

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NICHOLAS DAVID FUSTON FOR
THE AWARD OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nicholas David Fuston, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nicholas has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the years Nicholas has been involved in Scouting, he has earned 31 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Patrol Leader, Den Chief, Quartermaster, Librarian, Troop Guide and Senior Patrol Leader. Nicholas is also a Brotherhood Member in the Order of the Arrow and a Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Nicholas planned and supervised the reconstruction and enlargement of a shelter by a pond at the Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary in Liberty, Missouri. Nicholas has also attended the National High Adventures Camp, and has earned the 12 Month Camper Award and the 100 Nights Camper Award.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nicholas David Fuston for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

STATEMENT HONORING THE LIFE
OF CLAUDIA TAYLOR "LADY
BIRD" JOHNSON

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and outstanding works of Claudia Taylor "Lady Bird" Johnson, the former First Lady of the United States.

Lady Bird Johnson was born on December 22, 1912, to Thomas Jefferson Taylor and Minnie Lee Patillo. As a child, Lady Bird was a tremendous student who expressed great love for classical literature before going on to earn degrees in art and journalism from the University of Texas in 1933 and 1934. She married Lyndon Baines Johnson on November 17, 1934.

When Lyndon Johnson became the 36th President of the United States, Lady Bird showed groundbreaking leadership in developing new opportunities for our First Ladies. Lady Bird conceptualized and secured congressional support for the Highway Beautification Act, which President Johnson signed into law on October 22, 1965. This important

piece of legislation ordered the removal of certain junkyards and overly intrusive advertising along our nation's highways. She also championed the creation and strengthening of the Head Start program, which has helped ensure that all children have access to vital early-childhood education, regardless of their parents' income.

After her time as First Lady, Lady Bird continued to show leadership in the causes dear to her, especially the preservation of our wildlife. In 1970, she published her diaries of her time as First Lady, *White House Diary*, which detailed her pioneering accomplishments and inspired young women across the country. In 1982, Lady Bird founded the National Wildflower Research Center, which works to expand the sustainable use and conservation of wildflowers and plants. She also served as National Geographic Society trustee emeritus and Kennedy Center Honorary Chair.

As a result of her numerous good works, Lady Bird Johnson earned the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 1988. These honors were well deserved and serve as testament to the exemplary life of Lady Bird Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson's passage yesterday is a tremendous loss for the Johnson family and for our country. It is with great sadness that I pass on my condolences to Lady Bird Johnson's family and friends, but with great pride that I honor her incredible life and accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO NEW BERLIN, NEW
YORK CELEBRATING ITS 200TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the town of New Berlin in my congressional district in upstate New York. This year, New Berlin is celebrating the 200th anniversary of its founding.

New Berlin has planned a series of events to celebrate its bicentennial, including concerts, parades and reenactments. A folk painting by Jim Parker, which recreates the town's map from 1870, will be unveiled on July 21st.

A community of over 2,800 residents, New Berlin is located on the Unadilla River in Chenango County. There are five hamlets in the town: the Village of New Berlin, South New Berlin, Holmesville, Amblerville and Chenango Lake.

New Berlin enjoys a rich history. The first settler, Daniel Scribner, arrived in 1790, and the town was partitioned from Norwich in 1807. New Berlin is home to Preferred Manor, which was built in 1831 and served as a stop on the Underground Railroad. Now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Preferred Manor features one of only two indoor weather vanes in existence. The town has

also produced some very accomplished individuals. Anson Burlingame, born in New Berlin, was a Member of Congress from Massachusetts from 1855–1861. He later was an Ambassador and negotiated the treaty between the United States and China. Henry Bennett, another New Berlin native, served in Congress from 1849–1859.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to represent such a historic community still thriving in the twenty-first century. Please join me in congratulating New Berlin on their exciting bicentennial celebration.

JOEL STERLING HUMBLE FOR THE
AWARD OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joel Sterling Humble, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 205, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joel has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Joel has been involved in scouting, he has earned 39 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Librarian and Scribe.

For his Eagle Scout project, Joel cleared a ¼-mile long fence of overgrown brush and debris at the Blue Springs Cemetery. Joel has earned the highest award offered in the Cubs scout program, the Arrow of Light Award in April 2002.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joel Sterling Humble for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Madam Speaker, I regret that I had to return to my district early and missed rollcall vote no. 584 through vote no. 606. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 584, 596, and 606. I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 597, 598, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, and 605.

