton, Lincoln, NE; stepsister, Pamela Unger, Clarksdale, MS; stepbrother, Eligha (Celika) Keaton, New Orleans, LA; three godbrothers, Emanuel, Stanley, Jr. and Le Quan Morton, Lincoln, NE; thirteen aunts, Mary (Jessie) Tate and Annie (Elvin) Todd, Clarksdale, MS; Shirley (Leon) Pettis, Oklahoma City, OK; Ouida Earl, Clarksdale, MS; Vivian Whaley, Goose Creek, SC; Beatrice (Arthur) Sanders, Evans, GA; Diane Marie Brewer, Stone Mountain, GA; Gloria Haynes, Chicago, IL; Bennie Thomas, Baltimore, MD; Shirley, Yvonne, Angela, and

Michelle Unger, all of Jackson, MS; ten uncles, Rickey Minor, Clarksdale, MS; Dennis (Jeanea) Butler, Houston, TX; Robert (Gail) Wilkins, Atlanta, GA; Terry Taylor, Chicago, IL; Ernest Taylor, Jr., Seoul, Korea; Donald Taylor, LaPlace, LA; Ronald Taylor, Hattiesburg, MS; Michael Taylor, Atlanta, GA; James Unger, Clinton, MS; Charles Unger, Chicago, IL; a special friend, Tinnia Holt, Jackson, MS; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

CELEBRATING THE SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF NAVAL AIR STATION WHITING FIELD

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 70th anniversary of Naval Air Station Whiting Field.

Rich in its military history, Northwest Florida is home to several military installations that continue to play an essential role in contributing to our Nation's defense, including Naval Air Station Whiting Field located in Santa Rosa County. For seventy years, Whiting Field has provided support and training for some of our military's best aviation warfighters, and Northwest Florida is grateful and proud of its service to our community and our Nation.

In 1943, just months after the death of its namesake, Captain Kenneth Whiting, Whiting Field was already turning into a key naval air training facility. The need to quickly train elite aviators for missions led to Whiting Field becoming an efficient military flight school in a matter of months. The commissioning ceremonies for NAS Whiting Field were held on July 16, 1943, only six days after the invasion of Sicily. Whiting Field then became a leading training facility for our Nation's aviators that helped carry the United States to victory in World War II.

Whiting Field's storied history that includes a pilot training grounds and prisoner-of-war camp for German soldiers during World War II, a once home to the Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team and the Navy's first jet training unit has today become the busiest Naval Aviation Station in the world where more than twelve hundred service personnel complete their essential flight training annually. It is situated on 12,000 acres, with 13 outlying fields and three separate and fully operational airfields. Whiting Field supports six Training Squadrons and two Instructor Squadrons, which comprises 141 T-6Bs and 124 TH-57s. Eleven percent of all of U.S. Department of Defense's flying hours are flown there, amounting to approximately 1.5 million annual flight operations. In fact, the majority of naval aviators can claim that they performed a substantial portion of their initial flight training at Whiting. Many helicopter students could say the same, resulting in hundreds of flights occurring each day. I am proud to have such a wonderful facility in Northwest Florida that is responsible for producing some of the best aviators in the world.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am pleased to recognize Whiting Field for reaching this important milestone. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating the military

and civilian personnel at Whiting Field and wishing them continued success in their mission to provide the best services and material support for training U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and International student aviators.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2397) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Chair, I rise today tell my colleagues this amendment is very simple. It prohibits the Department of Defense (DOD) from spending any appropriated funds in fiscal year 2014 to enforce section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

Section 526 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-140) states in its entirety:

No Federal agency shall enter into a contract for procurement of an alternative or synthetic fuel, including a fuel produced from nonconventional petroleum sources, for any mobility-related use, other than for research or testing, unless the contract specifies that the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions associated with the production and combustion of the fuel supplied under the contract must, on an ongoing basis, be less than or equal to such emissions from the equivalent conventional fuel produced from conventional petroleum sources.

This provision, which prevents the federal government from purchasing alternative and potentially cheaper fuels such as liquid coal, could preclude the U.S. military from using crude oil derived from Canadian oil sands.

This section doesn't make sense when over 650,000 civilians are facing furloughs—including the 4,400 employees, who serve Offutt Air Force Base, in just outside of my district. They shouldn't be used as political footballs when we're spending our limited resources on programs in Section 526.

Section 526 restricts fuel choices. It is vague, ambiguous, and doesn't improve reliability of energy supplies, nor does it help our national security goals. Not to mention, expensive.

At a time when our nation is worried about its fiscal health, we should be advancing more initiatives giving our military real flexibility in fuel choice, rather than having the Department of Defense to commit millions of taxpayers' dollars on more costly, less efficient options.

Section 526 goes against the intent of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which declared that oil sands and other unconventional fuels are strategically important resources and directed the Department of Defense (DOD) to develop a strategy to use these fuels to reduce the reliance of oil from unstable regions of the world.

The Department of Defense is the government's largest consumer of fuel.

If we do not limit the use of Section 526, it could increase fuel costs for our military and