

ballistic missile program, first in California and then as a project officer and commander of the Thor Missile Force in England. In England, McDowell contributed to training the Royal Air Force crews, who manned the Thor Missile Force of 60 missiles with atomic warheads—a mission that helped counter the Soviet Union's missile threats. He was later assigned to the Pentagon in the Office of Secretary of Defense's Weapons System Evaluation Group.

In 1961, Colonel McDowell retired from the Air Force and a 24 year career as a commissioned officer in both the Army and Air Force. For his distinguished service, Colonel McDowell received the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

After retirement, McDowell moved home to Houston, Texas with his wife, Rae. There, he became a successful real estate entrepreneur and formed Clark McDowell & Kic, Inc., which has grown to become one of the leading residential property management firms in the Houston area. He and his wife, Rae, raised two children in Houston—Larry and Linda. Regrettably, in 2006, his wife, Rae, passed away at the age of 90. They were married for 70 years.

After an admirable career in the military and a successful business, Colonel McDowell still wanted to give back: he served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Houston Continuing Education School for nine years, as the first president of the Houston Chapter of the Military Officers Association of North America and as president of the West Point Society of Greater Houston. True patriot and citizen, Colonel McDowell has also served on three grand juries. Colonel McDowell is currently the fifth oldest, living graduate of West Point.

Our nation is indebted to Colonel McDowell for his service, and our local community is privileged and grateful to call him a fellow Houstonian and hero. At 100 years old, he continues the good fight. It is with great pleasure that I recognize and honor Colonel George McDowell, for his service to our country and for continuing to give back to our community through a lifetime of service. Without his service, we would not be the greatest country the world has ever known.

George McDowell's 7 Rules to Live By:

Rule 1: Stay Mentally Challenged Every Day

Rule 2: After age 70, associate only with younger people

Rule 3: Forget any rocking chair concept of retirement—stay active, exercise, walk

Rule 4: Get at least 7 hours sleep each night

Rule 5: Schedule an hour's nap each afternoon

Rule 6: On getting up from a nap, mix a good bourbon Old Fashioned to drink before dinner

Rule 7: When leaving the doctor's office, if he does not shout "whatever you are doing, keep doing it", get a new doctor and a second opinion

And that's just the way it is.

## RECOGNIZING THE ACTIVISM OF WOMEN'S FAST FOR FAMILIES

**HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the courageous actions taken throughout March and April by women participating in the Women's Fast for Families. Representatives of this group held a series of events on the National Mall earlier this month, marking the end of their month long campaign to raise awareness about the need for comprehensive immigration reform that addresses the needs and includes the voices of women and families.

Beginning on International Women's Day, over 1,200 women across the country engaged in a series of 24-hour fasts to raise awareness about and push for change related to these important issues. In early April, over 100 of these women were present on the National Mall here in Washington D.C., to end their campaign with a 48-hour fast.

I had the privilege of meeting with several of these fasters on the National Mall during their fast, and I was inspired by each and every woman I had the privilege of speaking with. I believe that their devotion to the cause of meaningful immigration reform that treats women and families fairly will keep this issue moving forward until we are able to pass a comprehensive solution into law.

I would like to thank each and every one of them for taking a stand and working to make the change that they believe in a reality.

## COMMEMORATING THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in observance of "Yom HaShoah" or the day commemorating the victims of the Holocaust.

The six million Jewish victims and the millions of others who perished during those dark and horrible days will never be forgotten.

The Jewish community and individuals across the world have committed themselves to the memories of those lost but also to the strength of those who survived.

As we mark another Holocaust Remembrance Day, and more time passes since those unspeakable atrocities were committed, we should never forget the precursors, context and attitudes that allowed such crimes to be committed.

Never again will peoples of free, liberal, open democracies stand idly by and watch an aggressor perpetrate crimes against humanity.

Today, we remember those that rose up and overcame and I stand with them.