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FREE THE ISRAELI SOLDIERS

SPEECH OF

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2007

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call for the immediate and unconditional release of Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev, Israeli soldiers who, as of today, have now been held captive by Hezbollah terrorists for a full year.

On July 12, 2006, a month-long military conflict between Israel and Hezbollah was instigated when the armored humvee Ehud and Eldad were riding in was bombarded by Hezbollah rockets.

Ehud and Eldad were captured during the course of this unprovoked attack and have been held hostage ever since.

In February of this year, I had the pleasure of welcoming Ehud Goldwasser's energetic wife, Karnit, to the U.S. Capitol. She told me how trying it has been to live without the "the love of her life" and how her once bright hopes of raising a family with Ehud are now in peril due to the cowardly and illegal acts of a terrorist organization whose only goal is the destruction of her homeland. It is my hope that when I meet with Karnit again in August, Ehud will once again be by her side.

Terrorist acts like the kidnapping of Ehud and Eldad are not military actions between warring nations. They are despicable crimes that tear families apart and shroud entire communities in grief and suffering. As the leader of the free and democratic world, the United States has a responsibility to condemn such attacks whenever and wherever they occur, and to help advance peaceful solutions to ongoing crises whenever they can be reached.

To that end, I stand by Karnit Goldwasser, I stand by Israel, and I stand by like-minded activists throughout the world in calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev—courageous individuals who answered Israel's call to serve and who have sacrificed greatly in fighting for the democratic principles for which our two countries stand.

DIRK PAUL HUDSON FOR THE
AWARD OF EAGLE SCOUT**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dirk Paul Hudson, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 249, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dirk has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Dirk has been involved in scouting, he has earned 40 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Scribe. Dirk is also a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Dirk constructed a 270-foot walking trail at Green Hills of Platte Wildlife Preserve. His project consisted of preparing the ground for the trail, pruning trees, removing brush, spreading mulch, and lining the trail with rocks.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dirk Paul Hudson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD "DICK"
SMITH**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today I recognize the achievements of one of my constituents, Richard "Dick" Smith, who has generously contributed to the preservation and continuance of jazz music and culture. With deepest honor, I am proud to present this tribute to Mr. Smith, a contributor of our American culture.

For the past 8 years, Mr. Smith has diligently worked as music coordinator for Jazz Night located at a Southwest Washington church. The mission of Jazz Night is to present, preserve, document, and perpetuate the original art form of jazz as it has been practiced for over 75 years. Jazz Night provides a venue for local jazz legends and contemporary musicians throughout the D.C. Metropolitan area to perform for people of all ages, experiences and backgrounds.

Mr. Smith dedicates his life to jazz, and his involvement and participation in such programs as Jazz Night reflects his sincerity and devotion to his cause. In collaboration with Jazz Night Mr. Smith works to provide outreach by presenting jazz musicians and hosting jazz performances in community centers, senior citizen facilities and nursing homes. Music education is also provided for young people through a program designed to develop and nurture emerging musicians. This program serves often neglected sectors of our community by supporting and developing the youth. By doing this Mr. Smith hopes to erase as much of the negativity and violence that threatens many communities.

Furthermore, Mr. Smith wishes to bridge the gap between the youth and the jazz tradition by recognizing the youth as a vital part of our jazz community, and by exposing them to music other than hip hop which often saturates their environment.

Mr. Smith has tirelessly and unselfishly devoted his life to the conservation of jazz. He is one of the founding members of Letturm Play, an organization formed in the 1950s that gave musicians a venue to perform. Mr. Smith serves as a mentor to many emerging musicians in the Washington area. Without the incessant efforts of Mr. Smith, D.C. jazz as we know it would cease to exist.

In addition to being a vocalist, the former Washington Redskin is truly a legend in the D.C. area. His mission, to ensure that the history of jazz in Washington, DC is preserved

for generations to come, is commendable. As a performer, Mr. Smith has had the privilege to perform with such greats as Shirley Murdock, and notable jazz musicians like the late Keter Betts, Buck Hill and the late Ronnie Wells. For more than 5 years, Mr. Smith was a featured male vocalist for the East Coast Jazz Festival.

Mr. Smith has spent years enriching the cultural and musical life of District residents. I am pleased to join the Washington area in recognizing Mr. Smith's service and contributions to our community as he celebrates his recent birthday.

