

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
ANTHONY BRANCATELLI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Anthony Brancatelli, Ward 12 Cleveland Councilman, as he is presented with Villa Montessori's prestigious Guardian Angel Award.

This award is given to a person who has been instrumental in the success of the Villa Montessori Center School. Mr. Brancatelli was the former chief executive of Slavic Village development and played a vital role in finding a space for the school and spearheaded its expansion during its 10 years of existence.

Mr. Brancatelli has always been a pioneer for community development, public safety and education. During his 17 years at the Slavic Village Community Development Corp., Mr. Brancatelli partnered with longtime councilman, Ed Rybka, to reshape and renew the neighborhood. He organized several block clubs on safety and housing issues, with community anchors such as Cleveland Central Catholic High School and with Third Federal Savings and Loan on major investments in the ward. He also brought forward a case to the Cleveland Housing Court in which they sued the owner of 110 severely neglected houses in a racially diverse, working-class neighborhood, since then it has developed into a respectable living area. Mr. Brancatelli was also the executive director of the Broadway Housing area housing coalition, which had renovated over four hundred houses. Under his leadership it was the largest number of renovations done by any community development corporation in Cleveland.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in recognition of Anthony Brancatelli as he rightfully receives the Guardian Angel Award. Mr. Brancatelli's perseverance, dedication, and compassion to the Slavic Village have made him a patriarch and champion for all people in the city of Cleveland.

DENTON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER HONORED AS TOP-RANKED PLACE TO WORK IN DFW

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Denton Regional Medical Center in my congressional district for being named "Top-Ranked Best Places to Work" in the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex by the Dallas Business Journal.

Nearly 200 companies entered the competition that began in January of 2006. Denton Regional Medical Center, where I used to

work, received the distinction for businesses with over 500 employees.

Denton Regional Medical Center is renowned for maintaining a warm and inviting environment despite the fact that the full-service hospital has doubled its size in the last 5 years. The family atmosphere has been a hallmark of the institution for its beginnings.

The hospital promotes from within, offers scholarship loans and tuition reimbursement, ongoing education programs for employees and participates in community service projects such as Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity, where about 200 employees contributed more than 1,700 volunteer hours to build a house last year.

Hospitals can be overwhelming places to work not only for the sheer number of hours that individuals give in time of service, but also the unusually high emotional stress associated with hospital positions. In 2005, Denton Regional Medical Center recorded 9,046 admissions and 42,131 emergency room visits. But hospital executives work diligently encouraging open dialogue by inviting managers and administrators to hold advisory group meetings. Hospital Chief Executive Bob Haley also conducts town hall meetings each quarter to which all employees are invited to attend and ask questions.

Today, I congratulate Denton Regional Medical Center for its service to the community and its commitment to providing a positive work environment for its dedicated medical and administrative staff. I am honored to have worked at Denton Regional Medical Center and to know represent its staff, my constituents, in Congress.

CONGRATULATING TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Temple Beth Israel in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

In 1895, the Jews living in Hazleton organized an orthodox congregation. But, even at that time there was a desire among some of the members to establish a congregation that favored reform practices.

In the fall, of 1906, a small group was able to engage the services of Rabbi Block who conducted High Holiday services which they believed were more in keeping with the modern American conditions of the time.

Late in September 1906, 23 men met to organize a reform congregation that would be called Beth Israel, or "House of Israel." Soon, Temple Beth Israel joined the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Over the years, the congregation has followed the path of the city of Hazleton with a

combination of good times and hard times. Throughout its history, Temple Beth Israel has contributed to the city's business and civic leaders, distinguished doctors and lawyers.

Temple Beth Israel has been a good neighbor and a helpful ally. The congregation has survived for 100 years and stands ready for the next 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Temple Beth Israel and all its members on the happy occasion of their 100th anniversary. Congregations like Temple Beth Israel form the solid foundations every community needs for moral guidance and human development. It is a proud day for Temple Beth Israel and we share in the congregation's exuberance.

TRIBUTE TO MARIN YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Marin Youth Symphony Orchestra (MSYO) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Over the past half century, the orchestra has provided the opportunity for over 3,000 talented young musicians to learn and perform classic symphonic orchestral music.

This was made possible by brilliant conductors such as founder Maestro Hugo Rinaldi who led the MSYO from its inception in the fall of 1954 until 1989 while the group enjoyed residence at Dominican College. Under his leadership the MSYO grew to become an integral part of the arts community in Marin County collaborating with the Marin Ballet, Marin Girl's Chorus, Marin Opera, Marin Theater Company, Marin Youth-In-Arts and numerous other organizations. He also toured the MSYO to Italy, Austria, and Australia, a unique experience for the young musicians.

Upon Hugo Rinaldi's retirement, Leslie Stewart led the group for seven seasons, adding scholarships and a chamber program. Dr. Anthony Adessa developed the orchestra further until 2001, when current conductor George Thomson took over the baton. Thompson moved MSYO to its current home with the College of Marin.

Under Maestro Thomson's leadership the orchestra has developed an extraordinary opportunity for soloists, and ensemble players to experiment with innovative repertoire. He continues to provide gifted young people with an opportunity to benefit from his professional coaching and intimate knowledge of classical literature, allowing for participation in performing rich and rewarding orchestral music.

The MSYO has provided valuable training for a number of students who have continued their musical careers into the uppermost heights of musical accomplishment. Alumni include Joe Alessi, Principal Trombone of the New York Philharmonic; Mark Isham,

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Grammy, ASCAP, and Tony award winning film score composer; Tara Flandreau, Chair of the College of Marin Music Department; Dan Smiley, Second Violin; San Francisco Symphony; and numerous performers of the Marin Symphony Orchestra as well as music teachers who have continued to instruct successive generations.

In the words of participant Lucy Williams (First Violin Section, 2004), "When I went to hear Jeremy Constant (Marin Symphony concertmaster) perform on his Stradivarius at Davies Symphony Hall I asked him what inspired him. He said that as a youth symphony musician he got to play Scheherazade, by Rimsky-Korsakov, and I realized that he was my age when he was playing it and we had just finished performing that same piece! I felt a rush of excitement, like I was walking a path of history and it might lead me onto that stage some day. I thought about George telling us about the "giant nerf rocks" in the shipwreck passage and it made me feel like the luckiest person there."

Mr. Speaker, the Marin Youth Symphony Orchestra will continue to develop musical talent and provide inspiration for young talented people in Marin County by making it possible for them to learn and share musical experiences of the highest possible level. The benefits of this cultural asset extend to the entire community, enriching our national musical heritage. I congratulate them on this 50th anniversary celebration.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 11, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5122) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes:

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Chairman, I rise to express my support for the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007. Chairman DUNCAN HUNTER and the Ranking Member, Mr. SKELTON worked together in a bipartisan manner to produce a bill that places the highest importance on our war fighters. The brave men and women who wear the uniform of our armed services deserve nothing less than our support, and I am proud that this bill demonstrates our commitment to them.

This bipartisan bill provides our military with improved capabilities and resources to carry out the important missions that we have asked of them. By increasing the pay for all members of the armed forces, this important bill recognizes the sacrifice and dedication of the men and women who serve our country.

This bill also adds funds to better equip our soldiers both in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. By providing increased amounts for up-armored Humvees, improvised explosive device (IED) jammers and state-of-the-art body armor, the House bill recognizes the changing nature of current con-

flicts, and places a high value on the protection of our soldiers.

I am also pleased that bill includes language which works toward ensuring that there is no capability gap in aerial intelligence gathering or strike force as the Air Force moves toward more modern and unmanned air vehicles. It is important that we do not lose valuable military assets currently provided by the U-2 or F-117 before there is an operational alternative.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support the passage of this bill.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF IONE BIGGS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Ione Biggs, cherished wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and champion of peace and social justice whose remarkable life echoes a call for peace and civil rights within our community and around the world.

Mrs. Biggs began blazing trails early on. Every inroad she created was lined with grace, integrity, and courage. One of first women police officers hired in the city of Cleveland, Mrs. Biggs worked in the Juvenile Division where she guided and assisted women and children for more than 10 years. Disenchanted with the rampant sexism and racism that permeated the Police Division at that time, Mrs. Biggs transferred to the Cleveland Municipal Court in 1955, where she worked diligently until her retirement in 1986. Her husband of 53 years, the late Keith D. Biggs, their son, Keith, and daughter, Gladys, were central to her life. Beyond her commitment to family and work, Mrs. Biggs' unrelenting activism, focused on peace, minority rights, and women's rights, played a vital role in elevating the hearts and minds of the public and its leaders, at home and abroad. She marched in support of Cleveland Mayor Carl B. Stokes and marched in opposition of the Vietnam war. In 1995, Mrs. Biggs organized a local delegation to attend the International Women's Conference in Beijing. She was an active leader in Nine to Five, supported Cleveland Working Women, WomenSpace, League of Women Voters, the ACLU, SpeakOut for Affirmative Action and numerous other social justice organizations. Mrs. Biggs attended national and international peace conferences, including disarmament and human rights summits in Sweden, Kenya, and the former Soviet Union.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, gratitude, and remembrance of Mrs. Ione Biggs, who lived life with great joy, energy, passion, and in tireless advocacy on behalf of others. A certain grace illuminated her life, and the endless measure of her kindness and her dignified defiance will exist forever within the hearts of those who knew her well, especially her family and friends. Mrs. Biggs' legacy of peace transcends borders and time, lending light and hope to those who still live without justice, and to those who continue her march—from the steps of Public Square in Cleveland, Ohio, to the steps of the City Square in Nairobi, Kenya, and her journey will be remembered always.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR EULINE BROCK'S OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF DENTON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Denton Mayor Euline Brock. After 6 years of service as Mayor and more than 20 years of dedicated service to the city of Denton, Ms. Brock will retire on May 23, 2006.

Mayor Brock was elected mayor in 2000, was an at-large member of the Denton City Council from 1992–1998, serving as mayor pro tem from 1994–1998, and from 1998–2000 she served as chair of the 50-member Blue Ribbon Citizens' Committee that formulated and promoted the capital improvement bond program.

Under Mayor Euline Brock's guidance, the city of Denton has emerged as a major City in the Denton-Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and the State of Texas through her involvement in regional policy-making efforts. Ms. Brock served as president of Metroplex Mayors where she promoted development of a regional transit system and organized the first-ever joint meeting of the Metroplex Mayors and Tarrant County Mayors Council. Her initiatives included the regional "Keep Local Government Local" group organized to lobby the Texas Legislature on issues important to north Texas cities, and her vision of Denton as the "Third City" in the region—not third in size, but third in importance, as she has established Denton as a regional center for medical services, retail, banking, employment, entertainment, sports and the arts.

Mayor Brock was instrumental in the formation of the Denton Tomorrow and Denton Tomorrow II community symposiums which created a set of strategies and actions to achieve sustained economic vitality in Denton. Thanks in large measure to her vision and leadership, the city of Denton has been successful in expanding its retail base to address the needs of a vibrant and growing city including: the construction of Sally Beauty Company's new Worldwide Support Center, the construction of United Copper, Flowers Foods, Fastenal Company, Denton Crossing, and the expansion of Peterbilt's regional headquarters.

Ms. Brock's tenure also ushered in unprecedented improvements to the infrastructure of the city of Denton with a new central fire station, a new library branch, renovations of historic buildings and construction of new roads and water treatment facilities.

Perhaps one of her greatest strengths is her ability to build consensus, as demonstrated by her creating an environment of cooperation and respect on the Denton City Council, her hosting of the first ever joint meeting between the Denton City Council and the Denton Independent School District Board to explore better ways to work cooperatively, and her inclusion of the Denton Chamber of Commerce Board on key business issues before the city.

Mayor Euline Brock has also worked closely with my office to ensure that we are aware of the accomplishments and needs of the largest city in my district, Denton. She has been and continues to be a catalyst for positive change,

always with Denton's future in mind and best interest at heart. Even with all of these and other accomplishments too numerous to list, Mayor Brock has remained a modest person who always shared the credit of progress with her fellow city council members, city staff, her husband Dr. Horace Brock, and with others in the community.

Today, I recognize her decades of hard work and selfless dedication given to the citizens of Denton. I am honored to represent Mayor Euline Brock in Washington, and I hope her service to the citizens of Denton will never be forgotten, but will often be set as a standard of dedication and true leadership.

CONGRATULATING THE SAN
CATALDO SOCIETY ON ITS 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the San Cataldo Society of Dunmore, Pennsylvania, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this month.

In 1904, a group of Dunmore residents, recently emigrated from the island of Sicily, associated themselves for the purpose of promoting goodwill, civic betterment and for the benefit of its members in cases of sickness, accident or death from funds collected.

The early history reveals that these pioneers, bearing the customs which they inherited from their native land, but handicapped by a language barrier, overcame many difficulties and obstacles in the formation of the Societa San Cataldese Cooperativa Di Mutua Saccorso in Dunmore.

In March 1905, a group of 48 men held their first meeting at Washington Hall, Chestnut and Comer Streets, and they elected the late Rosario Bentivengo as the first president.

The society continued to progress since its incorporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on May 15, 1906. Meetings were conducted at various Dunmore landmarks, including DeAndrea's Hall on Willow Street; Lalli's Hall on Willow Street; Naro's Hall on Elm Street, and Luzio's Hall on Mortimer Street.

In 1927, after many years of sacrifices and perseverance by the members, the society began construction of a building at 316 Elizabeth Street. The same building is still in use today.

The Italian immigrants who made up the San Cataldo Society contributed much to their community, working in various occupations including coal miners, construction workers and skilled laborers. They served in public office and their descendants served and fought honorably in defense of this Nation. Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have served the community and the nation becoming doctors, lawyers, engineers, judges, construction contractors, business owners, nurses, pharmacists and public servants.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the San Cataldo Society and its members past and present. Their devotion to their community has improved the quality of life and

serves as a positive example for others to emulate.

TRIBUTE TO MARINELL EVA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend Marinell Eva, upon the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of the Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County (4Cs). Thanks to Marinell, 4Cs is not only a successful agency but also one with a lot of heart. Her writings in the newsletter, reflective of her childhood and her children's, show her deep connection and empathy with families and children.

During Marinell's 17 years with the agency, she was a leader in developing a variety of child care services, collaborations with other organizations, and advocacy for children and families. Also, 4Cs researched and published the study, *The Economic Impact of Child Care in Sonoma County*, under her direction and in partnership with the Child Care Planning Council. 4Cs continues to inform businesses and government of the link between child care and our local economy.

Marinell moved to Sonoma County in 1978, and soon became the Program Director at the YWCA's A Special Place child care program where she served for many years. She volunteered with the Sonoma County Child Abuse Council and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Extended Child Care Coalition. She currently serves on the SRJC Child Development Advisory Committee, First Five Professional Community Advisory Committee, and is an advisory member of the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County. She has a B.A. in English Literature and Psychology, and an M.A. in Clinical Psychology.

Her commitment and passion have been an invaluable asset to Sonoma County. Carl Wong, Superintendent of Schools, says, "The teachers and principals of the Sonoma County K-12 public school system have benefited from the leadership and advocacy of Marinell Eva for over 16 years. Her professional dedication in support of children and families helps to promote a level playing field for the 5000+ Kindergarten students who begin their school experience each year."

These thoughts are echoed by Joel Gordon, the Director of Early Childhood Education at Santa Rosa Junior College: "Through the years Marinell has been one of my favorite people to work with. In a time when the word is overused, she has become a great leader in Sonoma. The combination of her vision, talent, commitment, compassion and sense of humor have changed for the better our community and ultimately the lives of many of its youngest citizens. She is one of a kind and will be greatly missed."

Marinell and her husband, David Pittman, live on property in Sebastopol, where two their children and all four grandchildren live. She plans to continue as a member of the Board of Trustees at the Sonoma Academy, and in between gardening and reading she will spend time studying Spanish, literature, and music as well as keeping up with the grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I, too, have been inspired by working with Marinell Eva. She says it best in her own words: "Working with people in the child care field has been my deep privilege. I have had the good fortune to work for what I believe in—meeting the needs of children. What better way to change the world?"

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CALI-
FORNIA STATE SENATOR ED
DAVIS

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in sadness today to honor the memory of Ed Davis, a former California State Senator and Los Angeles Chief of Police. He was a remarkable man who was a monumental presence on the Los Angeles and California political scene. Senator Davis passed away on April 22, 2006 in San Luis Obispo, CA, at the age of 89.