## RECOGNIZING KNIT WITS II

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, because volunteers are essential to our community and institutions as they go about helping people in need, congratulations to the Knit Wits from Ann's Choice in Bucks County for donating their skills and time to the cause of our wounded veterans. Since early this year, the members have created more than 140 hand-knit stockings for military veterans, specifically those injured in combat and now recuperating at Walter Reed Medical Center, where I had the privilege of meeting some of the soldiers and heard their strong message of hope and confidence. Together, the volunteers have made the stocking gifts in all patterns and sizes and generously donated them to the hospitalized soldiers. Thanks to all involved in this worthy cause for recognizing the contribution and sacrifice of our veterans in this way. The gift of love that goes into this particular project has not gone unnoticed by the families and friends of the most deserving young men and women. And in the course of this ongoing project, the small and faithful group of knitters has set an example for others to follow.

## RECOGNIZING FRANK M. KALDER

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Frank M. Kalder on the occasion of his retirement, having served for nearly 15 years as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). In total he provided nearly 31 years of distinguished service to our country.

Mr. Kalder began his career in federal service in 1983 as a budget examiner with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in the Presidential Management Intern program. After OMB, he helped establish the newly-created Office of National Drug Control Policy in 1989. Mr. Kalder went on to serve in important management positions with the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, Justice Management Division and Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys.

For the past 15 years, he has served as DEA's CFO, where he has been the recipient of three Presidential Rank Awards. My subcommittee has had the pleasure of working with Frank in this capacity, and can attest to his hard work in communicating DEA's budget needs to ensure the agents have the necessary resources to continue their fight against drug trafficking in this country and the rest of the world.

During his time at DEA, Frank ushered in countless improvements and reforms to DEA's financial management practices. Not only was he instrumental in leading the implementation of two updated financial systems, but he also ensured that DEA had a clean financial audit year after year. Because of his efforts, DEA was able to avoid employee furloughs during the recent budget sequester through an innovative rethinking of how DEA allocates funds

internally—a process known as zero based budgeting. Frank has served as an inspiration to those who have had the privilege to work for and with him during his tenure.

Frank's contributions also extend beyond his role as CFO at DEA. He is an active member of his church, where he has served in various leadership roles throughout the years. He is also an adjunct professor at Northern Virginia Community College, educating future leaders for careers in public service.

Mr. Speaker, Frank Kalder has left a tangible, lasting imprint on financial management at the DEA and was a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars. He will be remembered for his many contributions to DEA's outstanding reputation in the federal financial management community. I wish Frank, his wife Stacy and their family continued success as he enters this next stage of his life, and I ask my colleagues to join us in expressing our appreciation for his tremendous contributions to federal service, our Nation and the Northern Virginia community.

#### HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the City of Milton Fire Department. For 100 years, the Milton Fire Department has served the local community and its citizens, and I am proud to have such a first-class fire department in Florida's First Congressional District.

The City of Milton Fire Department traces its roots back to April 21, 1914, when, following the third of a series of devastating fires that destroyed downtown Milton, the Town Council decided to establish the Milton Volunteer Fire Department. The town ordered three hand-drawn hose reels and 1,500 feet of hose, nozzles and wrenches for the new fire department, and a group of local citizens signed up as the first firefighters in Milton. Although they were an all-volunteer fire department, the residents of Milton were dedicated to providing state-of-the-art firefighting equipment, and to help carry out the department's mission, Milton purchased a 1914 American La France Chemical Engine on a Ford Chassis, which was the first automobile fire truck in all of Northwest Florida. The Milton Volunteer Fire Department served the Town of Milton and surrounding areas for 13 years at their original location on Grace (now Caroline) Street before moving in 1927 to Milton's newly constructed Town Hall on the corner of Berryhill and Broad Streets.

In 1954, the department began the shift towards a professional firefighting department when it hired a "Nighttime Firefighter" and a "Weekend Firefighter." The department became a 24 hour firefighting operation in 1960 when they hired a "Daytime Firefighter." With these changes, the department moved to a new fire station at Susan (now Bruner) and Berryhill Streets in 1962, and by 1965, the department had grown further, establishing two full-time firefighting shifts. A third-full time shift was created in 1974, and the City of Milton Fire Department has grown today to a full-time

force consisting of 16 career members, including the Fire Chief and three shifts of a Captain, Lieutenant, and three Firefighters to provide fire suppression, emergency medical response, fire prevention and public fire safety education to the citizens of Milton.