COLLEGE COST REDUCTION ACT
OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 2669, the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007. A classic Democrat bait and switch proposal.

What the Democrats propose is a historic investment in student aid—what they deliver is massive new entitlement spending on programs controlled and run by their friends.

These new entitlement programs, which are exempt from annual congressional review, are replete with layers of bureaucracy, rules and regulations, and require virtually no accountability to the American taxpayer.

If the Democrats were serious about stemming the dramatic rise in college education costs, they would not use a reconciliation bill—a vehicle meant for deficit reduction—to push their agenda.

Yes, the legislation provides cuts to student loan providers estimated at \$18.58 billion over 5 years, but instead of using that money to lower the deficit as is custom, this legislation actually spends \$17.13 billion (almost 92 percent) during that same period on multiple programs—including 9 new areas of mandatory Federal entitlement spending.

This bill will not improve access to higher education for low and middle-income Americans. In fact, it has the potential to cost student borrowers and their parents thousands of dollars more in interest on Federal student loans by wiping out the interest rate discounts currently available to borrowers. Furthermore, this legislation could lead to the elimination of consumer choice and lender competition, making it a boon to the Direct Loan Program.

In recent years, the Direct Loan Program's market share has fallen to 22 percent because schools have chosen to participate in the FFEL Program instead. Cutting the successful FFEL program is a back-handed way to increase the competitive position of direct lending, a program that up until now has been withering on the vine through the voluntary attrition of colleges.

I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing H.R. 2669. Our students deserve more from us than to play politics with their college education.

COMMEMORATING SAFRAN DRIVE
IN THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE,
TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude to the contributions of the companies of the Safran Group and to commemorate the naming of Safran Drive in Grand Prairie, Texas.

The Safran Group companies of Turbomeca USA, Microturbo Inc. and Sagem Avionics have played a substantial role in providing resources, jobs and business growth in Grand Prairie and have shown tremendous commitment to the community. All three companies show strong growth potential and together they already employ more than 500 people from the surrounding area. Once named, Safran Drive will adjoin these companies' headquarters and will facilitate the sharing of resources and personnel.

Turbomeca USA has grown from a small, five-man operation in 1980 to a corporation that now employs more than 400 highly trained and dedicated people. It offers a wide range of overhaul and repair services for helicopter engines, modules and accessories and serves single aircraft operators and fleets of more than 100 aircrafts. Turbomeca has proudly provided the engines that power the U.S. Coast Guard HH-65 Search and Rescue Helicopter fleet and that of the U.S. Army Light Utility Helicopter fleet.

Microturbo Inc. has also supported our armed services, shipping more than 1,000 turbojet engines to the U.S. Army and Air Force for their aerial targets programs. It also maintains, repairs and overhauls the gas turbine starting system installed in the U.S. Navy's T45 Hawk trainer aircraft and the Canadian Forces Hawk 100 NATO aircraft.

Sagem Avionics supplements the products and services of Turbomeca and Microturbo, especially in the commercial sector as it provides technical support, MRO services and marketing and sales of commercial aerospace products. Sagem will soon be headquartered adjacent to the other two Safran Group companies on Safran Drive, creating a powerful hub of aircraft resources and greatly supporting the people of Grand Prairie with its expanding workforce.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I honor and recognize these three great companies in my district for the economic opportunities that they create and the outstanding community presence they provide. I am privileged to commemorate Safran Drive as a symbol of the great things to come from these esteemed corporations.

ERIC EDWARD ADAMS FOR THE
AWARD OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eric Edward Adams, a very special young man who has exemplified

the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eric has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Eric has been involved in scouting, he has earned 34 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Scribe, Quartermaster and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Eric is also an Ordeal Member in the Order of the Arrow and a Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Eric planned and supervised the construction of a 24-foot handicap accessible walking bridge over a ditch at the earnest Shepherd Youth Center in Liberty, Missouri. Erik has also attended three National High Adventures Camps, and has earned the 12 Month Camper Award and the 100 Nights Camper Award.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Eric Edward Adams for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO PATTI WINKLER

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to a remarkable woman, whom I have known for over 30 years. On July 20, 2007, Patti Winkler will retire after 34 years working for See's Candies.

