

amendment to fully restore the President's FY08 budget request of \$65 million for the ARC in this bill.

THE TOWN OF JANE LEW'S 100TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2007*

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the residents of Lewis County, West Virginia, in recognizing the town of Jane Lew on its 100th birthday.

Situated in north central West Virginia, Jane Lew traces its origins back to 1773. The small community grew slowly over the years before being issued a charter of incorporation by the State Legislature in 1907.

Today, at 100 years young, Jane Lew continues as a thriving small town. Known for being a friendly tight-knit community, the town is home to 40 businesses, a thriving senior center and one of the region's largest Labor Day craft shows.

I congratulate the residents of Jane Lew and look forward to many more birthday celebrations in the future.

RECOGNIZING DALLAS PEACE  
CENTER

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2007*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a milestone that was achieved by the oldest and largest peace and justice organization in north Texas. This year the Dallas Peace Center will celebrate its 25th anniversary.

The Dallas Peace Center is based on a vision of reconciliation to promote education, dialogue, and action for peace and justice. Along with other contributions, the Dallas Peace Center hosts forums and conferences advocating for peace in America and the world. Moreover, the center hosts community service initiatives that help promote justice in the north Texas area. The heart of the Dallas Peace Center reaches well beyond its members through its dedication and commitment to the community.

The Dallas Peace Center also meets with other organizations that promote peace including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Amnesty International. The center hosts free workshops and book club meetings so that members and non-members can learn about pertinent subject areas.

This year, the Dallas Peace Center is supporting the upcoming 3rd Women's International Peace Conference, which will bring women leaders from across the world to Dallas to engage in dialogue leading to peace.

On behalf of the 30th Congressional District of Texas, I am elated to congratulate such an invaluable asset to the Dallas community on its 25th anniversary. I thank the members of this center on their dedicated service to Dallas and the great State of Texas and I wish them many more years of prosperity.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CHIEF  
YEOMAN MICHAEL "JOHN" FOY  
DAY

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2007*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a native Houstonian, who has spent the last 25 years of his life serving our country in the United States Navy.

After graduating from Lubbock Christian University where he was actively involved in the Army ROTC Program, Chief Day entered the Navy on October 16, 1983, and for the next 5 years was involved in 3 different SEAL teams.

While accomplishing numerous tasks with the SEALs, Chief Day committed much of his time to his community. He served as President of the Gateway Housing Council, Director of the Neighborhood Watch Program, and was a member of the San Diego School Board.

After being transferred to Europe in 1989, Chief Day continued achieving duties with the Personnel Support Detachment and many community organizations. Some of those organizations include: Leader of the Scottish Boy Scouts, member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was recipient of the 1995 Outstanding United Services Organization (USO) Award of Europe.

In June 1996, Chief Day was reassigned to Ingleside, Texas, and continued participating in community involvement. During the completion of his assignment with the Afloat Training Group (ATG) and Mine Warfare Training Center, Chief Day became Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter in Ingleside. During his time as commander he received the highest award in the Department of Texas. The J.T. Rutherford honor is awarded to the number one ranked volunteer member in Texas.

In June 1998, Chief Day was relocated to the Middle East and honorably carried out various missions with the Navy and Marine Corps TAFT unit, under the Joint Military Order of the Royal Saudi Navy and Marine Corps forces. After being selected as the number one sailor in Europe and promoted to his current rank of Chief Petty Officer, Chief Day volunteered and deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Throughout his military career Chief Day earned 42 awards, was selected 5 times as sailor of the quarter, and 3 times as Sailor of the Year.

Chief Day is a loving father, husband, and a prime example of a leader who promotes citizenship by participation. As Chief Day's military career comes to a close, I am proud to stand before you and honor a man who has represented his community, state, and country with dignity.

TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT  
MICHAEL A. BECHERT

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 21, 2007*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness and deep respect that I wish to

commend Army SSG Michael A. Bechert for his bravery and his willingness to fight for his country. Staff Sergeant Bechert was assigned to C Company, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division in Schweinfurt, Germany. Tragically, Staff Sergeant Bechert passed away on June 14, 2007, due to injuries sustained on May 30, 2007, when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device in Baghdad, Iraq. His sacrifice for his country will forever be remembered by a community that has been devastated by the loss of one of its own.

Staff Sergeant Bechert felt tremendous pride for his country, and it will never be forgotten that he was willing to endanger his own life to protect the lives of his fellow citizens. His courage and heroism will always be remembered, and his sacrifice will forever live in the hearts and minds of those for whom he battled. Staff Sergeant Bechert enlisted in the United States Army, fully aware that danger could arise in any situation. He accepted this so that the freedoms and values he treasured could be enjoyed by men, women, and children around the world.

For his efforts, Staff Sergeant Bechert was awarded several military medals and honors, including: the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Army Commendation Medal for heroism, as well as a Purple Heart for previous injuries sustained in battle. In addition, he will be posthumously awarded an additional Purple Heart and a Bronze Star medal.

Although he loved his unit and his country, Michael treasured his family above all else. He is survived by his wife, Daniela, and his son, Branden Andrew, as well as many other friends and family members whose lives he has touched. My condolences go out to all who knew and loved Michael. His eagerness to serve and his willingness to sacrifice himself is worthy of the highest admiration.

Madam Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring a fallen hero, United States Army SSG Michael Bechert. He will forever remain a hero in the eyes of his family, his community, and his country. Let us never forget the sacrifice he made to preserve the ideals of freedom and democracy.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT  
AND RELATED AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 20, 2007*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2641) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes:

Ms. CASTOR. Mr. Chairman, the Energy and Water Appropriations bill charts an important new direction for improved public health and a cleaner environment throughout America. The bill also makes important new investments in renewable energy as we must reduce our dependence on foreign oil and cut