On September 11, 2009, the City of Milton Fire Department began operating from its modern facility located at 5321 Stewart Street. The department currently operates with three pumpers, a midi-pumper rescue vehicle, two staff vehicles, and a rescue boat, and thanks to the hard work and dedication of the personnel, the fire department consistently exceeds national safety standards, while upholding their core values of Respect, Integrity, Accountability, Responsibility, and Professionalism. Today, the department boasts more than 165 combined years of firefighting experience with an impressive average response time of less than four minutes. Whether they are fighting fires or providing excellent first-response medical care, the residents of Milton all rest well knowing that the City of Milton Fire Department always stands ready in their hour of need.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to recognize the 100th anniversary of the City of Milton Fire Department. All of the residents served by the department are thankful for their exceptional service to our community. My wife Vicki and I wish them all the best as they continue to serve Northwest Florida for the next hundred years and beyond.

#### REMEMBERING WORKERS WHO WERE KILLED OR INJURED ON THE JOB

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today—the 25th observance Workers' Memorial Day—in memory of the thousands of men and women, husbands and wives, fathers and mothers who got up one morning, got dressed, kissed their loved ones goodbye, and never returned home.

We owe those workers—the pillars of our modern economy—and their families more than mere remembrance. We owe them more than just our thoughts, prayers, and sympathies. We owe them something that is far too rare in this town: we owe them action.

Anyone who remembers the history of workplace safety would tell you that the problem has improved since the labor movement first coalesced around safer workplaces. In 1970, their hard work finally paid off. Congress came together—Democrat and Republican—to pass the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Even then we did not see eye to eye on this issue; the process was long, and fraught with setbacks. However, we knew that 13,800 workplace fatalities every year—18 for every 100,000 workers—was something we could not in good conscience allow.

We knew that we could not sit idly by while so many died—so we put aside differences, worked together, and saved the lives of thousands of Americans, and protected the health and well-being of millions more. We cut workplace fatalities, from 18 out of every 100,000

employees to 4 out of 100,000. We cut total yearly workplace fatalities, from over 13,000 to almost 4,000, despite massive growth in the size of total national workforce. We did what Congress is supposed to do: pass legislation that improves peoples' lives.

However, with time and neglect the vitality of our workplace safety protections has waned. Enforcement actions are rarely undertaken. Our criminal penalties are paper tigers. Civil penalties have been flat since before the Clinton administration, after being raised only once since 1970. It would take hundreds of years to inspect all our workplaces at current funding levels. We have failed to act, and our failures are measured in lost lives and wrecked bodies.

We spend too much time debating whether employers can risk their workers' lives without consequence. We spend too much time arguing about the cost of regulation—when the median penalty for killing a worker is only \$5,175 dollars.

Today, I hope my colleagues will remember that a human life is worth more than that. I urge my colleagues to consider the multiple pieces of legislation that would enhance workplace safety protections introduced this Congress. We should start with the Protecting America's Workers Act, which would strengthen the penalties for workplace safety violations, index them for inflation, and provide for additional penalties for the most callous violators.

The time has come to address the shortcomings in our workplace safety system. The time has come to ensure that more fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, sons and daughters return home to the people they love.

#### HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY 2014

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 28, 2014*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity on Holocaust Remembrance Day to pay a solemn tribute to the six million Jewish victims and millions of other victims who perished during the Holocaust. As we pledge to "never forget" the Holocaust, we must also pledge to do more to ensure that the world never again allows the conditions to arise that contributed to this horrific era in history. As the representative of a Congressional District in the New York City area, I have heard the stories of those lost in the Holocaust and I have also heard stories of survival and heroism. Holocaust Remembrance Day is a time to stop and remember those lost and salute those who stood up to the Nazis. I thank my colleague from Illinois, BRAD SCHNEIDER, for taking this Special Order for Members of Congress to make official statements on this important day.

There are those who deny the facts and the lessons of the Holocaust. The nations of the world and the people of those nations must continue to keep the memory of those dark days alive. Unfortunately, genocide did not end in 1945 and we have seen many examples of crimes against humanity in the years since the end of World War II. Tolerance is a