Patti Winkler was born in Canada and moved to the United States as a child. She lived with her mother, father, brothers and sisters in South Sacramento, CA, until the late eighties when the family moved to Roseville. Today, Patti still lives in Roseville and shares her home with her mother, Rita, her two sisters Maxine and Mary Jane, her nephew Robbie, and five dogs. Patti enjoys visiting her family cabin in Cascade Shores, where she and her sisters spend time boating in Scott's Flat Lake, pulling the children behind on tubes, and then returning to the cabin at the end of the day to play card games.

In her life, Patti's family has always come first. She takes great pleasure in accompanying her mother to play bingo, helping her nephew through college, and cooking one of her famous BLT sandwiches for anyone in the family. Her loving and generous spirit is particularly evident during the Christmas season, as she cooks for her family and brings cookies and toffee in for her coworkers.

As a frequent customer, I always look forward to seeing Patti when I visit the See's Candies store in Roseville. Patti began working for See's in November 1973 at the Arden Fair Mall. Both her mother and sister Janie also worked for See's. On September 29, 1988, she opened the See's store in Roseville, which she managed until 2003. Patti knows the workings of the shop better than anyone else, and is special not only to the store's customers, but also to the people she works with, who truly cherish Patti's friendship. She makes the shop warm and inviting to anyone who

works there and goes out of her way to make everyone feel like part of the team. While her family will benefit from spending more time with Patti in her retirement, her coworkers and customers are truly sad to see her go.

During her retirement, Patti is looking forward to splitting her time between her home in Roseville and their cabin in Cascade Shores. She also plans to continue traveling, as she enjoys taking cruises with her family to Alaska, Mexico, the Caribbean, and through the east coast. I join everyone who knows Patti in wishing her many happy moments in retirement, and thanking her for the joy she brings to everyone she knows.

STATEMENT UPON THE INTRODUCTION OF THE "SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PRIVACY AND IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT OF 2007"

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. McNULTY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Social Security Number Privacy and Identity Theft Protection Act of 2007." As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Social Security, I am proud to introduce this bipartisan bill along with my chief cosponsor, the Ranking Member of the subcommittee, SAM JOHNSON. We are also joined by Members of the Committee on Ways and Means, which has jurisdiction over the Social Security number (SSN). This bill is modeled after legislation sponsored in prior Congresses by our friends and former colleagues Congressman CLAY SHAW, and the late Congressman Bob Matsui, who were our predecessors on the subcommittee.

The bill is the subcommittee's response to the growing problem of identity theft. Our subcommittee has held 16 hearings on identity theft and the misuse of Social Security numbers since 2000. Numerous experts have testified that identity theft is greatly facilitated by the easy availability of SSNs in public and private sector records and because of the rampant use of the number as an individual identifier. Once obtained, criminals use the SSN to impersonate their victims or unlock access to their good credit histories to open new accounts.

Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing crimes in the United States. Research by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in 2003 found that almost 5 percent of the adult population of the U.S.—some ten million people—were victims of some kind of identity theft in just a single 12-month period. A more recent private sector survey estimated the number of victims at 15 million in the 12 months prior to August 2006.

Identity theft ruins individuals' good names and destroys their credit ratings. Identity thieves have stolen the homes of elderly retirees, and have caused innocent persons to be arrested when crimes are committed under a falsified identity. It has even ruined the future credit ratings of young children.

The FTC reports that individuals spend \$5 billion a year attempting to recover their good names and credit histories. Annual surveys find that businesses lose more than \$50 billion

per year to identity theft-related fraud. Victims often spend years recovering from the damage done by such thieves.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) and its Inspector General have worked diligently to increase the integrity and security of the Social Security number, and the procedures used in issuing numbers and cards. But despite its value as a key facilitator of identity theft crimes, SSA has essentially no control over how the Social Security number is used by other governmental agencies or the private sector. The SSN was originally created for SSA's use in the administration of the Social Security programs. Its use has grown, piecemeal, by the federal government as a result of regulation or legislation, wherever a unique identifier was needed for official government purposes. However, no law of general applicability explicitly allows or specifically requires the private sector to collect, sell, or use the SSN to the extent that it is done so today. Although the Social Security Act requires government entities to protect the confidentiality of the SSN, no law exists that generally protects the privacy of the SSN in the private sector.