Born Edward Michael Davis on November 15, 1916 in Los Angeles, he graduated from John C. Fremont High School and enlisted in the United States Navy where he became a decorated officer. He later received his Masters in Public Administration from USC. Always a proud alumnus, he often sported a maroon blazer and gold pants, USC's famous colors, on the State Senate floor.

Joining the Los Angeles Police Department in 1940, Ed first walked a beat in downtown Los Angeles with the late Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley. Rising up through the ranks, he was a director of the police and fire union and later a trusted top aide to legendary Chief William Parker. Ed served as Los Angeles Chief of Police from 1969 until 1978 where he was known as a popular firebrand who pushed law and order during times of turbulence.

Chief Davis proved popular with not only the people of Los Angeles, but also with weary Americans who were looking for tough leadership during uncertain times. During the same period, his officers' morale was at an all-time high. He became a national figure as a tough law and order proponent quelling student protests during the Vietnam War, opposing the Black Panthers, and taking a strident stance against the epidemic of hijacking in the early 1970s.

In 1974, the entire Nation watched as the Chief's force had a climatic shootout with the Simbionese Liberation Army who had kidnapped heiress Patty Hearst. Several leaders of the gang died in a fiery blaze at the conclusion of the confrontation.

Chief Davis implemented historic reforms at the LAPD and left a legacy of influence in law enforcement. His innovations include creating the Neighborhood Watch concept to bring residents together, and instituting community policing. While crime rose by 55 percent across the Nation during his tenure as Chief, crime actually decreased by 1 percent in Los Angeles. His influence still exists in the LAPD, and programs that the Chief invented are at the heart of every police organization worldwide. The City of Los Angeles honored him by naming the newest and most elaborate of the three LAPD training centers "The Ed Davis Emergency Vehicle Operations Center & Tactics/Firearms Training Center" in 1998.

A respected member of the academic community, Chief Davis lecturing at USC and Cal State Los Angeles as an adjunct professor of police administration and management for 18 years. He was the author of *Staff One*, a leading police management textbook.

Prior to his appointment as Chief, he served for many years as a law enforcement advocate working with the California Legislature in Sacramento. Among his many outstanding contributions is the landmark Peace Officer's Standards and Training Act of 1959, which set minimum police standards for California.

After retiring as Police Chief in 1978, he set his sights on the California Governor's mansion. Running in the Republican gubernatorial primary, the Chief came in second to Attorney General Evelle Younger in a four-man race, which included State Senator Ken Maddy and San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson.

Chief Davis returned to the political arena in 1980 after winning the State Senate election for the 19th Senate District. He represented Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, the North San Fernando Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley.

Overwhelmingly re-elected to a second Senate term in 1984, Senator Davis again set his sights on higher office. He entered the 1986 U.S. Senate race against longtime incumbent Alan Cranston. His slogan, "One Tough Cop, and One Great Senator" recalled his glory days as Chief.

The Republican race was upended when one of Senator Davis's opponents was indicted for allegedly offering him \$100,000 if he dropped out of the race. The courts ultimately threw out the indictment, but the scuffle derailed the Senator's campaign and helped Congressman Ed Zschau win the nomination.

Davis turned his energy and attention back to Sacramento, winning praise as a reasoned Vice Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Often called central casting's choice as a senator, the white-haired gentleman was easily reelected to a third term to the State Senate in 1988.

Known by his friends as a man of great charm and graciousness, Senator Davis celebrated 50 years of public service with a gala dinner in 1991. Highlights of the evening included recorded tributes from comedian Bob Hope and former Presidents Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon. Looking forward to a peaceful retirement, Senator Davis and his wife, Bobbie, moved north to Morro Bay, California in 1992.

Senator Davis is survived by his wife, Bobbie, his children Michael Davis, Christine Coey and Mary Ellen Burde and step-children Fred, Michael, and Kylvie as well as several beloved grandchildren.

IN HONOR OF THE GRAND OPENING OF THE CZECH MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Czech Cultural Center of Sokol Greater Cleveland, as we join them in celebration of the grand opening of the Czech Museum and Library, housed within the historic Bohemian National Hall in Cleveland's North Broadway neighborhood.

The Czech Museum and Library is part of the colorful weave in Cleveland's vibrant fabric of cultural diversity, and is visible in the strength, beauty and grace of the Bohemian National Hall. This historic treasure was built in 1897 by Czech immigrants whose quest for freedom and the opportunity for a better life for their families led them to America. Drawn to the booming industrial growth along the Great Lakes, thousands of Czech immigrants settled throughout the neighborhoods of Cleveland, grateful for their new beginning, yet never forgetting their country of origin. Their collective vision, focused on preserving and passing along tradition, heritage, language and culture, has allowed every new generation of Czech Americans to understand and celebrate the priceless traditions of their beloved Czech homeland.

The exhibits on display at the Czech Museum include artifacts and archives that reflect the history of the Broadway neighborhood, the history of the Bohemian National Hall, and the history of the Sokol Greater Cleveland organization. The numerous struggles and triumphs that outline the history of the Cleveland Czech community will also reflect among the exhibits at the Czech Museum and Library.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the leaders and members, past and present, of the Czech Cultural Center of Sokol of Greater Cleveland, upon the joyous occasion of the grand opening of the Czech Museum and Library. This monument of cultural preservation transcends time and distance, preserving and promoting the ancient cultural and historical traditions of Czech heritage, spanning oceans and borders—a permanent bridge of family, culture and history—from Cleveland, Ohio to the Czech Republic.

IN MEMORY OF KNOX TUCKER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give tribute to Knox Tucker, from the 26th Congressional District of Texas, for his lifelong contributions to his community and to his fellow citizens. Mr. Tucker committed his life to help whomever he could, whenever he could during more than 30 years as a coach and educator in the Fort Worth School District.

Mr. Tucker was born July 9, 1922, in Williamsport, Tenn. He was a 1939 graduate of Pearl High School in Nashville and served in the Army during World War II, rising to the rank of staff sergeant. After the war, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Tennessee State College. After teaching and coaching in Tennessee, he and his family moved to Fort Worth.

From 1952 to 1984, he was a coach, a teacher or an administrator. He is perhaps best known locally for his time coaching the I.M. Terrell High School basketball team. Under Coach Tucker, the team beat Prairie View to win the Interscholastic League State Championship in 1957.

He was a teacher, coach and vice principal at Como and Terrell, the city's black high schools, until 1971, when he became principal at Polytechnic. In 1980, he became principal

at O.D. Wyatt. A year later, he was promoted into district administration as assistant director for high schools. After retiring in 1984, he worked as a Tarrant County probation officer for 10 years.

But he never gave up his habit of attending high school basketball games and tracking down former students and co-workers in the stands. In 2002, Mr. Tucker was inducted into the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame.

It was my honor to represent Knox Tucker. I extend my sympathies to his family and friends. May the example of this man, whose contributions made richer the fabric of our American culture, be inspiration to all who seek their dreams and serve their fellow man.

SALUTING DR. DOROTHY IRENE HEIGHT ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC 1954 BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION DECISION

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, what can you say about a woman who has earned two of America's highest civilian honors—the Presidential Medal of Freedom by former President Bill Jefferson Clinton and the Congressional Gold Medal by our current President and Commander-In-Chief George W. Bush? For more than 80 years, Dr. Dorothy Irene Height, current Chair and President Emerita of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), the world's largest women's organization, has not only been a leader in the fight for women's and civil rights, but she has also been an activist and crusader for human rights. She has tirelessly dedicated her life's work to serving her community, our Nation and the world.

Dr. Height's Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal symbolize the promise of America and embody the essence of sacrifice and allegiance to one's country. The values that have come to symbolize her life are the core values that should be represented in the lives of all Americans, young and old. She has worked to make America the best Nation that it can be and she is the best of what America represents as a Nation. She has fought to make the promise of the American dream, with justice and liberty for all, a reality in America through her tireless efforts.

Whether you choose to call her the "Queen Mother of the Civil Rights Movement" or the "Grand Dame of the Civil Rights Movement," Dr. Height is simply the embodiment of everything that makes our Nation great. She is truly an "indispensable" part of the civil, human and women's rights movement. She is one "America's National Treasures."

Her distinguished service and contributions to making the world a more just and humane one, have earned her hundreds of awards and honors from local, state, and national organizations and the federal government. Dr. Height has received over 24 honorary degrees, from such institutions as Spelman College, Lincoln University (Pennsylvania), Central State University, and Princeton University. She has not only been the recipient of hope's

most precious gift—freedom, but she has been at the forefront as the giver of hope to millions of men, women and children of all races, colors, and creeds.

On this day, 52 years ago, the Brown vs. Board of Education decision served as a bridge to the promise of freedom for people from all races, creeds and colors. In commemoration of that historic decision, we celebrate the legacy of one woman who epitomizes the fight for freedom in this country and the journey for justice—Dr. Dorothy Irene Height.

In 1954, when the Brown vs. Board of Education decision was announced, Dr. Height led the way for the YWCA to produce the booklet, "Our Schools and Our Democracy," to encourage associations to participate fully in helping desegregate the schools. Dr. Height also convened a Southern Regional Conference in Atlanta to discuss the problems and opportunities of desegregation and worked closely with the student leadership of the YWCA to develop simple things that people could do, such as escorting a child to school when it is first integrated.

Fifty-two years later, her commitment to young people is alive and well today. Dr. Height is leading the way in leaving a lasting legacy for the next generation through the Dorothy Irene Height Youth For Excellence Initiative (YFE) Program in association with the Civil Rights musical, "If This Hat Could Talk: A Musical of Passion, Power, and Triumph." Dr. Height has utilized the musical as a strategy for "keeping the Civil Rights legacy alive" and empowering young people to make a difference in their local and global communities.

Because of her unwavering commitment to our youth, the YFE has become a cornerstone of the Musical's program. The YFE provides multicultural students, grades 7–12 with a free performance and materials for their teachers to continue teaching lessons of equality, fairness and respect for diversity in the classroom. The Musical experience allows them to learn about their Civil Rights legacy and continue that legacy through education. They view Dr. Height's journey throughout history and that of others like Rosa Parks, Fannie Lou Hamer, A. Phillip Randolph, John Lewis, Linda Brown and Mary McLeod Bethune, just to name a few. Today, because of her vision, her story, her on-going, never-ending commitment to kids, the Musical has been seen by over 10,000 youth. Dr. Height has set a new standard of excellence in her diligent, unwavering efforts to instill a commitment to Civil and Human rights in the next generation of leaders.

It is today that we, the members of the Congressional Black Caucus, celebrate and honor Dr. Dorothy Irene Height. We truly have an affinity for her. For 37 years, Dr. Height's trailblazing efforts have enabled us, as a Congressional Black Caucus, to empower the masses and effectively represent the interest of urban and rural America in this country and address the legislative concerns of citizens of all backgrounds. She has enabled us to be a viable, fair, fearless, and strong governmental force. Dr. Height showed us how one woman of courage, with one voice, could set in motion a mission that changed the world. As we continue as a Congressional Black Caucus, operating in one single voice, while reflecting our own diversity, we have gained strength, insight and instruction from her life. Through her ef-

forts, she has taught us how to turn tumultuous times into turning points, pain into personal victory and adversity into achievement. For this, we are forever grateful.

HONORING JOEL M. CARP

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Joel M. Carp of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for his outstanding contributions to the Federation, as well as to the community at large. After 28 years of outstanding service, I have this great opportunity to congratulate Joel in his retirement.

Throughout his professional career in social work, social planning, and advocacy, Joel has engaged in efforts to create sound public policies and sustain quality, comprehensive health and human services for all people throughout Chicago, the state of Illinois, and the United States. He has served as chairman of and/or represented the Chicago Jewish community on a number of governmental task forces charged with determining public policy including: the City of Chicago Mayor's Task Force on Hunger, the Task Force on Homelessness, and the Task Force on Neighborhood Land Use. Additionally, Chicago Mayor Daley and Cook County Board President Stroger appointed him to their Task Force on Welfare Reform. At the state level, he has served on: the Governor's Task Force on Services for the Homeless; the Department of Children and Family Services Child Welfare Advisory Committee; and on the advisory boards of the Illinois Department of Public Aid on social services, public welfare, block grants, and allocation of funds for emergency food and shelter. At the Illinois Department of Human Services, he serves as a member of the Family Self Sufficiency Council, the Governor's Families and Children Leadership Sub-Cabinet, and the Lt. Governor's Ethnic Affairs Council.

Joel has published over 30 articles on various subjects in the field of social work, social planning, voluntarism, and refugee resettlement. His most recent work is a chapter entitled "The Jewish Social Welfare Lobby in the U.S." in a two-volume work on the Jewish Policy & Civil Society, published in 2002. He has served a number of universities as a field faculty member in their graduate social work education programs.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to stand with me today and take this occasion to recognize Joel Carp for his many achievements, wishing him well in retirement. As Joel truly sets an example to all citizens, we acknowledge and thank him for his role in making our community a better place to live.

IN HONOR OF BARBARA BOYD

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of Barbara Boyd, dedi-

cated public servant, civic activist, community leader and devoted wife and mother, as she is being honored by the Community Living Hope United Methodist Church of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, for her unwavering focus, energy and work on behalf of improving the quality of life for all members of our community.

Ms. Boyd was born and raised in Cleveland, and graduated from Glenville High School. With a focus on higher education, Ms. Boyd graduated from St. Paul's College in Virginia, then moved back home to Cleveland where she worked as an educator in the Cleveland Public Schools. She began her tenure as a public servant in 1983, when she became the first African American elected to Cleveland Heights City Council. In 1992, Ms. Boyd was elected as the first African American Mayor in the history of Cleveland Heights.

Ms. Boyd's husband, Robert Boyd, and her daughter, Janine Boyd, continue to be the center of her life, with everything else radiating outward from there. With the great support of her family, she decided to continue her tenure of public service and run for state office. She was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1993 and served until 2000 due to term limits. During her tenure in the House, Ms. Boyd focused her energy and expertise on committees that encompassed the support and empowerment of children, youth, families and the elderly. She was awarded the 2000 Legislator of the Year Award, for her work on alcohol and drug assistance and prevention; the Black Women's History Award in 1992, the Alzheimer's Award in 2000 and was named the "Official of the Year" by the Ohio Patrolmen Benevolent Association in 1989.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor of Barbara Boyd, as we join with the Community of Living Hope United Methodist Church in recognition of her professional excellence and devoted public service focused on uplifting our entire Cleveland community into the light of hope and possibility.

LAUREN WILLIAMSON WINS NINE
TEXAS ASSOCIATED PRESS
AWARDS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lauren Williamson, currently a senior at the University of North Texas for her nine broadcast awards from the Texas Associated Press.

A graduate of Marcus High School in 2003, Lauren Williamson is pursuing her journalism degree. During her time at UNT, Ms. Williamson worked as news director of KNTU-FM. The station competes for Division B of the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters which includes smaller radio markets throughout Texas. Ms. Williamson competed against other student and professional broadcasters.

Ms. Williamson won four, first place, three second place, and two honorable mention awards at this year's competition. The awards included her work on "Christmas in McKinney," "Fry Oil to Fuel," a report on the City of Denton's recycling program with Biodiesel Industries of Greater Dallas-Fort Worth, "Opening of Terminal D," a story about DFW Airport's newest international terminal and "Class

Meets Media," concerning how UNT master's of public administration students training at Denton City Hall. Now, Lauren works as a weekend overnight anchor for local powerhouse WBAP and will soon be a part time producer for the local FOX 4 News.

Today, I congratulate Ms. Lauren Williamson on her broadcasting awards and her dedication to the profession of journalism. May her intellect, reporting and producing skills continue to serve her community with accurate and informative news. I am honored to represent Ms. Williamson in Congress, and I look forward to hearing more of her accomplishments in the years to come.

CONDEMNING MURDER OF AMERICAN JOURNALIST PAUL KLEBNIKOV ON JULY 9, 2004, IN MOSCOW AND MURDERS OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 499, condemning the murder of American journalist Paul Klebnikov in Moscow and the murders of other members of the media in the Russian Federation.

