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panded his efforts beyond local leadership,
representing Santa Clara County on regional
and state-wide governing Boards and Com-
missions, including becoming a member and
Chairperson of the Bay Area Quality Manage-
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servation and Development Commission, the
Association of Bay Area Governments, the
Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and
the Advisory Council of the State Office of
Planning and Research.
In 1982, Dan was elected State Senator
where he served for three terms. As a Sen-
tor, Dan authored legislation in a variety of
areas including: comprehensive water plans
for the State, water reclamation, conservation,
consumer protection, people with disabilities,
LGBT issues, and humane treatment of
imals.
After leaving office, Dan worked as a Com-
missioner on the California Medical Assistance
Commission with the Office of the Governor,
working to enhance access to medical care for
those in need.
Throughout his career Dan has been known
for his stellar work ethic, incredible resilience,
professionalism, and commitment to hard work
in the best interest of the people. I wish Dan
the happiest of birthdays, congratulate him on
his impressive career, and commend him for
his invaluable service to our community and
the State of California. We have been lucky to
have him.

HONORING CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS CHAIRWOMAN MARCIA FUDGE
HON. TERRI A. SEWELL
OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, December 11, 2014

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with my colleagues to pay tribute to the indelible mark my colleague and friend Representative MARCIA FUDGE has had on the Congressional Black Caucus during her time as our chairwoman in the 113th Congress.
She has been an outstanding chairwoman to the Congressional Black Caucus and I have been honored to serve under her fine leader-
ship. As the true embodiment of the “con-
science of the Congress,” Chairwoman FUDGE has been a tireless champion for blue-collar workers, food stamp recipients, students, and communities of color. She has also been a staunch advocate for voter protection, job cre-
ation, and fair housing. As a dedicated public
servant, she has continuously represented the
needs of both her constituents and underrep-
resented Americans across this country.
Under Chairwoman FUDGE’s leadership, 14
members of the Congressional Black Caucus traveled to my district in September 2013 to honor the lives of the four little girls killed in the 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Bap-
tist Church. She has also traveled to my hometown of Selma on multiple occasions to commemorate the Selma-to-Montgomery March and Bloody Sunday.

On a personal note, Chairwoman FUDGE has and continues to serve as a great friend and mentor to me. I am inspired by her work ethic, problem solving spirit, and remarkable insight and knowledge. With these qualities
and more, she has proven to be invaluable not only to the Congressional Black Caucus, but to the Congress as a whole.
Mr. Speaker, Chairwoman FUDGE has led the Congressional Black Caucus with great character and an unwavering commitment to ensuring that all Americans are given equal opportunities to reach their full potential. Thank you, Chairwoman FUDGE for your ser-
vice and astute leadership.

FALLEN MICHIGAN SHERIFF’S DEPUTY
HON. MIKE ROGERS
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, December 11, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Deputy Grant William Whitaker who was killed in the line of duty on Sunday, December 7, 2014 in Stock-
bridge Township, Michigan. Deputy Whitaker was 25 years old and had been with the
Ingham County Sheriff’s Office for one and a half years. Deputy Whitaker had previously
served as a police officer with Stockbridge Po-
lice Department and Waterloo Township Po-
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HONORING CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS CHAIRWOMAN MARCIA FUDGE
HON. BILL HUIZENGA
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, December 11, 2014

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding a missed vote on Decem-
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amendment for the Aviation Security Stake-
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HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, December 11, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, 2015 will be an
important year for the future of African dem-
cracy. Many countries on the continent will ei-
ther hold or prepare for Presidential elections.
If recent history is any guide, some long-serv-
ing African leaders will be tempted to alter
constitutions or take other quasi-legal steps to
extend their rule. I strongly encourage these
leaders, including President Sassou-Nguesso
of Congo-Brazzaville, to resist this temptation
and to respect the will of their people.
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HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF SERV-
ING IN CONGRESS FOR THE
PAST 18 YEARS
HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN
OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, December 11, 2014

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, Like
several members before me, as I prepare to
depart, I rise to address this body in which I