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) and other law enforcement experts have testified before the subcommittee that the current patchwork of laws that regulate how businesses and government agencies use and disclose personally identifiable information in their records leaves large gaps in protection for the SSN. While financial services and consumer reporting agencies are subject to some regulation controlling how and when they may disclose SSNs to third parties, there are limitations in these protections. Moreover, other industries remain completely free to buy and sell personal information about individuals with whom they have no business relationship. Sophisticated identity thieves have taken advantage of the gaps in protection and have been able to pose as users of personal information for purportedly legitimate purposes, gaining access to hundreds of thousands of SSNs sold by information brokers. Stalkers are also able to capitalize on the lack of protection for Social Security numbers and use them to locate and track their targets.

For these reasons, the legislation we introduce today will restrict the ability of government agencies, private businesses and others to sell, purchase or publicly display Social Security numbers. In recognition that a general prohibition may disrupt legitimate government uses and business practices that rely on the SSN, certain exceptions are made for law enforcement purposes, national security, public health, where the health or safety of an individual is at risk in an emergency situation, to ensure the accuracy of credit and insurance underwriting information and certain other Fair Credit Reporting Act purposes, for tax compliance purposes, if incidental to the sale or merger of a business, to administer employee or government benefits, for limited research purposes, with the individual's affirmative and written consent, and to the extent authorized by the Social Security Act. Further exceptions may be made for other purposes by regulation. Among other new requirements, the bill also restricts the display of SSNs on the Internet, on government documents and identification cards and tags. The bill's provisions will be enforceable by civil and criminal penalties imposed by federal agencies or state attorneys general; and by a limited ability of citi-

zens to stop a federal agency's lack of compliance and recover actual damages through federal court action.

Madam Speaker, it is my expectation that this legislation will give us more control over how the SSN is used, in order to better protect the SSN from identity thieves and other criminals. I am proud to sponsor this bill and to join my colleagues as we move this legislation forward.

A summary of the bill follows.

PROVISIONS RELATED TO SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS (SSNs) IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS

Federal, State, and local governments would be prohibited from:

Selling SSNs (limited exceptions would be allowed, such as to facilitate law enforcement and national security, to ensure the accuracy of credit and insurance underwriting information and certain other Fair Credit Reporting Act purposes, for tax purposes, for research purposes, and to the extent authorized by the Social Security Act). Further exceptions may be made for other purposes by regulation.

Displaying SSNs to the general public, including on the Internet.

Displaying SSNs on checks issued for payment and accompanying documents.

Displaying SSNs on identification cards and tags issued to employees or their families; patients and students at public institutions; and Medicare cards.

Employing prisoners in jobs that provide them with access to SSNs.

Requiring the transmission of SSNs over the Internet without encryption or other security measures.

The private sector would be prohibited from:

Selling or purchasing SSNs (limited exceptions would be made for law enforcement (including child support enforcement); national security; public health; health or safety emergency situations; tax purposes; to ensure the accuracy of credit and insurance underwriting information and certain other Fair Credit Reporting Act purposes; if incidental to the sale, lease or merger of a business; to administer employee or government benefits; for some research; or with the individual's affirmative, written consent). Further exceptions may be made for other purposes by regulation.

Displaying SSNs to the general public, including on the Internet.

Displaying SSNs on checks.

Requiring the transmission of SSNs over the Internet without encryption or other security measures.

Making unnecessary disclosures of another individual's SSN to government agencies.

Displaying the SSN on cards or tags issued to employees, their family members, or other individuals.

Displaying the SSN on cards or tags issued to access goods, services, or benefits.

Public and private sectors would be required to safeguard SSNs they have in their possession from unauthorized access by employees or others.

Sale, purchase, or display of SSNs in the public or private sector would be permitted by regulation in other circumstances, when appropriate. In making this determination, regulators would consider whether the authorization would serve a compelling public interest and would consider the costs and burdens to the public, government, and businesses. If sale, purchase, or display were to be authorized, the regulation would provide for restrictions to prevent identity theft, fraud, deception, crime, and risk of bodily, emotional, or financial harm.

A person would be prohibited from obtaining another person's SSN to locate or iden-

tify the individual with the intent to harass, harm, physically injure or use the individual's identity for an illegal purpose.

Would specify that, wherever a truncated SSN is used, it must be limited to the last 4 digits of the number. (This truncation standard does not change the permissible uses of the SSN.)

State law governing use of SSNs would not be preempted where state law is stronger.

The National Research Council would be required to conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of banning the use of the SSN as an authenticator.