Less than two weeks ago, on World Press Freedom Day, my colleague MIKE PENCE and I launched the new Congressional Caucus for Freedom of the Press. Representatives from a variety of non-governmental organizations came to extend their endorsement of this undertaking and several other Members of Congress spoke about the importance of press freedom for promoting democracy and human rights around the world.

The guests of honor, however—and the reason we were all there—were the journalists who came to share their stories of persecution and harassment. He Qinglian spent a year under 24-hour surveillance when the Chinese Propaganda Department accused her of 'inciting antagonism between the different strata of Chinese society' with her exposes of government corruption. After trying to investigate the presence of Taliban and Al-Qaeda elements in tribal areas in the autonomous zone between Pakistan and Afghanistan, Khawar Mehdi Rizvi was detained and tortured by Pakistani security forces for almost three months, before human rights groups and media organizations helped secure his escape to the United States.

We were also joined by Musa Klebnikov, the widow of American journalist, Paul Klebnikov, whose unresolved murder this resolution condemns. Mrs. Klebnikov told us that Paul believed that without freedom of the press there is no civil society, and can be no true democracy. He died for this ideal, becoming one of the fallen heroes of this ongoing worldwide struggle.

Paul committed himself to revealing the corrupt underside of Russia as well as celebrating its successes. His murder reveals both the importance of this type of work as well as the dangers facing journalists in the Russian Federation. Paul was the twelfth reporter to be killed in Russia since President Putin came to

power in 2000. Russia's press laws remain very far below European standards and in the nearly two years since Paul's murder, working conditions for journalists continued to worsen alarmingly.

Paul's murder stimulated the Russian government to dedicate real effort to prosecuting the hit men who shot him, and this resolution commends that effort. Unfortunately, two days after expressing her hope that this trial would set a standard for future cases of media persecution, the Russian court acquitted his killers. This resolution calls upon the Government of Russia to continue its inquiries into Paul's murder and to take appropriate action to protect the independence and freedom of journalists in the country.

Paul Klebnikov's murder exposed the problem of violence against journalists in Russia and increased the awareness of widespread threats to press freedom. The Congressional Caucus for Freedom of the Press was created to highlight and condemn media censorship and the persecution of journalists around the world. This Resolution is an important affirmation of these objectives, and I commend my colleague, Mr. MCCOTTER, for bringing it to the floor, and encourage broad support for its passage.

RECOGNIZING CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Mr. SHAYS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 751, recognizing American Ballet Theatre as a cultural and educational resource for our Nation.

Over the last 65 years, American Ballet Theatre has elevated the artistry and talent of classical dance in the United States, and has brought a greater appreciation and understanding of the arts to countless people in all 50 States and around the world.

American Ballet Theatre has developed a special relationship with Connecticut through the award-winning Make a Ballet Program.

Since 2002, ABT has been offering this program at The Waterside School, an independent, private day school in Stamford, which introduces low-income children to ballet. ABT Teaching Artists come to the school twice a week and provide a thorough introduction to the arts and high-quality dance instruction. This long-term, in-depth exposure to the arts leaves indelible impacts on the students, instilling a sense of confidence and accomplishment, and planting seeds that will reap appreciation for the arts for years to come.

American Ballet Theatre also holds a Ballet for the Young Dancer program at the YWCA in Greenwich each year, providing children between the ages of 5 and 12 with weekly ballet classes with some of the finest dancers in the world.

While the grand performances that American Ballet Theatre presents have established it as one of the world's great ballet companies, it is the interactions with local communities across America that truly distinguish ABT as a national treasure.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

IN HONOR OF ARNOLD R. PINKNEY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of Arnold R. Pinkney, dedicated family man, successful businessman, community activist, dedicated volunteer and friend and mentor to many, as he is being honored by the Community of Living Hope United Methodist Church of Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Mr. Pinkney was born and raised in Youngstown and graduated from the Youngstown Public Schools. His quest for higher education led him to Michigan, where he graduated from Albion College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and History. His personal integrity, strong self-motivation and unwavering dedication has guided him his whole life. During college, he was elected to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," was President of the Independent Men's Union, and was a member of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association Team for Baseball and Basketball.

The focus on hard work and giving back to others continues to frame Mr. Pinkney's life. He is the Chairman of Pinkney-Perry Insurance Agency, a 41-year-old business located in Cleveland. He is also Senior Consultant and CEO of Betpin & Associates, a consulting firm established by his wife of 45 years, Betty Thompson Pinkney. His dedication to his wife and daughter, Traci Lynne Pinkney, extends outward into the community, where his spirit of volunteerism, leadership and energy continues to empower and support numerous local civic, educational, political and business agencies, including the Urban League, 100 Black Men, Inc., Cleveland Musical Arts Association, University Circle Incorporated, and the Race for Success, Inc.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join us in honor of Arnold R. Pinkney, as we join with the Community of Living Hope United Methodist Church in recognition of his dedicated service and contribution focused on family, faith and community. Mr. Pinkney's numerous contributions within the private and public sector continues to strengthen the well being of our entire Cleveland community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, due to official business, I missed rollcall vote 146 on Thursday, May 11, 2006. Had I been present I would have voted "aye." This was a vote on H. Res. 802, a resolution to encourage all eligible Medicare beneficiaries who have not yet elected to enroll in the new Medicare Part D benefit to review the available options and to determine whether enrollment in a Medicare prescription drug plan best meets their current

and future needs for prescription drug coverage.

I wholeheartedly agree with the message in H. Res. 802. To that end, I have worked diligently to notify my constituents of this new program wherever I go. I am pleased so many seniors have chosen to participate in this program and that so many are saving money.

TRIBUTE TO MANUEL GONZALEZ

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Correctional Officer Manuel Gonzalez.

Officer Gonzalez served for sixteen years as a correctional officer, dedicating his life to protecting the rights of the public and safeguarding our communities from criminal activity.

Manuel was born in East Los Angeles, California in 1961. He attended Rio Hondo College and subsequently enlisted in the United States Army in 1982. In the Army, he started his law enforcement career, serving in the United States and overseas in Germany.

In 1987, he married Silvia Ortiz. Together, they settled down to raise a family.

He joined the California Department of Corrections in 1988, and was assigned to the California Institution for Men in Chino in 1996.

On January 10, 2005, Manuel was killed in the line of duty while working his shift in the reception center of the institution. He was stabbed to death by an inmate known to be gang affiliated, who was already serving 75 years-to-life for the attempted murder of a peace officer.

Correctional officers who risk their lives to protect our safety should be commemorated today.

This week, Officer Gonzalez's name is being added to the Correction Officer's Memorial Wall. The wall is dedicated to the Correctional Officers, Employees, Jailors, and Deputies who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, communities, and to their families.

Officer Gonzalez may be lost, but he is not forgotten. His unmatched love for his family, sense of humor, and dedication to his professional career are qualities we will never forget.

Today, my thoughts are not only with his family, but the families of all correctional officers who have died in line of duty.

Please join me in honoring Officer Gonzalez, his family, and all those who have given their lives in noble service to their community.

HONORING ROBERT SCHWANINGER, 2006 MASON DISTRICT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Schwaninger, the 2006 Mason District Citizen of the Year.

Robert Schwaninger became involved in Mason District community activities in 2001 by

joining with his neighbors to participate informally in local land use issues. Through his involvement, he found that shaping the future of Mason District was an ongoing process that required engaging citizens at various levels.

He continues to work with members of his community to spur greater community involvement and voter participation. He authored and sent thousands of letters to residents of Mason District in order to encourage their participation in community development, local services and public cooperation. During the past two elections, Mr. Schwaninger worked the polls in his precinct, providing support and information to voters.

In 2005, Robert Schwaninger accepted the position of Chairman of the Area Plan Review Task Force. In doing so, he took on the responsibility of providing a forum for citizens to offer input regarding future land development throughout the District. Mr. Schwaninger guided the APR Task Force in an efficient and open manner, allowing for the timely and fair completion of the task.

Also during that time, Robert Schwaninger offered his expertise in the area of telecommunications law to Mason District and Supervisor Gross on issues related to emergency communications interoperability in support of first responders, land use issues related to the construction of radio towers and broadband infrastructure as well as other matters that fall within his practice specialties. As a widely-published, and often-quoted authority in the telecommunications field, Robert Schwaninger's consulting services have been a valuable contribution to Mason District.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to express my gratitude to Robert Schwaninger for all of his efforts on behalf of Mason District. I call upon my colleagues to join me in applauding his selection as the 2006 Mason District Citizen of the Year.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CORPORAL HENRY D. CONNELL: AN HONOR LONG OVERDUE

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday it was my privilege to attend the funeral of Cpl. Henry D. Connell. It was a heart-warming, emotional and unique experience. This funeral was particularly moving since Corporal Connell was only 17 years old when he died on the battlefield in the small village of Unsan in the Democratic Republic of Korea. It was here that his regiment fought with the Chinese People's Volunteer Army for four long grueling days, and where he, and more than 1,000 members of the 8th Regiment, lost their lives.

It was November 2, 1950 when the United States Army declared Corporal Henry Connell to officially be missing in action. And 43 years later, on July 12, 1993, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea turned over the remains of 17 soldiers believed to be unaccounted for U.S. servicemen from the Korean War. Corporal Henry D. Connell's remains were one of the 17 soldiers recovered.

All told, this Springfield soldier was missing in action for 55 years. He enlisted in the Army

at age 17, eager to serve in the Korean War, and served for only 8 months before he died, not living to see his 18th birthday. During his brief tenure in the army, he earned a Bronze Star and was promoted to corporal. Henry Connell was born in Springfield, MA and was the son of the late Robert F. Connell and Beatrice (Creamer) Connell Lanzillo. And this past Saturday, his remains were buried alongside his late mother in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery on Tinkham Road in Springfield.

Mr. Speaker, this was a unique and moving ceremony, and I feel fortunate to have been able to attend. I thank everyone involved who made this appropriate remembrance possible, and extend my sympathies to Thomas W. Connell, Henry's brother, and his wife Patricia and their family at this difficult, yet special time.

I would also like to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the official obituary that recently ran in the Springfield, Massachusetts newspaper honoring the life of Corporal Henry D. Connell. May Henry Connell now rest in peace.

[From the Republican, May 7, 2006]

CPL. HENRY D. CONNELL

1933-1950 SPRINGFIELD.—Henry D. Connell, 17, a Corporal serving with the United States Army L Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division under the command of Major General Herbart Gay, was declared missing in action on November 2, 1950. He was born in Springfield, MA the son of the late Robert F. Connell and Beatrice (Creamer) Connell Lanzillo. Henry was educated from the Springfield School: System, attended Cathedral High School, and joined the U.S. Army shortly after his 17 birthday. He was injured during combat on September 8, 1950, near the town of Taegu, R.O.K., and was evacuated to the 35th Station Hospital at Kyoto, Honshu, Japan. Shortly after he rejoined his unit, the 8th Cavalry Regiment fought a pitched battle for four days with the Chinese People's Volunteer Army near the village of Unsan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea. It was during this battle that over 1,000 soldiers serving with the 8th Cavalry lost their lives, Cpl. Henry D. Connell being one of them. The United States Army declared him missing in action on November 2, 1950. On July 12, 1993, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea turned over 17 soldier's sets of remains believed to be unaccounted for U.S. servicemen from the Korean War near Unsan. Cpl. Henry D. Connell remains were one of the 17 soldiers recovered, and missing in action, for over 43 years. Henry leaves his brother, Thomas W. Connell and his wife, Patricia (LeDoux) Connell of Stuart, FL; as well as several nieces and nephews living in Stuart, FL; and the Greater Springfield area. He was the brother of the late Audrey (Connell) Spencer of West Springfield, who died in 2004. His funeral with full military honors will be held Saturday, May 13, 2006, at Sampson's Chapel of the Acre, 21 Tinkham Rd., Springfield. During this service Henry's brother Thomas W. Connell, will be presented with the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for Henry's valor and dedicated service to a grateful nation by the United States Army. Rites of Committal will follow in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Tinkham Rd., Springfield, where Henry will be buried next to his late mother and sister in the Connell family lot. Contributions in his memory may be directed to your nearest chapter of the Disabled American Veterans.

TRIBUTE TO ANNE BREHM OF
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, as Memorial Day approaches, I want to take a moment to bring to the attention of the House of Representatives the noteworthy contribution of Anne Brehm of Kansas City, Kansas, to the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Originally attributed to an "unknown Army nurse," a quotation inscribed on the memorial site recently was attributed to World War II Air Force nurse Anne Sosh Brehm, who wrote it in a 1990 letter to retired Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught, USAF, the foundation president for the memorial. The circumstances of her correspondence, and the recent attribution of the quote to Anne Brehm are recounted in a recent article from *The Leaven*, which I am including with this statement. Mrs. Brehm's quote, which will be properly attributed to her at a Memorial Day ceremony at the memorial later this month, is as follows:

"Let the generations know that the women in uniform also guaranteed their freedom; that our resolve was as great as the brave men who stood among us; and with victory our hearts were just as full and beat just as fast as theirs, that the tears fell just as hard for those we left behind us."

[From *The Leaven*, Nov. 11, 2005]

LET THE GENERATIONS KNOW—SACRED HEART
PARISHIONER EARNED PLACE IN WORLD WAR
II HISTORY

(By Bob Hart)

KANSAS CITY, KS—For years it was an anonymous quote, attributed to an "unknown Army nurse" at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial in Washington, D.C.:

"Let the generations know that the women in uniform also guaranteed their Freedom; that our resolve was as great as the brave men who stood among us; and with victory our hearts were just as full and beat as fast as theirs, that tears fell just as hard for those we left behind us."

Every so often, Anne Brehm, a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Kansas City, Kan., would hear of the quote, and think to herself, "I said that." Typically modest the former World War II Army nurse did nothing about it.

"For 15 years, I just let it go," Brehm said. Things changed this past August when Brehm received a phone call from retired Brig. Gen. Wilma L. Vaught, USAF, foundation president for the memorial. Years earlier, Brehm had written the brigadier general to register for the memorial and had included the quote in the comments.

Vaught had been using it in speeches for years and had passed it on for inscription in a panel at the memorial itself, overlooking the pool. Unfortunately, she had long since misplaced Brehm's letter and could not remember whose words she was quoting.

As fate would have it, Vaught found Brehm's letter shortly before she was scheduled to speak at an American veterans of World War II convention in Kansas City, Mo., late this past summer. The rest, as they say, is history.

WHERE THE ACTION WAS

Gary, Ind., native Anne Sosh was just 22 and fresh out of nursing school in 1943 when

she enlisted in the Second Air Force—incurring the playful wrath of her four brothers, who were all in the Navy.

"I betrayed my family," Brehm said, laughing in the kitchen of the Kansas City home in which she's lived for 50 years. "But the Navy didn't send their nurses overseas, and I wanted to be where the action was."

She got her wish.

She spent time in Bombay, India, where she was "in awe" at seeing Mahatma Gandhi; in Burma, where she saw Gen. Joseph Stillwell on the Ledo Road; and finally in China, where she got to know Gen. Claire Chennault and members of his famed Flying Tigers—many of whom were patients in the 172nd General Hospital where Brehm served.

She was still in China when the A-bomb was dropped. Chinese nationalists and Communists took up their fight, and the nurses were told to quickly leave the country.

They grabbed what pictures and other belongings they could, leaving behind 20 of their own—nurses and good friends who had been killed in a plane crash in Burma.

Brehm was first sent back to India. With the promise of her choice of hospitals, she re-enlisted and requested Topeka General, stateside, with a secret ulterior motive: She was dating a young man she'd met overseas, Dick Brehm from Mission.

She would marry Dick Brehm and raise two children—son Alan and daughter Susie. She would also continue her nursing career until 1990, right about the time she heard about the memorial being built in Washington, D.C., to honor female veterans.

Ann Brehm picked up her pen and wrote, in her letter to Vaught, what would become a very famous quote.

"FOR ALL OF US"

"I was very moved by your words," Vaught told Brehm on the phone last August. "I've used them in hundreds and hundreds of speeches over the years."

The general invited Brehm to join her at the American veterans of World War II convention at Crown Center, where she would finally be identified as the writer of the quote that had been on display in the nation's capital for 15 years.

"I was introduced and spoke," Brehm said. "I have no idea what I said."

