

After 30 years of a full career in the Air Force, Col. Moore retired in 1972 to Colorado Springs, CO. He and his wife, Lila, had four boys they raised as they moved all around the country. Col. Moore and Lila were married for 60 years before she passed away. He then remarried his wife of 10 years, Bonnie. He was a devoted family man who enjoyed fishing, camping and hunting with his sons.

While he was in captivity for 33 months, Col. Moore did not let that define his life or his career. He continued to look at the positives and strive for the best, yet gained a lot of perspective on life while a prisoner. He was a man who selflessly did not call attention to the fact he was accidentally not awarded the POW medal when he returned from Korea, instead his loving wife, Bonnie, sought to honor him by correcting that error. I am truly humbled and offer my sincerest thanks to Col. Moore and his family for their selfless service to our nation.

CELEBRATING MILTON AND
RENEE KAMEN'S 65TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate my constituent Michael Kamen's parents, Milton and Renee Kamen, who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 27, 2013.

The Kamens have been voting in Presidential elections since 1948, although not always on the same side. In fact, the first time they voted for the same presidential candidate was 2008. Their ability to disagree for so many years while maintaining a harmonious marriage is a testament, both to their love for each other and to their dedication to the American political process.

The Kamens are truly an exceptional family. I know I join with their friends and loved ones in celebrating this magnificent milestone and wishing them good health and continued success in the coming year.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, during an evening series of votes on July 30, 2013 on amendments to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 2014, (H.R. 2610), I intended to vote "no" on the McClintock Amendment, but inadvertently voted "yes". This amendment would zero out the appropriation for the Essential Air Service account (a cut of \$100 million).

STOPPING GOVERNMENT ABUSES
AND HOLDING THE ADMINISTRATION
ACCOUNTABLE

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, over four years ago, President Obama asserted that his would be "the most transparent Administration in history." Instead, we have seen the Executive Branch act in a manner wholly inconsistent with that statement and take great strides to conceal the truth from public scrutiny. Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve better.

That is why today the House is considering several pieces of legislation aimed at curbing the widespread abuse that we have witnessed in recent years and helping to restore faith in the federal government for hardworking taxpayers across this country. As a senior Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, I have been involved with investigating the many scandals that have been reported on throughout the last several months.

As we continue to see in the ongoing investigation of conservatives being targeted for their political beliefs, the Internal Revenue Service, IRS, has failed to act in a fair, non-partisan, and nondiscriminatory manner. In targeting an individual or group for audits and investigation on the basis of their beliefs—and not a legitimate tax-related purpose—the IRS has weakened its level of trust among both the American public and Congress. That is why I introduced H.R. 1950, the Taxpayer Nondiscrimination and Protection Act of 2013. With over 100 cosponsors and a companion measure in the Senate authored by Senator MARCO RUBIO, this bill is aimed at preventing biased, politically-motivated discrimination and seeks to strengthen taxpayer protections in current law by making such action a crime.

Earlier this year the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform also heard from the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration in which details were exposed of a lavish, taxpayer-funded conference for IRS employees in Anaheim, California. The IRS reported an estimated final cost of \$4.1 million for the conference—\$3.2 million of which were transferred from the funds appropriated by Congress for salaries, expenses, and personnel. In response to the revelation that taxpayers footed nearly 80% of the tab for this wasteful party, I introduced H.R. 2345, the Stop Internal Resource Slush Fund Act. This bill would address the back-door budgeting used by the IRS and put an end to these government slush funds.

In addition to the deeply troubling actions by the IRS, the Administration remains defiant in what may well be the lasting legacy of President Obama's scandals: the plight of Delphi Salaried Retirees. For over three years, I have worked with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and in both chambers to hold the Administration accountable for unjustly terminating the pensions of an estimated 22,000 retirees in the wake of the General Motors bailout.

Both Congress and these hardworking men and women continue to press the Treasury Department, the President's Auto Task Force, and the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

for answers and full and complete disclosure of their actions that have led to tremendous hardship for thousands across the country. Despite bipartisan efforts toward fairness and transparency, the Administration has thus far remained secretive and defiant.

It is my sincere hope that the measures we are considering today, the legislation I have authored, and the ongoing investigations of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will put an end to these government abuses and hold bad actors accountable to the American people.

U.S. NAVY COMMISSIONS NEW
SUBMARINE: MINNESOTA

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the commissioning of the newest United States Navy submarine: The USS *Minnesota*. The USS *Minnesota* will be commissioned on September 7th, and is only the third ship to be named after the great state of Minnesota. The last Navy ship to be named the Minnesota was commissioned in 1907 and later joined the active fleet during World War I.

The USS *Minnesota* is the tenth Virginia-class submarine to be constructed for the Navy. The 377-foot long sub is capable of submerged speeds of nearly 30 miles per hour and can stay submerged for up to three months at a time. It has been built for increased firepower, maneuverability, and stealth and will be the most advanced warship of the Navy. The *Minnesota* will be manned by a crew of 134 brave officers and enlisted personnel who will be led by Commander John Fancher.

After more than 100 years, it is a tremendous honor for the state of Minnesota to be the namesake of another mighty ship. As the USS *Minnesota* sets its course around the globe, we must take this opportunity to thank the men and women who have sacrificed and bravely serve to keep us safe here at home.

HONORING JIM DOWNING

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jim Downing who will be celebrating his 100th birthday on August 22, 2013. Throughout his century of life, he loyally served the United States Navy, was a devoted husband and father and faithful to his Creator.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1932, and was assigned to the USS *West Virginia* where he held a variety of roles onboard. On April 8, 1935 Jim gave his life to the Lord and vowed to follow Him wherever he was led. Jim was involved with original founders of The Navigators who disciplined him and gave him the tools to evangelize to his whole ship and lead regular Bible studies onboard.