ENFORCEMENT

New criminal penalties (up to 5 years imprisonment and fine up to \$250,000) and civil penalties (up to \$5,000 per incident) would be created for violations of the law relating to the display, sale, purchase, or misuse of the SSN, offering to acquire an additional SSN for a fee, and for selling or transferring one's own SSN.

Prison sentences would be enhanced for SSN misuse associated with repeat offenders (up to 10 years), drug trafficking or crimes of violence (up to 20 years), or terrorism (up to 25 years).

New criminal penalties (as much as 20 years in prison and fine up to \$250,000) and civil penalties (up to \$5,000 per incident) would be created for Social Security Administration employees who fraudulently sell or transfer SSNs or Social Security cards.

The bill permits enforcement by the Social Security Administration (which would have civil monetary penalty authority); the Department of Justice (which enforces criminal violations of federal law); and state attorneys general (who would be granted civil enforcement authority over private-sector users and state and local government). In addition, individual victims affected by violations of this bill by federal agencies would be provided with limited legal recourse to stop an agency's violation and recover any actual damages they may have suffered.

HONORING THE CREATIVE
ACHIEVEMENTS OF LAURA
ELISABETH ULRICH

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Laura Elisabeth Ulrich, a senior at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, LA, who at the young age of 19 was invited to participate in the prestigious Rome Festival Opera. The festival was held in Rome from June 28 through July 13, 2007.

Ulrich was selected to be the understudy for the role of Cherubino in *Marriage of Figaro*, an opera that is performed in Italian. One of only 10 Americans selected to perform, Ulrich does not speak Italian fluently; however, she demonstrated the level of talent, skill and experience required by the festival's performers.

A student of voice under Dr. Laura Thompson at Louisiana Tech, Ulrich has certainly made a name for herself in North Louisiana, but I believe her experience in Rome foreshadows a career that will include honor and recognition on the global scale.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Laura Elisabeth Ulrich whose natural abilities and dedication to her art will surely transform her into one of our Nation's finest vocal performers.

TERI ZENNER—SOCIAL WORKER
KILLED IN PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, I would like to tell you about the silent war of crime on the social worker community of America.

Teri Zenner loved being a social worker. In August 2004, Teri went to check on a routine visit to a mentally unstable client, to make sure that he was taking his medication. When she went into the client's home, he accosted her with a knife and ordered her up into his bedroom, holding her hostage.

What his intentions for Teri were are not known. He never got the chance to act on them. He lived with his mother and she came home early from work that day. His mother heard Teri's cries from the lower level of the house and went to investigate.

Opening the door to her son's bedroom, the mother saw Teri being held hostage by her son. Teri, seeing her one opportunity to escape, ran for the door. As she tried to free herself, her captor stabbed her in the throat. She continued her desperate run for freedom, but her attacker gave chase and continued to stab her over and over. He then went up to his bedroom, where he had a chainsaw, and continued his assault on Teri with it. Teri Zenner was 26 years old. She died because she was trying to make sure that her attacker had been taking care of himself.

I have met Teri's husband, Matt, a wonderful man—he too is a victim of his wife's homicide.

I would like to thank Congressman DENNIS MOORE, KS, for bringing this homicide to the attention of Congress. The issue of social worker safety has become vitally important in the United States. They are literally on the front lines of social violence in our country.

Social workers are required to respond to homes to evaluate claims of child abuse and neglect. Many of these situations require that the workers remove the children from the home, a solution that angers the accused parents. These types of situations leave social workers vulnerable to escalating situations and threats of violence, without the training or resources necessary to protect themselves.

As the saying goes, "No good deed goes unpunished." The good they do for our community is sometimes punished by people in the community. In 2005 and 2006, in Texas, there were several attacks on social workers. One of those attacks resulted in a social worker being murdered. According to Texas social workers, they are subjected to being "threatened, cursed at, chased by dogs, spit upon, and run out of houses by angry parents."

It has become essential for this Nation to protect those who work to protect our children, and others, in our society. For these reasons, Congressman DENNIS MOORE has introduced H.R. 2165—Teri Zenner Social Worker Safety Act, which I am an original cosponsor. This legislation will establish grants to provide social workers, domestic violence outreach staff, and other individuals who work with at-risk populations with workplace safety measures, equipment, and training.

These crimes affect all States and all districts throughout the Nation—and these indi-

viduals should not worry about their personal safety while striving to protect the most vulnerable victims—children.

Social workers are the second highest at-risk group of people in our society. The first are peace officers. Social workers deserve our protection.