Brehm was greeted warmly by her fellow veterans, many of whom thanked her for the words that had moved them when they visited the memorial. Although the revelation that she is the woman who wrote "let the generations know" has brought her a certain level of celebrity, she treasures one clipping above all: a short article in her church bulletin written by her pastor, Father Michael Hermes, whom she calls "my archangel."

The memorial will soon change the inscription from "Author, unknown Army nurse" to properly credit 1st Lt. Ann Sosh Brehm. She thinks that's nice, but not such a big deal.

"We had a camaraderie you just don't find in civilian life," she said, recalling her fellow nurses, many long since gone. "What I said was for all of us, I don't need any credit."

TRIBUTE TO MR. DEAN J. UTEGG

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Dean J. Utegg, a lifelong resident of Chautauqua County and a truly remarkable man.

DEAN J. UTEGG

[May 9, 2006]

Dean J. Utegg, 35, of 24 Maple Ave., Ripley died on Monday, May 8, 2006 at Select Spe-

cialty Hospital after a lengthy illness due to diabetes.

He was born on April 18, 1971, in Erie, to Fred L. Utegg of Ripley, and the late Joan L. Rizzo Utegg (1990).

He was a lifetime resident of Ripley, where he graduated from Ripley Central High School, and attended the State University at Fredonia.

He presently served as Ripley town supervisor and as district treasurer of Chautauqua Lake Central School, until recent retirement due to illness. He was also formerly employed at Mellon Bank in Erie for several years, and served as chairman of the Ripley and Chautauqua Democratic Committees, and was a former member of the Chautauqua Young Democrats. He also served as secretary for the Saturday Night Bowling League.

He was a member of St. Thomas More Church in Ripley and the Brotherhood of St. Joseph in North East. He loved bowling, golfing and was an avid true Cleveland Browns fan.

Besides his father, he is survived by his partner, Jai Trippy of Ripley; brothers: Stephen C. Utegg and his wife, Linda, and Mark A. Utegg and his wife, Lisa, both of North East, Pa.; sister, Belinda Mulholland and her husband, Timothy of Dewittville; several nieces and nephews, whom he was very close to; several aunts and uncles; and his friend, Miniature Dachshund, Brownie.

Friends may call at the William D. Elkin Funeral Home, 65 South Lake St., North East on Wednesday 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., and are invited to attend prayer services on Friday at 9:45 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. at St. Gregory. Interment St. Gregory Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Pittsburgh Office, 300 Penn Center Blvd., Suite 602, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15235 or Ripley Hose Co., Ripley, NY., 14775.

Dean was a man who fully understood how to live life to its fullest and that, Mr. Speaker, is why I rise to honor him today.

HONORING ED WARNER

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor a good friend and constituent, Mr. Ed Warner of Hampton Bays, New York, who recently passed away at the age of 80.

As a native of Hampton Bays and a fifth generation bayman, Mr. Warner knew more than just about anyone concerning the town's history and its people. He was highly admired for his kindness, generosity and steadfast advocacy for Southampton, its residents and its unique environment.

Born in 1925, Ed grew up in Hampton Bays developing a keen sense of loyalty and pride for his hometown. After serving in the Navy during the Second World War, he returned home and worked as a bayman, catching fish that he sold to the local market. Ed knew the best places to catch fish, how to catch the most fish and where to dig for the largest clams.

Ed put his knowledge of the sea to work as a member of the Southampton Board of Trustees. He excelled on this governing body that monitored the town's waterways, serving 27 years through 13 re-elections.

In addition to his public service, Ed's sense of humor and his generosity will not soon be forgotten. An example of his kindness and compassion for others was made evident when, without hesitation, Ed gave fifty dollars to a friend in need who couldn't afford to fix his chainsaw, which he used for his livelihood—sawing holes for ice fishing.

Indeed, Ed's sympathy and goodwill earned him an impeccable reputation. He will always be remembered as an excellent fisherman, public servant, and loving husband and father. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Teresa, their daughter Merry, sons James and Edward Warner Jr., who is following in his father's footsteps as a newly appointed Southampton Trustee.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of New York's first congressional district, the residents of Hampton Bays and the entire town of Southampton, I thank the House for this opportunity to express our sadness in the wake of Ed Warner's passing. He was a good man whose many enduring contributions to his community will always be remembered with fondness and gratitude.

HONORING PENN HIGH SCHOOL ON
WINNING THE INDIANA ACADEMIC
SUPER BOWL

HON. CHRIS CHOCOLA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. CHOCOLA. Mr. Speaker, today I am excited to honor Penn High School for winning the Indiana Academic Super Bowl. Their first place showing at the Indiana Academic Super Bowl State Finals at Purdue University is their second in a row.

Vince Lombardi once said that "Winning is not a sometime thing; it's an all time thing. You don't win once in a while, you don't do things right once in a while, you do them right all the time. Winning is a habit." If this is true, then the Penn High School Academic Bowl Team is a great example of having a habit of winning.

The team members are: Jenny DeVito, Dmitri Gekhtman, Maggie Gerdes, Andrew Gresik, Josh Klopfenstein, Matt Klopfenstein, Kelsey McClure, Angela Shan, Josh Walker, and Michele Weldy.

I congratulate their Coach Peter Dekeever and all the members of the Penn High School Academic Super Bowl team on their great accomplishment.

TRIBUTE TO BOB LARSON OF
WMBD-TV IN PEORIA, ILLINOIS

HON. RAY LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Bob Larson of WMBD-TV in Peoria, Illinois.

Next Tuesday, May 23, Bob will celebrate 35 years at this television station. Over that time, Bob has become an icon in Central Illinois. Every evening many citizens of my district tune in to the newscasts of Channel 31 to

get the day's news from the familiar, friendly face of Bob Larson.

Bob started his broadcasting career at the age of 16 in his hometown of Morris, Illinois, and has served over the years on both radio and television as a reporter, weatherman, and anchor. He delivers the news in a straightforward, Midwestern style, sprinkled with humor and modesty. Through years of advancing technology and ever-changing news partners, Bob has remained a part of everyday life for Peorians and a bedrock part of WMBD. The Associated Press has honored Bob for Best Downstate Illinois Radio Newscast and Best Downstate Illinois TV Newscast. "I take the responsibility of giving Central Illinois the most comprehensive newscast we can very seriously," Bob has said.

Not only is a Bob an accomplished newscaster, he has spent his career interacting with the public and being a tireless volunteer for many community activities. Bob is often seen riding in his convertible at the many parades throughout our area. He has hosted the Muscular Dystrophy Association telethon for more than 25 years. He has also served as host for the Easter Seals Telethon and Peoria's annual Santa Claus parade. Bob takes community service seriously, and he set a wonderful example for our community.

Today I congratulate Bob for his 35 years of service to WMBD. I count him as a friend and I look forward to watching his newscasts and working with him in the community for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 131, 132, and 133, had I been present, I would have voted 131—"yes"; 132—"no" and 133—"yes."

HONORING NATIONAL SENIOR
CENTER WEEK

HON. JEB BRADLEY

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to senior centers across New Hampshire during National Senior Center Week, which is May 15th through May 19th.

This year's theme is "Senior Centers—Our Community Investment." And an investment it is—senior centers provide a focal point for older Americans to access services, meet new People, and find ways to serve their communities. These centers offer invaluable services including employment assistance, health and wellness programs, transportation services, networking opportunities, and meal and nutrition programs, among others. They also introduce seniors to new technology through computer classes and Internet training.

In New Hampshire, there are approximately 45 senior centers across the State, including some in rural areas. I am fortunate to have

had the opportunity to visit several of them, as well as a number of senior housing complexes and nursing homes. The seniors who visit these centers have a lifetime of experiences to share with others, and I enjoy hearing their stories. Many have answered the call to service: they serve as Foster Grandparents in schools, mentoring at-risk youth; others deliver meals to home-bound senior citizens; and many others serve their local communities by holding public office.

Each year in May, during Older Americans Month, we honor senior citizens for their contributions to our communities, which make them better places to live, work and raise a family. By continuing to provide programs that assist and educate older Americans, we can help them live longer, healthier, and more productive lives. I thank all of the volunteers and staff members at the senior centers around New Hampshire for their dedication to our Nation's older Americans.

HONORING LEROY HOMER, CO-
PILOT OF UNITED AIRLINES
FLIGHT 93

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the life and legacy of an African-American pilot and hero, LeRoy W. Homer, Jr., the First Officer of United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed into a reclaimed coal-mining area near Stonycreek and Shanksville on September 11, 2001.

At an early age, LeRoy W. Homer, Jr. knew that he wanted to be a pilot. As a child, LeRoy assembled model airplanes, collected aviation memorabilia and read books on aviation. LeRoy was 15 years old when he started flight instruction in Cessna 152. Working part-time jobs after school to pay for flying lessons, he completed his first solo at 16 years old, and obtained his private pilot's certificate in 1983.

In the fall of 1983, LeRoy entered the Air Force Academy, and graduated with the Class of 1987, 31st Squadron. After completing pilot training in 1988, he was assigned to McGuire AFB in New Jersey, flying the C-141B Starlifter. While on active duty, LeRoy served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and later supported operations in Somalia. He received many commendations, awards and medals during his military career. In 1993, he was named the 21st Air Force Aircrew Instructor of the Year. LeRoy achieved the rank of Captain before his honorable discharge from active duty in 1995.

LeRoy continued his military career as a reservist, initially as an instructor pilot with the 356th Airlift Squadron at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, then subsequently as an Academy Liaison Officer, recruiting potential candidates for both the Air Force Academy and the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. During his time with the Reserves, he achieved rank of Major.

LeRoy continued his flying career by joining United Airlines in May 1995. His first assignment was Second Officer on the B727. He then upgraded to First Officer on the B757/767 in 1996, where he remained until September 11, 2001.

On September 11, 2001, LeRoy was flying with Captain Jason Dahl on United Flight 93. Based on information from several sources that day, we know LeRoy and Jason were the first to fight against the terrorist threat to the airplane.

LeRoy was able to accomplish much in his short life. He was able to do so because of the support of his family and friends, and the encouragement of his teachers and mentors. For his actions on board Flight 93, Homer received many awards and citations posthumously, including honorary membership in the historic Tuskegee Airmen, the Congress of Racial Equality's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Drum Major for Justice Award, and the Westchester County Trailblazer Award.

Above all of the accolades and awards, it is because of Homer's sacrifice that I pay tribute. I take great pride in recognizing Mr. LeRoy W. Homer, Jr., an African-American hero.

INSPIRING INTER-FAITH MUTUAL
COOPERATION AND RESPECT

HON. THELMA D. DRAKE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mrs. DRAKE. Mr. Speaker, I had a unique opportunity to address on Holocaust Memorial Day (April 25) about 200 clergy and lay leaders representing 64 churches of the Presbyterian of Eastern Virginia at their quarterly meeting at the historic Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church in downtown Newport News.

The gathering on that particular day of members of the Presbyterian Church, USA, was coincidental though my invitation to join them was not. It was a very thoughtful and touching gesture by a minister friend of mine, the Rev. Dick Keever of Bayside Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach who served as the meeting's moderator. It speaks volumes of the inspiring inter-faith climate of mutual cooperation and respect in greater Hampton Roads which I've come to appreciate during my 21 years of living in this community and serving it as a rabbi. From 1985 to 1995 my congregation of Beth Chaverim was the only one in the world to meet in a Catholic facility, the most gracious Church Of The Ascension in Virginia Beach.

I was most gratified and a bit concerned to be welcomed by Presbyterian colleagues and friends given the recent tensions born of the controversial resolution to consider divestment from companies doing business in Israel which impacts upon the Palestinians. I felt that resolution was far too one-sided and discriminatory failing to invest toward a better future for all. I also happen to be the first rabbi to have earned a doctoral degree from the Presbyterian affiliated McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, adding an intriguing dimension to my special encounter on a day reminding me more than any other of being a son of Polish Holocaust survivors. I spent my early childhood in a Displaced Persons Camp in Frankfurt, Germany, and then grew up in Haifa, Israel, prior to coming to Chicago in 1966 to join my Holocaust survivor grandmother who lost her own parents, five siblings and countless others.

I was moved to share with my distinguished Presbyterian audience that the poison unleashed from the destruction of European Jewry had allowed for other genocides to occur, from the killing fields of Cambodia to Bosnia, Rwanda, Saddam Hussein's mass graves, suicide bombers wreaking havoc in New York and Israel, and Sudan's Darfur region where those with lighter skin color begrudge the presence and very lives of those with darker skin. The Holocaust, the defining event of the previous century, may yet prove to be the beginning of the end of civilized human life. After all, it took place in Christian Europe at the hands of the German nation deemed to be a leader in many fields, yet so quickly succumbing to the worst of human impulses. Though it was nourished by centuries of church led demonizing and dehumanizing, persecutions and expulsions of a vulnerable minority that in spite of its abuse as a scapegoat refused to abandon its distinct heritage. Among the Holocaust's victims were members of my father's family, direct descendents of Spanish Jews expelled in 1492 and ultimately invited to build the town of Zamosc in eastern Poland in 1588, till Hitler sealed their destiny in 1939 without the option even of conversion.

The State of Israel, home to the largest number of Holocaust survivors who are now quickly diminishing with age, is the only nation-state on earth threatened openly with annihilation by the President of another state, Iran, while he denies that the Nazi Holocaust ever took place and thus proposing one as he is bent on acquiring a nuclear capability. I pleaded with the Presbyterians, having the misguided divestment plan in mind, not to endanger in any way the Holocaust's survivors who did not seek revenge at the war's end but rather to rebuild their lives in an ancient homeland where the dream of universal peace was first conceived. Survivors, like my parents, living in an Israel which ironically has not known shalom's blessings since its 1948 inception and on May 3rd will celebrate the 58th anniversary of the Jewish state. I vividly recall attending with my father Israeli military Independence Day parades early on, and his enthusiastic acclaim to the sight of a "Jewish tank" and a "Jewish plane," a response to our dire helplessness in the past and the sacred act of defending one's people and honor.

However, to presently despair in light of mighty challenges, would only betray the survivors noble and life-oriented spirit as well as the words of Anne Frank, one of a million and a half Jewish children including cousins of my own, "in spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart, I simply can't build up my hopes on a foundation consisting of confusion, misery and death." Indeed Jews, Christians, Muslims and all who share our anguished planet-earth ought to be reassured by Anne's loving message and make her vision a reality for all children including Israeli and Palestinian, American and Chinese, now and forever.

Rabbi Israel Zoberman is the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach.

TRIBUTE TO MR. KEN POTTS

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Ken Potts who is moving on after having served our community in Southwest Michigan as the director of the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport for 16 years. Ken has a strong bond with the Kalamazoo area as he also received his BS in Aviation Technology and Management and his MBA from Western Michigan University.

Ken's distinguished career began as an intern as at the Kalamazoo Municipal Airport, which would later become the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport. After two stints managing airports in North Carolina and Vermont, Ken returned home to direct the airport where his career started in Kalamazoo—he remained there for 16 years. His other career highlights include being an Accredited Airport Executive by the American Association of Airport Executives and serving as President of the Michigan Association of Airport Executives.

After so many years of great service, I want to be sure that proper recognition was given to Ken; his long career in the aviation field speaks for itself and I think that all of us in Southwest Michigan are quite lucky that we had him aboard for so many years. The presence of an airport in Kalamazoo not only makes travel convenient for our local folks, it also makes our corner of Michigan attractive to businesses that continue to view Southwest Michigan as an ideal place to run their business.

Ken leaves our airport better than he found it. We wish Ken and his family all of the best in their future endeavors.

USA RENEWABLE FUEL ACT OF
2006

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce my introduction of the USA Renewable Fuels Act of 2006. I worked on this legislation with Congressman GUTKNECHT of Minnesota, who is also a strong supporter of biofuels.

The USA Renewable Fuel Act of 2006 is aimed at assisting domestic producers of biofuels, including ethanol and biodiesel. This act would ensure that key provisions of the 2005 Energy Bill pertaining to renewable fuels production would apply to U.S. production only. My vision is to help make agriculture a partner in the energy future of this country by investing in U.S. producers and manufacturers of biofuels. This legislation helps ensure that vision.

Last year, Congress passed and the President signed legislation that doubles the use of ethanol and biodiesel by the year 2012. Recently there has been a push to eliminate tariffs on the importation of biofuels from other countries—an action that could threaten the competitiveness of domestic producers.

This bill will ensure that the Renewable Fuel Standard Congress passed last year will apply only to domestic production of biofuels. This bill will not discourage the importation of foreign biofuels, but will simply reserve a portion of the market for U.S. producers. My hope is to help promote the production and use of biofuels within the United States, and I believe this legislation will help achieve that goal.

Biofuel production is perceived to play a key role in the revitalization of rural America, including Colorado's 3rd Congressional District. Right now many farmers are taking the initiative by investing in the production of biofuels. It is our role as their representatives to provide the necessary tools and help in any way we can to achieve these goals and help revitalize our rural communities. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation as it moves forward.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP VICTOR T. CURRY: CELEBRATING HIS 15TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to one of Miami's great spiritual and community leaders, Bishop Victor T. Curry.

On May 21, Bishop Curry will celebrate his 15th pastoral anniversary, and I want to echo the same sentiments of joy and gratitude that the 15,000 members of the New Birth Baptist Church in Miami will lift up to Almighty God on this happy occasion.

Bishop Curry's ministerial journey truly represents the best and the noblest of our community. As bishop, senior pastor, and teacher of New Birth Baptist Church, he is leading his congregation in the ways of God and has tirelessly worked to enlighten our community on the path to spiritual wisdom, social responsibility and good government based on the laws of God and the dictates of conscience.

I want to acknowledge the tremendous work he is doing in constantly guiding not only the members of New Birth Baptist Church, but also the entire family of the "The Cathedral of Faith International." He has truly exemplified the model of Christ as the Good Shepherd, and has led his flock, sharing with them the words of God's wisdom and the good news emanating from the gospel.

His motto—"From Vision to Victory"—has impacted the lives of countless people, for Bishop Curry has carried forth his message of hope in person, in newspapers, on television, and on radio. He has demonstrated, both by word and by example, his unconditional love for and commitment to our children, the elderly, the poor, the disenfranchised, and those less fortunate among us.

I therefore join with his congregation and our entire community in honoring Bishop Curry on his 15th pastoral anniversary and in wishing him many more in the years to come.

A SUCCESS STORY OF DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, since congressional districts were realigned in Massachusetts in 1992, I have had the honor of representing a large number of Americans who trace their ancestry to the Republic of Cape Verde. As with other Americans who trace their ancestry to other nations, the Cape Verdean Americans who live in my district are very proud of their ancestral homeland, and are very much interested in my working to preserve good relations between our two countries. In the case of Cape Verde, that is very easy. The Republic of Cape Verde from the day of its independence has maintained a degree of democracy, respect for individual freedom, and respect for human rights that is very impressive. In the nature of things, people tend to hear bad news about other continents, countries or regions. But while it is important for us to give attention to those places where correction is needed, we should not by silence about successes let people think that there are none. I recently had the chance to read a very impressive study by Dr. Bruce Baker and Professor Roy May of Coventry University in the United Kingdom, entitled Cape Verde: The Most Democratic Nation In Africa?

In the acknowledgment to their report, the authors answer this question in the affirmative—We believe that the country fully lives up to the title of the most democratic nation in Africa.

Sensible space limitations prevent me from asking that their entire article be printed here. I do note that it will soon be appearing in a leading academic journal on African affairs. But given the importance of refuting the notion that democracy is somehow unsuited to African countries, a justification occasionally put forward by defenders of autocracy, I do want to quote some important passages here from their article:

One of the most striking indicators of Cape Verde's democratic maturity has been the ease by which power has been transferred, with defeated governments and their supporters accepting the electorate's verdict. Since the country's 1991 transition to multiparty democracy, Cape Verdeans have changed their government three times.

Deputies from both main parties believe the National Assembly to be effective in adversarial debate. Civil and political rights are enshrined in the constitution and widely respected in practice. The judiciary is regarded as independent and therefore free of political bias.

Mr. Speaker, the authors acknowledge that democracy of Cape Verde, as is true everywhere else, is not perfect, but they stress that there is an overall democratic atmosphere in Cape Verde in which those lapses can be pursued by people interested in improving the situation without fear of repression or retaliation.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to call attention to the thriving democracy in the Republic of Cape Verde both because it deserves attention in itself, and is a counter to those who argue that somehow democracy and respect for basic human rights is a west-

ern doctrine that cannot travel to other parts of the world.

Mr. Speaker, the Cape Verdean Americans whom I represent are very proud of their homeland, as they should be. It is entirely appropriate that the Bush Administration recognized the flourishing democracy of Cape Verde, among other aspects of that nation's governance, by making it one of the first recipients of funds under the new Millennium Challenge foreign aid program.

DAMU SMITH INTERNATIONAL RENOWNED ACTIVIST DIES AT AGE 54

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Damu Smith, who died May 5, 2006, and to enter into the record an article by Makani Themba-Nixon entitled Damu Smith, popular activist, dies at 54 which appeared on May 13, 2006 as a special to The Washington AFRO American.

Damu Smith was a people's activist who put his heart and energy into more than one cause. He was a St. Louis native and longtime Washington, D.C. resident, but he was renowned internationally as a great organizer and a man of ideas. He was a co-founder with Donelle Wilkins of the National Black Environmental Justice Network, NBEJN, in 1999.

As the first coordinator for Southern Organizing Committee for Economic and Social Justice, Smith revealed the practice of some corporations that targeted poor African American Communities. He organized Toxic Tours in the South to help bring national attention to this very serious problem. The story of this successful campaign to force a PVC plant out of Norco, La., was made into Lifetime cable movie, *Fenceline: A Company Town Divided*.

Smith was a leader and co-founder of several social justice initiatives including Artists for a Free South Africa and Black Voices for Peace. For over 30 years, Smith worked to bring justice to all.

When Smith first became ill, his many friends and followers from many peace, environmental and social justice movements rallied around him to give him their full support as a way of showing their love and gratitude for everything he had done to promote peace, justice and preservation of our mutually shared planet.

Among the many projects Smith was involved in was promoting a national Martin Luther King Jr., Holiday. In the 1990s he joined Greenpeace USA and monitored corporate pollution on the Gulf Coast. He coordinated the first National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit in 1991, helping to link the civil rights movement to the environmental movement for the first time, colleagues said.

Born LeRoy Wesley Smith, he came to Washington in 1973. He later took the name Damu, which the Associated Press of May 8, 2006 reported means blood, leadership and strength in Swahili.

Damu Smith was a leader of great strength and passion. His causes were many and varied but all of them were about social justice

and civil rights. Smith was an activist for 30 years. During this time, he was a co-founder of Artists for a Free South Africa and Black voice for Peace. His efforts ranged from a stint as executive director of the Washington Office on Africa during the anti-apartheid movement to work on gun violence and police brutality with the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice.

According to the Afro American article, Ron Daniels founder and president of the Institute of the Black World 21st Century, reflected that Smith was an incredible organizer, an incredible leader and teacher. He was also an incredible human being. I certainly second that assessment.

Journalist George E. Curry wrote that Damu Smith who died at age 54, crammed more into his 54 years on earth than people who live twice as long. Yet, the feeling lingers that he left us too soon. Curry wrote that Smith was a man of integrity and he was a visionary. Those are words of high praise and they are true in describing Damu Smith. I want to add, he was a man with a great heart who spent his life working for those who most needed him.

Damu Smith loved his one child very much. His many friends knew how much and how deeply he loved Asha Hadia Vernice Moore Smith, his 14-year-old daughter. They have set up a trust fund so she will have the opportunity for the education he wanted for her.

I believe if Asha has inherited his heart and his character Damu Smith's daughter will be a light in the world just like her father.

[From the AFRO American News, May 10, 2006]

DAMU SMITH, POPULAR ACTIVIST, DIES AT 54
(By Makani Themba-Nixon)

Damu Smith, internationally renowned activist and a founder of the environmental justice movement, passed away early on May 5 at George Washington Hospital. Surrounded by a crowd of friends and family that spilled down hospital corridors, Smith, 54, succumbed after a year long bout with colorectal cancer. Smith was a dedicated organizer who even at the height of his health challenges found time to support social justice work. In recent months, Smith addressed the Millions More March and a capacity crowd for a TransAfrica forum, despite his ailing health. "He loved his people," says Donelle Wilkins, co-chair of the National Black Environmental Justice Network (NBEJN) an organization she and Smith founded in 1999. "You may have seen him at the big podiums and the big meetings but he was also in the country corners, the small towns, the little places. He rolled up his sleeves. He got his hands dirty."

A St. Louis native and long time Washington, D.C. resident, Smith was a leader and co-founder of several social justice initiatives including Artists for a Free South Africa and Black Voices for Peace. A consummate organizer and bridge builder, Smith's work extended over 30 years and several issues. "He was about bringing justice wherever it was needed," said Wilkins.

Smith's efforts ranged from a stint as executive director of the Washington Office on Africa during the anti-apartheid movement to work on gun violence and police brutality with the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice, the National Wilmington 10 Defense Committee and the National Black Independent Political Party. An outspoken activist on peace and disarmament, Smith served as associate director of the Washington Office of the American

Friends Service Committee and traveled internationally to support movements for peace and justice around the world. "He was undoubtedly one of the most important activists of our time," reflected Ron Daniels, founder and president of the Institute of the Black World 21st Century. "He was an incredible organizer, an incredible leader and teacher. He was also just an incredible human being." Perhaps Smith is best known for his groundbreaking work to establish the environmental justice movement. As national associate director and national toxics campaigner for Greenpeace USA, he helped carve out the racial justice analysis that helped distinguish environmental justice from the "green space" focus that typified environmental work of the day.

As the first coordinator for environmental justice for the Southern Organizing Committee for Economic and Social Justice, Smith gained firsthand experience of the corporate pollution practices that target poor and African American communities. He organized Toxic Tours in the South to help bring national attention to the issue, taking celebrities Alice Walker, Haki Madhubuti and others to the infamous area in Louisiana dubbed Cancer Alley. "The work in Cancer Alley was his heart. He didn't think anything about his well being. He stood in the face of the threats, of the violence, of the toxics. He set an example for what was possible. It gave his community a sense of strength, a sense that together they can make a difference. And they did. It was profound," said Wilkins.

The campaign to force a PVC plant out of Norco, La. was eventually the subject of a Lifetime cable channel movie, {Fenceline: A Company Town Divided}. Smith's efforts helped draw attention to the disproportionate toxic dumping in African-American communities nationwide, which led him to help found the National Black Environmental Justice Network.

"It was his vision to bring Black people together from all over the country to unite us around this issue," Wilkins said. "He single-handedly brought together folk from more than 30 states—welfare moms to PhDs—to give birth to this network. Damu's leadership and commitment was relentless." Although Smith remained executive director of the network until his death, his primary campaign over the last year was his own survival. Friends launched the Spirit of Hope campaign to support Smith with living and healthcare expenses as years of organizing work left him with little resources and without health insurance. His wide network responded with an outpouring of support including a star studded gala last July that brought together artist activists Danny Glover, Bernice Reagon and Sonia Sanchez.

"These resources went to support Damu in acquiring the care he needed," said Sandra Rattley, Spirit of Hope coordinator. "Damu was so grateful. The doctors were saying he only had three months last year but the community came together and literally extended his life. And every month he had, he continued to give back."

Survivors include his daughter Asha Hadia Vernice Moore Smith, 13. He is also survived by a sister Sylnice Williams; two brothers Richard Anthony Smith and Leslie Dudley Smith; a significant other Adeleke Foster, two nephews, six nieces and thousands of friends and fellow soldiers in the battle for peace and justice.

Rattley said the community is rallying to ensure that Asha is provided for. Smith often referred to his daughter as the crown jewel of his life and once boasted had started a Black Kids for Peace organization. Friends and colleagues often remarked on what a devoted and caring father Smith was. "I know

that Damu wanted to make sure that Asha is alright," says Rattley. A memorial service is scheduled for 5 p.m. May 20 at Plymouth Congregational Church, 5301 North Capitol St., N.W. in Washington, D.C. In lieu of floral arrangements, the family requests all donations be made to the Asha Moore Smith Trust, 1750 Columbia Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009 or online at www.damusmith.org.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
LIVONIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN
LIVONIA, MICHIGAN

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and recognize the 50th anniversary of the Livonia Historical Society in Livonia, Michigan.

For five decades, the Livonia Historical Society has worked to preserve the historical and cultural heritage of our community. Initially founded in 1956 by Gladys and Don Ryder in the Bentley High School library, the Livonia Historical Society serves as guardian over Livonia's original buildings, museums, and homes.

The Livonia Historical Society's extraordinary accomplishments include preserving the Quaker House; and naming a library after prominent Livonia engineer Alfred Noble; and developing the 160-acre Greenmead historical village, which contains the 1820 estate of Joshua Simmons, an 1841 Greek Revival farmhouse, a one-room school house, and a general store. Further, the Livonia Historical Society has collected and protected ancestral records and artifacts; educated the public about the history of Livonia; and held fundraisers to support restorative projects on Quaker Acres.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating my hometown's Livonia Historical Society for its first 50 years of noble civic service; and in extending our best wishes as they embark upon their next 50 years of preserving our community's uncommon legacy—and, in the process, selflessly affirming their own.

TRIBUTE TO THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH FLINT
TABERNACLE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to South Flint Tabernacle as it celebrates 75 years of worship. The Tabernacle will come together on Sunday, May 21st to pray and rejoice in the blessings be stowed by God for the past 75 years.

Reverend John McLaughlin founded South Flint Tabernacle in 1931. The original worship services were held at Lincoln School in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. A few years later the congregation purchased the land now occupied by the current church in Burton Michigan and embarked upon building a permanent

house of worship. After several building and remodeling projects the church has grown to its present size.

The Reverend Robert E. Henson has been the loving and charismatic pastor since 1979. A vibrant, dynamic congregation supports several ministries including Alcohol Chemical Treatment Ministry, Bus Ministry, Convalescent Ministry, Follow-up Visitation, Home Bible Studies, Home Friendship Groups, Inner City Evangelism, and Jail Ministry. The congregation and clergy live and pray their stated beliefs: The Bible is the inspired Word of God; There is only one God; Jesus Christ is God manifested or revealed in the flesh; The plan of salvation is clearly stated in the Holy Bible; The believer should live his or her life consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ; Jesus Christ is coming again; There will be a final judgment.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the South Flint Tabernacle as it celebrates 75 years of prayer, adoration, fellowship, and outreach. The clergy, congregation and staff are to be commended for their pledge to bring about positive changes in their community and to support each other in the everyday struggles of human life. Their commitment to their faith is an inspiration to all privileged to witness their actions.

A TRIBUTE TO FLORENCE RICKETTS GAYNOR ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER 105TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Florence Ricketts Gaynor, my constituent, who will celebrate her birthday on May 18, 2006. She will be 105 years of age. I offer my congratulations to her on this special day, and my hearty wishes that she celebrate many more.

Born on May 18, 1901, Mrs. Gaynor was one of eight children of Frances Drake and James Ricketts who resided in Crooked River, Clarendon, Jamaica, West Indies. In the 1920's, she married Gilbert Gaynor in May Pen, Clarendon, where they had six children.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Gaynor remained active in the church, especially the Mother's Union. She worked as a sales clerk and a seamstress. She was also employed in the laundry at the U.S. Air Base at Vernon Field, Jamaica. Her husband, Gilbert Gaynor, died in 1978.

Mrs. Gaynor immigrated to New York City in May 2001, shortly after her 100th birthday, to live with two of her daughters—Violet Morgan and Enid Gaynor. They reside on Riverside Drive in the Washington Heights neighborhood of my congressional district.

Mrs. Gaynor has 14 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and one great, great granddaughter.

Mrs. Gaynor attributes her long life to her faith in God and uses white rum as part of her final hair rinse to prevent colds. As a proud resident of the United States, she is very happy to have a permanent resident card even though she has no plans to work.

It is my great privilege to represent Mrs. Gaynor in the Congress of the United States, and I call upon my colleagues to join with me in wishing her a happy birthday and joyous reunion with her family to celebrate the occasion.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH (JOE) F. DUNNABECK SR.

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize Joseph (Joe) F. Dunnabeck, Sr. as he celebrates the arrival of his 90th birthday, May 20, 2006.

An adventurous and spirited leader, Joe dedicated his life to helping others. Joe and Lillian, his wife of 30 years, have led by example, spreading their "no such thing as can't" philosophy. With tireless effort, Joe served his Michigan community as a mechanic at the American Standard before retirement; and he still donates time to support the local Neighborhood Watch.

A devout Catholic, Joe personifies the teachings of his church through fairness, humility, and love. His pure and adventurous spirit has challenged the boundaries of age with his legendary exploits of hang gliding, and riding in hot-air balloons and on air-boats. As he nears his ninth decade of life, Joe's kinheartedness and bravery continues to inspire and ennoble his family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of his lifetime of benevolence and courage, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Joe's birthday and thanking him for his contributions to our community and our country.

TRIBUTE TO THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHALEY CHILDREN'S CENTER

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, today I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Whaley Children's Center as it celebrates 80 years helping children in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. Whaley Children's Center will hold an open house on May 18 to showcase their services and commemorate their anniversary.

Robert J. Whaley, then President of Citizens Bank, decided to organize a home for neglected, forgotten children during the 1880s. He made his decision to honor the memory of his deceased son, Donald M. Whaley. At the time of his death at the age of eleven, Donald was saving money to send to an orphanage in the Detroit area. His father conceived of the idea to create a home for less fortunate children and bequeathed in his will the funds to build the Donald M. Whaley Home. On January 26, 1924 the Whaley Foundation was organized under the trusteeship of the wardens and vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. After consulting with the Child Welfare League, the Memorial Home was built in 1926.

The Memorial Home has metamorphosed into the Whaley Children's Center, dedicated to helping troubled children achieve self-sufficiency at the same time meeting their everyday needs. Using the four pillars of the "Circle of Courage" model: Independence, Generosity, Mastery, and Belonging; Whaley Children's Center strives to serve the whole child. At the present time the Whaley Children's Center can serve 51 children through their 18th birthday and high school graduation. They have a separate unit, the McDonald Cottage, for children ages 6 through 10.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the outstanding efforts of the community, volunteers, board and staff of the Whaley Children's Center. Their steadfast devotion to the children they serve is to be commended. I am glad that I have had this opportunity to recognize their hard work and their exceptional achievements helping our troubled youth attain a better future.

NOMINATION OF GEN. MICHAEL HAYDEN AS DIRECTOR OF THE CIA

HON. TERRY EVERETT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the nomination of Gen. Michael Hayden as the next Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. I have known Gen. Hayden for years and believe he is the most qualified candidate in the country for this critical position.

To further illustrate this point, I would like to call your attention to a recent editorial by retired Gen. Charles Boyd that appeared in the Wall Street Journal on May 11 which makes a convincing case for the Hayden nomination.

Mr. Speaker, Gen. Boyd served 35 years in the Air Force. As a combat pilot in Vietnam, he was shot down on his 105th mission and survived 2,488 days as a prisoner of war. The only POW from that war to achieve the four-star rank, General Boyd's final military assignment was as deputy commander in chief of U.S. forces in Europe. Prior to this assignment, Gen. Boyd was the commander of Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, in my congressional district.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to place in the RECORD a copy of Gen. Boyd's editorial.

[From the Wall Street Journal, May 11, 2006]

A HAYDEN SYMPHONY AT THE CIA

(By Charles G. Boyd)

Our political disagreements are often obtuse for the simple reason that it is difficult to discern motives. Do disputants put the interests of the country ahead of partisan and personal concerns? Moreover, disagreements about intelligence issues are doubly hard to parse, since—despite leaks and rampant gossip—most of what goes on inside the Central Intelligence Agency remains opaque even to high-paid journalists and other Washington sophisticates. And so, amid partisan positioning and an imposing ignorance, is the scene set for the already dismaying dispute over the president's nomination of Michael Hayden to be CIA director.

The arguments (to use a generous term) being made against Gen. Hayden are so without merit or even serious content that one cannot help but suspect partisan stratagems at work. Of these, three are most common.

First, the contention that Michael Hayden is a kind of intelligence technocrat, knowledgeable only in signal intelligence, is pure canard. A liberal-arts man, Gen. Hayden has a masters degree in history, and was the broad-based senior intelligence official for the Air Force and the U.S. European Command before entering the technical domain of the National Security Agency. He worked on the National Security Council staff, in the U.N. Command and U.S. Forces Korea, and in these positions was a senior level consumer of intelligence as well as an earlier producer of it. Those who make such accusations do not know him or, more broadly, what they are talking about.

Some complain, secondly, that Gen. Hayden was somehow complicit in the domestic eavesdropping undertaken by the NSA at the president's direction. Gen. Hayden's sin in this case seems to stem from his calm and rational defense of an embattled president's heretofore secret program. No legal infractions attended anyone's behavior in what was, and remains, a policy response to a clear and present threat. Moreover, if Gen. Hayden had objected—having been assured by the attorney general, the Department of Justice, the White House counsel and the NSA general counsel that the program was legal—his position would have been unprofessional and ill-advised.

Third, there is the objection that Gen. Hayden is, well, a general—a military man—as if that automatically disqualifies him for the job. Since the National Security Act of 1947 created the CIA, four military officers have held the director's job—plus two more who directed the postwar predecessor to the CIA. So there is ample precedent for Gen. Hayden's nomination. But the complaint here is not so much about precedent as the presumption that Gen. Hayden would docilely do the bidding of the bureaucratic imperium represented by the present secretary of defense. To believe this is to ignore his professional history.

Gen. Hayden was the only high-ranking active-duty general to testify against Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's desires as the National Intelligence Directorate was debated by Congress in 2004. He did so, he believed, in the interests of a more rational template for oversight, and control of those intelligence agencies now under the Defense Department whose customers are multidepartmental. Gen. Hayden was a man of convictions with the courage to defend them when he was a lieutenant colonel, and has lost neither of those characteristics as he ascended into the senior ranks of his profession.

Most important, the best guarantee against coercion of the CIA director by any cabinet-level official—or president—may be stated in one word: professionalism. And Michael Hayden, as I have observed for nearly 20 years, is a professional par excellence.

Those who wish to harm the president seem intent on using Gen. Hayden as a bank shot into the Oval Office. This is a great shame, and stands to be an important missed opportunity, for the confirmation process—were it to focus truly on the national interest—could do a great deal of good at this time of tumult in the intelligence community.

There has been, for a long time, a tendency on the part of some presidents to select CIA directors who were amateurs in the craft. Their political or ideological leanings have sometimes been a more important factor in their appointment than their knowledge and capabilities in the arcane world of intelligence. With those chosen for such reasons comes a weakened ability to resist pressure to marshal intelligence in ways tailored to support the policy objectives of a president: pressure to give the president what he wants

rather than what he needs. It is fair, I believe, to claim that the intelligence failures of recent years were a long time in the making, and that they were failures not so much of the institution but of a flawed intelligence leadership selection process.

“Amateur” is not, by definition, a swear word; we have had, on occasion, some very talented non-professional directors of Central Intelligence. But there is no substitute for the professional knowledge and ethos at the top that legitimate and protect the intelligence function from a host of political pressures and insinuations.

Gen. Hayden's confirmation hearings should, first of all, result in his confirmation. But beyond that, the hearings could do the country an important service if they were to consider a more thoroughgoing reform—modeling the key intelligence positions in the U.S. government on that of the chairman of the Federal Reserve, or of the Joint Chiefs, whose term does not run parallel to that of the president, and whose professional credentials are critical elements in his selection. More than anything else the Congress can do, such a reform would help restore the professionalism that is crucial to the intelligence function in a democracy. That would be no bank shot, but a slam-dunk for national security.

IN TRIBUTE AND APPRECIATION OF RONALD SHAIKO

HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished resident of New Hampshire, Mr. Ronald Shaiko.

Sixteen Dartmouth students from all over the country have come to the Nation's Capital to serve as interns in various political positions throughout the District. This bright, energetic group has been led by a capable professor who shares their enthusiasm for governmental affairs. Mr. Shaiko has dedicated many years of service to higher education and has inspired many of his students to undertake successful ventures in their fields of choice throughout the country. He is the author of several political science publications and is currently acting as Visiting Associate Professor of Government at Dartmouth College. Recently, Mr. Shaiko visited the West Bank and Gaza as part of a United States observer delegation to the Palestinian Legislative Council elections despite the American embassy's security concerns.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to pay tribute to Mr. Ronald Shaiko's service to New Hampshire and the Nation.

A NEW MEXICAN FALLEN HERO, DEPUTY JAMES “JIMMY” MCGRANE

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I bring to your attention Bernalillo County Sheriff's Deputy, James McGrane. Deputy McGrane was killed in the line of duty on

March 22, 2006. He was only 38 years old and leaves behind his wife, Connie; his parents James and Rita McGrane; and his sister Ida.

Deputy McGrane was killed while conducting a nighttime traffic stop. Law enforcement officers avoid using the word routine, because they are always exposed to danger during these events. James McGrane dutifully made that stop on the evening of March 22. Deputy McGrane knew that a dangerous traffic stop could come at any time, but he also knew it was his job to protect the people of Bernalillo County and he gave his last breath honoring his commitment.

James McGrane always wanted to be in law enforcement. Even as a senior at Hope High School in Albuquerque, he talked about a career as a police officer. He joined the New Mexico State Police in 1992 when he was only 21 years old but he may not have been ready for his first assignment. James then went to work for the U.S. Postal Service, where he met the love of his life—Connie. But law enforcement was in his blood, so no one was surprised when he joined the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department in 2002. It wasn't just a job, it was his hobby. Deputy McGrane was assigned to the East Mountain Area of the County. It was a natural fit because he enjoyed the style of community policing common to a rural area.

While James McGrane was a model law enforcement officer, he had his eccentric side. For example, right before midnight, he would walk into the squad room with a large bowl of cold oatmeal, sit in the same chair and eat it as his Sergeant conducted the nightly briefing. His fellow officers would tease him about being a health nut, how he was concerned about his appearance and being scared of the supernatural. James would take the good natured ribbing and continue working. If he didn't have a call he would find something to do. He would look to help out his fellow deputies by looking for wanted felons or running a radar station. As his wife Connie so graciously stated, “He was proud to put on that uniform.”

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me and all the residents of New Mexico in honoring our fallen hero, Deputy James “Jimmy” McGrane. This man never quit, never complained and in the end, gave his life for something he loved. We thank his parents and his wife for sharing their son and husband with us. We owe them a tremendous amount of gratitude for James's service and devotion to his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I was unavoidably delayed and missed the vote on the Jackson-Lee amendment to H.R. 5122, the National Defense Authorization Act, rollcall 143.

I respectfully request the opportunity to record my position. Had I been present I would have voted “yea” on rollcall 143.

At this time I would ask for unanimous consent that my position be entered into the RECORD following that vote or in the appropriate portion of the RECORD.

CODIFICATION OF TITLE 41,
UNITED STATES CODE, PUBLIC
CONTRACTS

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to codify and enact certain general and permanent laws, related to public contracts, as Title 41 of the United States Code. This bill has been prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives as the successor to H.R. 4320, introduced in the 108th Congress on May 10, 2004. This bill reflects changes resulting from the review and comment process that was provided after H.R. 4320 was introduced. All issues raised during that process have been resolved to the satisfaction of the parties involved.

The bill, along with a detailed section-by-section explanation of the bill, can be accessed on the Office's website at <http://uscdo.house.gov>. Anyone interested in obtaining a printed copy of the bill and explanation, and persons interested in submitting comments on the bill, should contact Ken Paretzky, Senior Counsel, Office of the Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives, H2-304 Ford House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515-6711. The telephone number is (202) 226-9061. Comments on the bill should be submitted to the Office of the Law Revision Counsel no later than July 16, 2006.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHIC HECHT

HON. JOHN C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor former United States Senator Chic Hecht for his service to the residents of Nevada as well as the United States of America.

Mayer Jacob Hecht was born on November 30, 1928. He is better known by his friends and family by the childhood nickname of Chic. Chic was born into a Jewish family in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in retailing from Washington University in St. Louis in 1949 before entering the military.

Chic attended Military Intelligence School at Fort Holibird and served as an intelligence agent with the U.S. Armed Forces during the Korean War, from 1951 to 1953. Chic was a member of the National Military Intelligence Association, and was inducted into the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame in 1988. After leaving military service, Chic moved to Nevada. His business activities included retailing, the operation of a bank, and interests in hotels. He married the former Gail Kahn in 1959.

In 1966, Chic was elected to the Nevada State Senate, the first Republican to represent his predominantly Democratic district in and around Las Vegas in more than 25 years. He was a State Senator from 1967 to 1975, serving as Senate Minority Leader from 1969 to 1970. In 1982, Chic was elected to the United States Senate, ousting four-term incumbent

Democrat Howard Cannon. He served only one term, from 1983 to 1989, having been defeated for reelection in 1988 by Democrat Richard Bryan. He was then appointed ambassador to the Bahamas by President George H.W. Bush, and served in that post from 1989 to 1994.

At age 77, Senator Hecht passed away on May 15, 2006 due to complications from cancer.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Senator Chic Hecht for his success in politics and his service to his community and his country. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FLOYD
PATTERSON, A HEAVYWEIGHT
CHAMPION WHO ROSE FROM
POVERTY

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to honor the life of Floyd Patterson, a soft-spoken boxer who overcame a troubled childhood to become the heavyweight champion of the world.

Born on January 4, 1935 in Waco, North Carolina, Patterson grew up poor in Brooklyn, New York. Patterson's father was a manual laborer and his mother took care of Patterson and his 10 siblings. He had serious learning disabilities and could not read, write, or speak. At age 11, his mother had him committed to a school for emotionally disturbed boys. It was at this school where Patterson first picked up a pair of boxing gloves.

At age 16, Patterson won the New York Golden Gloves middleweight title at Madison Square Garden and at age 17, he won a gold medal as a middleweight at the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki. On November 30, 1956, Patterson became the youngest heavyweight champion in history at the age of 21.

Throughout his professional career, Patterson amassed a record of 55 wins, 8 losses, and 1 draw. His total earnings from boxing reached \$8 million. Despite his talent in the boxing ring, Patterson was known as a gentle and sweet man. Red Smith, The New York Times sports columnist called him, "the man of peace who loves to fight."

After retiring, Patterson remained in boxing and opened up a gym. He took interest in young boxers, especially a troubled 11-year-old who reminded Patterson of himself. He eventually adopted the boy and became his trainer and manager. The special order organized by Representative STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES is an appropriate way to celebrate and honor this model human being.

SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of a program that makes an enormous difference in the lives of all our constituents:

the Community Development Block Grant, or CDBG, program.

The CDBG program provides direct federal funding to local governments to make needed investments that improve the quality of life in our communities. These funds are used to prevent homelessness, reduce infant deaths, and provide youth enrichment programs. They are used to rehabilitate housing, to reconstruct residential streets, to help fund domestic violence shelters, to provide seniors with snow removal and lawn care assistance, and to fund important economic development initiatives.

The President has again demonstrated that his budget priorities are upside down and out of step with our communities' needs by proposing a 20 percent cut in formula funding to CDBG entitlement communities. But as the distinguished Ranking Member of the Appropriations Committee, Representative OBEY, has pointed out, just looking at this year's proposal doesn't tell the whole story.

The CDBG program is just one of many important domestic priorities that have been subject to a bizarre pattern in which, year after year, the President proposes draconian cuts, then Congress restores some of the funding and declares victory. However, the effect of this is that after several years, the draconian cuts are imposed. Since 2001, the CDBG program has already been cut by more than 22 percent in real dollars.

Yet the President wants to reduce these vital resources to our local communities even further. According to a Congressional Research Service analysis that I requested, the CDBG entitlement communities in my district would stand to lose \$2.25 million next year if the President's proposed funding cuts are adopted.

As bad as these numbers sound, it is important to remember that there are real people behind them. During the April recess, two cities in my district, Warren and Southfield, Michigan, were kind enough to show me the impact that CDBG funds have had in their communities.

They have used these CDBG resources to make a real difference in the lives of countless families. I was particularly impressed by the housing rehabilitation programs that represent the largest CDBG-funded program in both communities. These efforts, along with CDBG-funded investments in local parks and roads, have helped maintain vibrant neighborhoods in both cities. I ask that summaries of these programs be included in the record, but I want to share with my colleagues just one example of the powerful difference that CDBG funds have meant to individual families.

Through its Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program, the City of Warren was able to help Michelle Amburgy and her son. I quote:

Michelle Amburgy is a single mother employed by a catering service. When her furnace stopped working before Christmas and she and her son were living without heat, Ms. Amburgy did not have the resources to purchase a new furnace. She says she, "... tried everywhere to get money for a furnace. . . ." and was unable to find a program to help her. Luckily the application she submitted to the City of Warren for a rehabilitation loan was being processed and according to her, "... the City put a rush on it . . ." in order to get a new furnace so she and her son could have heat. In addition to the furnace, various other improvements were done to her home, including an update of the electrical and plumbing systems which she says

were definitely needed but she, "... never would have been able to afford on my own".

I hope that the House will remember Ms. Amburgy and her son, and the thousands of other families touched by the CDBG program when we consider funding for the CDBG program in the coming weeks.

CITY OF WARREN RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION
LOAN PROGRAM—CDBG

The City of Warren has spent over \$14,370,000 of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding it has received since 1982 on an owner occupied rehabilitation loan program, which has assisted over 1,000 households. The low or deferred interest loans are offered to eligible households for necessary home improvements, including the correction of dangerous structural defects and the elimination of unhealthy living conditions. The program provides households who may otherwise not be able to improve their homes and living conditions with a means for doing so. For example, Michelle Amburgy is a single mother employed by a catering service. When her furnace stopped working before Christmas and she and her son were living without heat, Ms. Amburgy did not have the resources to purchase a new furnace. She says she, "... tried everywhere to get money for a furnace ..." and was unable to find a program to help her. Luckily the application she submitted to the City of Warren for a rehabilitation loan was being processed and according to her, "... the City put a rush on it ..." in order to get a new furnace so she and her son could have heat. In addition to the furnace, various other improvements were done to her home, including an update of the electrical and plumbing systems which she says were definitely needed but she, "... never would have been able to afford on my own".

In order to qualify for the program, the household must meet the definition of low or moderate income which is adjusted based upon household size. For instance, the total income for a household of two would have to be below \$27,950 in order to be considered low income. If the household qualifies as low income, payments on the loan are deferred and no interest is charged. The total income for a moderate income household of two would have to be below \$44,750. If the household is determined to be moderate income, monthly payments on the loan are due at a 4 percent interest rate. All loan payments and loan payoffs are placed into a revolving account used to fund future rehabilitation loans.

The rehabilitation loan program not only provides funding needed to make home repairs, it also provides expertise and guidance through the home improvement process. The City's inspectors perform a thorough inspection of the home and determine all items which must be corrected in order to bring the home into compliance with current housing codes, which may include updating electrical, plumbing and heating systems. This work must be addressed through the program. The homeowner, in consultation with City staff, may also identify other items which should be done in order to improve the condition of the property. This may include the installation of new windows, roofing, and modest kitchen and bath updates. The City oversees the preparation of specifications, the bid process and the actual rehabilitation to ensure that the appropriate work is being done by qualified individuals.

Arthur and Gloria Huard are a retired couple living in Warren. Mr. and Mrs. Huard were faced with a leaking roof that was causing structural damage to a portion of their home. Mrs. Huard says that she and her husband are living on a fixed income and, "... didn't have the money to pay ..." for a new

roof and the necessary repairs to the home. She and her husband received a rehabilitation loan from the City of Warren which funded a roof and repair of the structural damage. They were also able to have new windows installed and their bathroom updated, including the replacement of flooring which had been sinking. Mr. and Mrs. Huard were relieved to have the work done and she says that they were, "... very pleased ..." with the work and that, "... the men that worked were very nice and helpful". Mrs. Huard says that the pension and social security they receive must go to pay medical bills for her ailing husband and she's relieved that the loan funds do not have to be repaid to the City until they sell their home because they are retired senior citizens.

Many different types of households are assisted with the City of Warren's CDBG funded loan program. Of the 62 households receiving loans within the past two years, 22 were female head of household/not elderly, 19 were female head of household/elderly, 7 were elderly/not female head of household and 14 were classified as "other". For example, Kevin and Kelly Sorlien are a young couple with three children of their own. In addition, the Sorlien's also have custody of Kelly's teenage sister and are responsible for her care. Mr. Sorlien works full-time and Mrs. Sorlien takes care of the children and has picked up a part-time job to help support the family. The Sorlien's needed some improvements done to their home and Mrs. Sorlien says they couldn't afford to do them on their own. They applied for a rehabilitation loan through the City because she says that, "... the interest rates were lower with the City's loan ..." than they would have been able to get had they gone elsewhere for a loan. With the City's loan, the Sorlien's were able to get a new roof and siding and updates elsewhere in the home. Mrs. Sorlien says that she, "... loves the way my house turned out ..." and was happy that the City was able to make this program available to her family.

SOUTHFIELD HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
(SHIP) CDBG FUNDED RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The City of Southfield, over the past 32 years, has spent close to \$7,000,000 of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding on the Southfield Home Improvement Program (SHIP). Since 1975, SHIP has assisted over 930 households. The program is designed to assist low and moderate income homeowners afford structural repairs to their home who may not otherwise qualify for a bank loan.

The loans we give range from small emergency repairs to large scale structural problems. Although the average loan amount is \$15,000 it is not unusual to have a \$25,000 loan on one property which includes roof repair, plumbing, electrical and new windows. The clients of SHIP range in income from extremely low; those on fixed incomes due to age or disability; and those families with moderate incomes who are not classified as poverty stricken but don't have sufficient income for amenities outside of basic living necessities.

Sherry Crammer is a 59 year old widow of 16 years to a Detroit police officer and has lived in her Southfield home for 30 years. Her yearly income is \$23,868 comprised primarily of her husband's pension. As a result of poor health issues, the homeowner incurred high medical bills and credit card balances forcing her into bankruptcy. In the early part of January 2006, the homeowner smelled a slight burning odor coming from her furnace. Upon calling the gas company, they red tagged the furnace after showing her the plastic coating on the wires that were melt-

ing. The act of 'red tagging' means that the gas appliance is determined to be a hazard and is not to be used until repaired or replaced. The call from the homeowner was received by SHIP on a late Friday afternoon. At 5 p.m. the Housing Inspector went to her home to examine the crisis and to assist with the application process. During this initial contact it was learned that she had an unused wall space heater in a spare bedroom. The Housing Inspector, with the help of some caring neighbors was able to get the space heater running until a contractor quote could be finalized that following Monday and a new furnace installed. The homeowner was very grateful for all of the personal attention and service. Before assistance from SHIP, Mrs. Crammer had contemplated moving into a senior citizen apartment. SHIP afforded her the opportunity to continue living in the home she loved.

The Andersons are a young couple who had in the past 2 years gotten married, bought a home in Southfield and started their own landscaping business. The business was doing okay, but there wasn't any extra money, most of the profits went back into the business. The home needed a new roof as well as electrical and plumbing repairs. With SHIP, the couple was able to get a 3 percent interest loan that wouldn't require monthly payments which would have added another strain to their already tight budget. They will be able to defer payment of the loan until the sale of their house. Without a program like SHIP being available this couple would probably not have qualified for a conventional loan and may have been the target of predatory lenders.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hunter are a family of seven. Their income consists of a pension, supplemental security insurance and child support. They just purchased their house a little over a year ago and needed to make some improvements. However, they quickly found out the house had more extensive problems than their budget would permit them to fix, including a leaking roof. In addition, while the Hunters were in the process of replacing the kitchen floor, they discovered under the linoleum and deteriorated subfloor that they had structural floor framing problems. Application to the Southfield Home Improvement Program addressed both of these major issues for the Hunters. They are now able to sit all together at the kitchen table to enjoy their meals under a roof that doesn't leak.

The focus of SHIP is "make a difference in the life of a family one house at a time". Total home inspections are performed to identify housing code violations as well as abate any lead based paint hazards. The entire process is coordinated by the equivalent of 1½ staff positions. Staff prepares the specifications, reviews bids, communicates with contractors and oversees the actual rehab work in addition to processing the completed loan documents and tracking an average of 800 active loans. The goal is to complete 20-25 loans per year; making a difference one house at a time.

Note: Names have been changed to protect the privacy of program participants.

CALLING ON GOVERNMENT OF
UNITED KINGDOM TO ESTABLISH
INQUIRY INTO MURDER OF
NORTHERN IRELAND DEFENSE
ATTORNEY PAT FINUCANE

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the resolution introduced by my friend from New Jersey, CHRIS SMITH.

I was proud to join my colleagues as an original cosponsor of this important statement by the House of Representatives.

While the peace process in the north of Ireland has been moving along, but unfortunately, not at the pace many of us had hoped for after the acceptance of the Good Friday Agreement by all parties, it is still moving forward.

We saw one example of the process moving forward when all the political parties of the north met on Monday for the first time since the Assembly was suspended 3½ years ago.

I believe these political parties must overcome all of the obstacles for the sake of the people they were elected to represent in November of 2002.

They must elect new ministers to give the people of the north the representational government that they have sought out.

But beyond the issue of setting up the assembly, one of the important things about any peace process is making sure that past atrocities have been fully investigated and the people, who committed them be held responsible, which is why this resolution is so important for the peace process.

The violence that occurred before and after the signing of the historic Good Friday Agreement still remains fresh in the minds of the victim's families and the public as a whole.

To bring about a better trust between the people of the north, the British and Irish Governments agreed to hold public inquiries into high profile murders of human rights defenders like Pat Finucane.

It is time for the British to allow the truth to come out.

The family of Pat Finucane deserves to know the full extent of collusion that existed and caused the death of this husband and father.

The British must live up to their obligations under the Weston Park Agreement and the commitment they made if Judge Cory found evidence warranting a full independent inquiry.

It is time for an independent, judicial inquiry into the murder of Patrick Finucane.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution.

IN HONOR OF SPECIALIST ARMER
N. BURKART

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a hero and a patriot who was killed while defending our Nation

in Iraq. Army Specialist Armer N. Burkart died this week when an improvised explosive device exploded near his vehicle.

This brave 26-year-old soldier was serving as a gunner with the 1st Battalion of the 10th Division based at Fort Drum in New York. Prior to this tour in Iraq, Specialist Burkart served for nearly a year in Afghanistan.

Specialist Burkart's father, John, says that Armer "was proud to be in the Army. He volunteered for combat. . . he had a nice safe position which he chose to give up." This extraordinary young man had always wanted to be in the Army, following in his grandfathers' tradition of military service in the Navy. In fact, even as a high school student, he served in the ROTC.

America should be grateful for Armer Burkart's honorable service, and we should all remember the heroism of the other men and women who have been serving by his side. America should also be grateful to the loving families these servicemen and women leave behind. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Specialist Burkart's wife, father, and younger brother, as they do to the others who selflessly give of their family time that our Nation and our world may be safe and free.

TRIBUTE TO DR. GARY PURDUE,
MD, FACS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Gary Purdue, MD, FACS, is one of my constituents performing life-saving work at the Burn Center at Parkland Health and Hospital System. In addition to his work at Parkland, Dr. Purdue is Professor of Surgery at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas and is also a Professor of Anesthesiology and Plastic Surgery. In addition to these achievements, he has served as the President of the American Burn Association and spearheaded efforts to improve research into the treatment of burn injuries, worked to increase critical funding in the field, and furthered the cause of education for the prevention of devastating burn injuries.

Dr. Purdue's work as leader of the ABA is significant because this is the organization that sets the industry standard for this challenging specialization within the field of medicine. Burn professionals, physicians, nurses, fire fighters and emergency personnel practice in every state of the union, playing a significant role in this country's response to emergencies, including terrorism risks which are now part of our world.

The Burn Center at Parkland has been an ACS/ABA verified burn center since 1996, and the integrated in and out patient rehabilitation program gives the burn team a very strong presence treating over 600 new acute burn patients each year. Dr. Purdue's research interests include development and maintenance of a single center 14,500 patient database, causation of injury and high risk patients. He has had over 150 articles published in peer review journals and books.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Purdue on his valuable contributions to the field of burn injury treatment, an

area I have had personal experiences with, and to apprise my colleagues of the American Burn Association and urge them to work with the burn centers and burn professionals in their own districts and states.

A TRIBUTE TO OCTAVIA E.
BUTLER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Octavia E. Butler. Ms. Butler will be greatly missed. The world of literature lost a literary genius whose novels and short stories broke the conventional expectations of African Americans, women, and science fiction writers.

Ms. Butler was a Pasadena, California native who attended John Muir High School. She graduated from Pasadena City College in 1968. Octavia spent most of her adult life in the Pasadena/Altadena area where she lived until just a few years ago when she moved to Seattle, Washington. While Octavia's fans have marveled over her extraordinary literary creations, those who knew her as a friend also marveled at her ability to remain down to earth and unmoved by fame. As an adult, Ms. Butler had traveled all over the world, from the Amazon to Russia, to gather authentic material for her books.

Ms. Butler was an internationally acclaimed science fiction author whose novels explored pressing issues such as race, gender, slavery, poverty, and politics. In 1995, she became the first science fiction writer to receive a \$295,000 genius grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. She also received two Hugo Awards and two Nebula Awards for her science fiction works. During her funeral service, on March 11, 2006, the Pasadena City Mayor's office read a proclamation that declared March 17, 2006, to be Octavia Butler Day.

Octavia is the author of many novels, including *Patternmaster*, *Adulthood Rite*, *Mind of My Mind*, and *Kindred*. For many years, *Kindred*, which is Pasadena's "One City, One Story" choice this year, was required reading at John Muir High School. The program is designed to broaden and deepen the appreciation for reading.

I ask all Members of the United States House of Representatives to pause to honor a great woman, Octavia E. Butler, who inspired so many people through her words and her vision. She will be missed not only by her family, but by all who were fortunate enough to cross her path or enjoy her novels.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR OF THE 75TH
ANNIVERSARY OF FLOYD BEN-
NETT FIELD

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 75th anniversary of Floyd Bennett Field.

Floyd Bennett Field proudly served as New York City's first municipal airport, opening on May 23, 1931 with modern facilities and strong concrete runways. During the "Golden Age" of aviation, this airfield captured the imagination of the public and was the site of many legendary flights with spectators cheering on the accomplishments of aviators named Wiley Post, Howard Hughes, and Amelia Earhart.

In 1942 our country was at war, and Floyd Bennett Field was called into duty. Under the U.S. Navy, this airstrip served our country as a Naval Air Station which provided vital support to our troops as it recruited and trained pilots, tested planes, provided cargo transport, and performed sea rescues. Floyd Bennett Field became the first helicopter training facility in the world and is the longest continuously used law enforcement aviation unit in the world, currently housing the New York City Police Department Aviation Unit.

In 1972, after years of neglect and in the midst of municipal financial woes, Floyd Bennett Field was turned over to the National Park Service and again set records by becoming the first of the urban national parks. Since then, we have seen a resurgence in activity as the National Park Service finds new ways to invite in the public while preserving the history of the sites and tales of the past. Floyd Bennett Field now hosts an array of activities including hiking, cross-country skiing, camping, field sports, bird-watching, canoeing, and archery.

Therefore, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I recognize this anniversary milestone and challenge the National Park Service to maintain this field in a way that continues to benefit my constituents and the city of New York.

BURMESE MILITARY ATROCITIES

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise the awareness of this Congress of the ongoing atrocities being committed by the Burmese military junta. I am deeply disturbed by what appears to be the largest attacks in 10 years on ethnic minorities in eastern Burma. Eastern Burma is a humanitarian nightmare. According to the Thailand-Burma Border Consortium, over the past 10 years, the military junta has destroyed or forcibly relocated over 2,700 villages. Not a single humanitarian relief agency is allowed into the area, not a single journalist is permitted to record the facts, and not a single U.N. official is permitted to meet, let alone protect, those on the run in Burma's eastern jungles. Even in Sudan aid agencies, journalists, and representatives of the United Nations and African Union are allowed—not so in eastern Burma.

It is time for the United States to press the U.N. Security Council to pass a binding resolution requiring change in Burma.

It is true that not all members of the Council will initially agree on the language and substance of such a proposal, and it is no secret that Russia and China have opposed the use of sanctions or military intervention in Burma.

We have listened to their points, and that is not what we are asking for.

Surely all Council members must agree that it is our collective responsibility to stop these attacks on innocent civilians and to facilitate true national reconciliation in Burma. The U.N. Security Council said so itself on April 28th when it stated in its new resolution that "the Council reaffirmed its strongest condemnation of all acts of violence or abuses committed against civilians in situations of armed conflict." By not addressing the situations in Burma, the United Nations Security Council is failing its own mandate and undermining the U.N. Charter.

We cannot remain silent. We cannot stand by and wait for someone else to provide leadership, if none is being provided. Leaders of the United States, United Nations and elsewhere should state publicly that it is time for a U.N. Security Council resolution on Burma. As the rainy season approaches in eastern Burma, many lives are at risk. We must act now.

TRIBUTE TO DARYL C. BROWN

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an individual who serves as a great illustration of all the good that is being done in our public school systems. Daryl C. Brown is the principal of Carvers Bay High School located in Hemingway, South Carolina, one of the schools I proudly represent in this body.

Renowned educator and native South Carolinian Mary McLeod Bethune once said, "Invest in the human soul. Who knows, it might be a diamond in the rough." The continued success of our public schools requires not just a financial investment, but also an investment in the lives of our young people. Mr. Brown's work exemplifies Dr. Bethune's mandate. Charged with the challenging task of combining two rival high schools, he so successfully managed the consolidation that the biggest obstacle was selecting the school colors. On the first day of school, he held an assembly where he showed students a newspaper article predicting that the school would not be a success. He forcefully disputed that assertion, saying that Carvers Bay would become a blue ribbon school, a prediction that was met with a rousing ovation from students and staff. Well on its way to that distinction, the school has made impressive gains on test scores, added AP classes, and started an ROTC program considered one of the best in the area.

An innovative leader who is often the first in the district to experiment with new strategies, Mr. Brown created a Freshman Academy to ease the transition from middle school, even designating a separate wing for the program. He also began an initiative to provide breakfast for all of his students, making Carvers Bay one of the few high schools with such a program. Though his students have dubbed him "Papa Bear" after the school mascot, the profound transformation he has led at Carvers Bay is no fairy tale.

Mr. Brown's dedication and commitment have not gone unnoticed. The Milken Family Foundation awarded him this year with one of the most prestigious awards in teaching—the

Milken Educator Award. Referred to as the "Oscars of Teaching," by Teacher Magazine the Milken Family Foundation's National Educator Award is given each year to approximately 100 of the most outstanding teachers and principals in states across the country. This prestigious recognition, which began in 1987, comes with a cash award of \$25,000 for each recipient. These awards pay homage to the importance of quality teachers and to the significance of the teaching profession.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring the enormous public service of Mr. Daryl C. Brown. We also congratulate him on his recognition as a Milken Family Foundation National Educator. Our Nation prospers because of individuals like him.

HONORING NATE GOODEN'S UNITED AUTO WORKER RETIREMENT

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nate Gooden's outstanding service at the UAW. Nate Gooden and I go back to the beginning of his career and our involvement in the coalition of Black Trade Unionists.

Since he first became a UAW member in 1964, Nate has remained a loyal activist. Like a true warrior, Nate has confronted those who frustrate the goal of creating a full employment society. He has consistently stood with me in my efforts to create and sustain a full employment system. He has also provided unwavering support for H.R. 676, a bill I introduced calling for a national universal health care system. As we currently seek to extend the Voting Rights Act, Nate has once again provided his strong voice of endorsement.

Nate's effective approach has always been the same. He has distinguished himself as being friendly but firm in negotiations, and this made him the "go to guy" at the UAW. In the best tradition of the labor movement, Nate's advocacy on behalf of auto workers has given an economic lift to so many. His good-natured personality and tremendous leadership will be sorely missed.

The Nate Gooden resolution follows:

TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTION HONORING NATE GOODEN

Whereas, Mr. Nate Gooden, was born in Detroit on April 14, 1938, has been a United Auto Worker ("UAW") member since 1964, was appointed as an international representative on the Region 1 staff in 1977, was, first elected the UAW International Executive Board Vice President in 1999, and was re-elected in 2006; and

Whereas, Mr. Nate Gooden, was nominated as UAW's representative to the Supervisory Board of DaimlerChrysler AG in 2002, is the Director of the UAW's DaimlerChrysler Department, and is co-chair of the Joint Activities Board that operates the UAW-DaimlerChrysler National Training Center; and

Whereas, Mr. Nate Gooden, directs the UAW Heavy Trucks Department and the UAW Transplants, Transnationals, and Joint Ventures Department; and

Whereas, Mr. Nate Gooden, directed successful negotiations with Freightliner in 2000, directed the UAW's national contract

negotiations with the Chrysler Groups in 2004, helped win a first contract for workers at Thomas Built Bus in 2005, helped win a first contract for workers at the Michigan Global Engine Manufacturing Alliance facility in 2005, and helped secure options for Mack workers affected by the closing of the Winsboro plant; and

Whereas, Mr. Nate Gooden has attended Wayne State University's Labor Studies program and serves as an advisor to the Ken Morris Center for the Study of Labor and work at Oakland University; and

Whereas, Mr. Nate Gooden is a U.S. army veteran, the executive secretary of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Deputy Chair of the World Employee Committee at DaimlerChrysler, a national board member and life member of the NAACP, and an active member of the Michigan Democratic Party; and be it therefore

Resolved, That Mr. Nate Gooden be commended and honored on the 17th Day of May 2006 on the occasion of his retirement as Vice President and Director of the UAW DaimlerChrysler Department—for his unwavering commitment to the highest standards of integrity and professionalism as a dedicated and renowned leader and activist.

Congratulations, Brother Gooden. I must say that knowing Nate, I take any discussions of his immediate retirement with a grain of salt.

Congratulations, Nate Gooden, on a job well done.

HONORING COLONEL HUGH L.
DUKES, JR.

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay public tribute to Chaplain (Colonel) Hugh Dukes, an exemplary minister, soldier, and citizen from my congressional district. Colonel Dukes and his wife Linda were honored earlier this month at a Court of Honor ceremony held at the United States Army Armor Center at Fort Knox, attended by the Commanding General and numerous other distinguished guests who gathered to celebrate Dukes' approaching retirement.

A native of Carrollton, Georgia, Colonel Dukes is an ordained minister of the American Baptist Churches, USA. He received direct commission into the United States Army Chaplain Corps on July 4, 1976 following his completion of theological studies at Duke University School of Divinity. After completing his 3-year obligation, Dukes joined the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell and went on to fulfill a wide variety of assignments at home and abroad throughout his 30 years of pastoral service to the U.S. Army.

Prior to his assignment as Fort Knox Staff Chaplain, Colonel Dukes directed education and promotions for the Army's Chaplain Corps at the Pentagon. He was on hand as Acting Executive Officer for the Chief of Chaplains on September 11, 2001 when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the building. He served earlier pastoral missions at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, and numerous other assignments with soldier divisions and brigades in Kentucky, Virginia, Hawaii, and South Korea.

At Fort Knox, Colonel Dukes' supervises 23 unit chaplains with direct oversight of 17 dif-

ferent congregations. His leadership and spiritual guidance play an important role in the lives of thousands of soldiers, civilians, and their families, a fellowship that makes Fort Knox and its surrounding communities a great place to live and work. His spiritual advice has been especially important during a time of war as he's often called on by soldiers preparing for deployment or returning from combat contemplating serious questions about life and concern for loved ones.

Chaplain Dukes' awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Parachutist Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

It is my great privilege to recognize Chaplain (Colonel) Hugh Dukes today, before the U.S. House of Representatives, for his lifelong example of leadership and service. His achievements and dedication to the men and women of the U.S. Army make him an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and respect.

TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT
DALE JAMES KELLY, JR.

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sorrow that I rise to recognize the loss of a brave soldier in Iraq, Staff Sergeant Dale James Kelly, Jr., a member of the Maine Army National Guard and former Rhode Island resident who served his country with dignity and honor. I join his family and the people of Rhode Island and Maine in mourning this great loss.

Staff Sergeant Kelly grew up in Cranston, Rhode Island, and graduated from Cranston East High School in 1976. After school, he signed up with the Rhode Island Air National Guard, where he met his future wife, Nancy Cabral. He later sought work at Bath Iron Works in Maine, where he and Nancy raised their three children, Jennifer, Julie, and Christopher. In addition to being deeply committed to his family, he was remembered as an avid outdoorsman and a model of selflessness, always ready to assist those in need.

Staff Sergeant Kelly was serving in Iraq with B Company, 3rd Battalion of the 172nd Infantry Regiment, based in Brewer, Maine. A trained medic, he was in the lead vehicle of a convoy when a bomb detonated in Ad Diwaniyah, killing him and another soldier. However, prior to the incident, Staff Sergeant Kelly had taught his fellow soldiers how to administer their own intravenous medication in the event that he were harmed or unavailable. That instruction may have saved the life of Private Chris Fraser, who was seriously injured in the blast and administered his own IV. As was the case so many times in his life, Staff Sergeant Kelly's actions helped others in harm's way.

This loss causes us to reflect on the bravery demonstrated by our men and women in uniform as they carry out their obligations in the face of danger. When Staff Sergeant Kelly's nation called him to duty to preserve freedom, liberty, and security, he answered without hesitation. We will remember him as a patriot who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

Staff Sergeant Kelly is survived by his wife, three children, and three grandchildren; his mother, Barbara Kelly of Cranston; three sisters, Kathleen Kelly Sullivan, of Narragansett, Rhode Island, Barbara Wheaton of Yarmouth, Maine, and Kristin Kelly Ciamborne of Ashland, Massachusetts; two brothers, David Kelly of Warwick, Rhode Island, and Joseph Kelly of St. Petersburg, Florida; and many beloved nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relatives.

May we keep his loved ones in our thoughts and prayers as they endure this difficult period. We will also continue to hope for the safe and speedy return of all of our troops serving throughout the world.

RECOGNIZING CAREER OF CAROL
KIENZT

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Carol Kientz for over 40 years of dedicated service to the field of nursing.

Since receiving her B.S. in nursing from Cornell University in 1965 and her M.S. in nursing from the University of California, San Francisco in 1968, Ms. Kientz has been an active member of the healthcare community; serving in a variety of professional and community volunteer positions. She has served as a community health nurse for the New York City Health Department, a nurse educator in New York and New Jersey, supervisor for the Visiting Nurse Association, director of health services at Christ Home Hospital in Jersey City and for the past 16 years, as the Executive Director of the Home Care Association of New Jersey.

Outside of her professional responsibilities, Ms. Kientz has also participated in many healthcare organizations and activities including serving as a founding board member of the New Jersey Commission on Accreditation for Home Care, participating on numerous committees within the National Association for Home Care, and serving on the editorial review board for New Jersey Medicine and the Home Health Care Management and Practice.

Throughout her professional career in nursing, Ms. Kientz has received numerous recognitions and has had the distinct honor of receiving a number of public appointments. Most notably, she was named Home Health Assembly Member of the Year in 1989 and received the Home Health Assembly Martha Esposito Award in 1997. For her commitment to improving public health, Ms. Kientz was appointed and has served on the New Jersey Governor's AIDS Council from 1994 to 2002 and presently, serves on the Medical Assistance Advisory Council for the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services since 1995, Governor Corzine's New Jersey Healthcare Advisory Committee since 2002, and the Bioterrorism Advisory Committee for the Department of Health and Human Services since 2002.

In her most recent position, as executive director of the Home Care Association of New Jersey, Ms. Kientz has displayed great character and commitment towards achieving her

goal of ensuring that all patients receive the highest quality of care. She has been instrumental in developing and facilitating committees within the organization responsible for addressing industry issues as well as advocating on a variety of healthcare policy issues. Her efforts have included establishing the Real Coalition, which allowed the home care industry to formulate a collective and unified voice, participating in the development of the Assisted

Living Regulations for the State of New Jersey, improving the process for home health aide competency testing, strengthening relationships with State agencies, advocating for government initiatives to address the nursing and workforce shortage issues affecting the home care industry, establishing the home health aide scholarship process, and establishing the Home Care Foundation of New Jer-

sey to explore Grant opportunities to benefit the greater home care industry.

Throughout her career, Ms. Kientz has genuinely demonstrated a strong commitment towards improving home healthcare. It is the enthusiasm and dedication of people like Ms. Kientz that have raised the bar of excellence in patient care. Please join me in recognizing her many accomplishments.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 19

Time to be announced
 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 Business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Robert Irwin Cusick, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics, and David L. Norquist, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

Room to be announced

9 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the National Institutes of Health.

SD-192

MAY 22

2 p.m.
 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lurita Alexis Doan, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings to examine nuclear power provisions contained in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

SD-366

MAY 23

9:30 a.m.
 Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine ensuring competition and innovation related to reconsidering communication laws.

SD-226

10 a.m.
 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine improving financial literacy in the United States.

SD-106

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 To hold hearings to examine price gouging related to gas prices.

SD-562

Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings to examine the National Research Council report, Managing Construction and Infrastructure in the 21st Century Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Report, Managing for Excellence: An Action Plan for the 21st Century.

SD-366

2 p.m.
 Judiciary
 Intellectual Property Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine post-grant review procedures and other litigation reforms relating to patents.

SD-226

2:15 p.m.
 Foreign Relations
 To hold hearings to examine the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage, with a declaration, done at Vienna on September 12, 1997, Convention Adopted by a Diplomatic Conference convened by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and opened for signature at Vienna, during the IAEA General Conference (Treaty Doc. 107-21), S. Res. 312, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the need for the United States to address global climate change through the negotiation of fair and effective international commitments, S. Res. 359, concerning the Government of Romania's ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania, S. Res. 456, expressing the sense of the Senate on the discussion by the North Atlantic Council of secure, sustainable, and reliable sources of energy, S. 559, to make the protection of vulnerable populations, especially women and children, who are affected by a humanitarian emergency a priority of the United States Government, S. 1950, to promote global energy security through increased cooperation between the United States and India in diversifying sources of energy, stimulating development of alternative fuels, developing and deploying technologies that promote the clean and efficient use of coal, and improving energy efficiency, S. 2125, to promote relief, security, and democracy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, S. 2200, to establish a United States-Poland parliamentary youth exchange program, S. 2566, to provide for coordination of proliferation interdiction activities and conventional arms disarmament, S. 2697, to establish the position of the United States Ambassador for ASEAN, and pending nominations.

S-116, Capitol

2:30 p.m.
 Finance
 Long-term Growth and Debt Reduction Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine encouraging economic self-determination in Indian country.

SD-215

MAY 24

9:30 a.m.
 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine the nomination of R. David Paulison, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Federal

Emergency Management, Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

10 a.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Aviation Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine National Transportation Safety Board reauthorization.

SD-562

Energy and Natural Resources
 Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

10:15 a.m.
 Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine the McCarran-Ferguson Act, focusing on implications of repealing the insurers' antitrust exemption.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.
 Appropriations
 Legislative Branch Subcommittee
 To resume hearings to examine the progress of construction on the Capitol Visitor Center.

SD-138

2 p.m.
 Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine judicial nominations.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Disaster Prevention and Prediction Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine 2006 hurricane forecast and at-risk cities.

SD-562

Energy and Natural Resources
 Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine S. 2466, to authorize and direct the exchange and conveyance of certain National Forest land and other land in southeast Arizona, S. 2788, to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and S. 2567, to maintain the rural heritage of the Eastern Sierra and enhance the region's tourism economy by designating certain public lands as wilderness and certain rivers as wild scenic rivers in the State of California.

SD-366

MAY 25

9:30 a.m.
 Indian Affairs
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian education.

SR-485

10 a.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 To resume hearings to examine S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and for other purposes.

SD-106

Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings to examine the outlook for growth of coal fired electric generation and whether sufficient supplies of coal will be available to supply electric generators on a timely basis both in the near term and in the future.

SD-366

Veterans' Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine pending benefits related legislation.

SR-418

2:30 p.m.
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 To hold hearings to examine Pacific Salmon Treaty.

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JUNE 14

JUNE 15

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to markup S. 2686, to
amend the Communications Act of 1934
and for other purposes.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Technology, Innovation, and Competitive-
ness Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine alternative
energy technologies.
Room to be announced

10:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the Coast
Guard budget.

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