Madam Speaker, we need to get to a place in our country where we no longer have the need to name laws after murder victims.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYEE LEARNING WEEK

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the American Society for Training & Development, ASTD, as one of the largest associations dedicated to workplace learning and performance professionals, and recognize their annual Employee Learning Week, that is to be held December 3rd through the 7th, 2007.

In 1944, ASTD began their first annual conference. ASTD has widened the profession's focus to connect learning and performance to individual and organizational results, and is considered a strong voice in the field of workplace development.

Members of ASTD come from more than 100 countries and connect locally in 136 U.S. chapters and 25 global networks. Members work in thousands of organizations of all sizes, in government, as independent consultants, and suppliers.

ASTD has a commitment to maintaining an edge in the highly skilled workforce that is critical to growing and sustaining a competitive advantage. To further these goals, ASTD has declared December 3rd through the 7th, 2007, as "Employee Learning Week" and designated time for organizations to recognize the strategic value of employee learning.

I applaud ASTD and its members for their commitment to developing the skills of employees and the workforce during Employee Learning Week, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting policies that commit to maintaining a highly skilled workforce.

TRIBUTE TO JACK CARTER

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true American hero, Jack Carter, who proudly served our country in both the Navy and the Army during both World War II and the Korean war. He then returned home to be a leader in Morgan County, Colorado.

Jack Carter was born in 1925 and joined the Navy in January of 1943, at the age of 17. One of Jack's first assignments was to the fleet Marine Corps as a medic. He made 3 beach landings before he was hit in the stomach with a 25 mm round during the infamous

invasion of Guam on February 25, 1944. After 45 days of rest and recuperation he was reassigned to the aircraft carrier USS *Ranger*, where he remained until his discharge in November 1945.

Jack and his friend Murl Ring re-enlisted 3 years later, this time in the U.S. Army. The two friends managed to stay together and were assigned to the 34th Regiment of the 24th Infantry when the Korean war broke out. The two friends survived when most of the 34th was lost in battle, hiding for 3 days before being rescued. Both men were medics and they were involved in numerous firefighting.

Jack received a long list of awards and honors for his incredible service, including the Silver Star, Purple Heart, and 2 Bronze Stars, one with a V for valor, and another for meritorious unit actions against an enemy. Jack was on active duty for 13 years altogether and spent 10 years in the National Guard.

Following his heroic service, Mr. Carter and his wife Dorothy moved to Brush, Colorado, in 1961 with their children Jerald, Paul, Jack and Carol. He has been married to his second wife Alyce for 43 years and they have a wonderful daughter Lauralyn. Four of Jack's 5 children served in the military; Jerold was an Army pilot who lost his life in Vietnam.

Jack worked at the Brush Hospital in both the lab and the x-ray department. Jack is well known in Morgan County for organizing the Morgan County Ambulance Service in 1967. He organized the meetings, trainings and helped establish bylaws and procedures. This volunteer system has been in place until fairly recently. Jack was honored as the Optimist Citizen of the Year in 1969 and later became the first Brush Optimist Club President.

Madam Speaker, we are so fortunate to live in this great country where freedom is something that we rarely have to think about and often take for granted. It is simply a way of life for us, and we are truly blessed to live in a country whose citizens willingly volunteer to put themselves in harm's way to defend and protect our great Nation.

I am proud to honor Jack for his dedicated service to our Nation. Jack is a hero who left his home to defend our Nation, and then returned home to be a valued member of his community, showing his children and grandchildren how to live meaningful lives of service. Jack truly is the embodiment of all the values that have molded America into the great nation it is today. May God bless Jack and his family, may God bless our precious veterans, and may God bless America.

CELEBRATING BEECH SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Beech Springs Baptist Church, located in the quiet north Louisiana town of Quitman—which I am proud to call my home.

While the church building, which began as a humble one-room schoolhouse in 1907, has changed many times over the past century to accommodate the growing membership, the

role of Beech Springs Baptist Church has always remained the same—to be a place where members of the community can go to worship and where all those who enter will find Christian love, fellowship and guidance. I have attended this church many times, and it is evident to me that God truly works through the people of Beech Springs Baptist Church.

Throughout its long history, Beech Springs Baptist Church has bonded together through its faith in Christ to persevere through local tragedies as well as difficult times in our nation's history such as the Great Depression and war. However, the church has also been a place of great celebration and joy. Countless Sunday morning worship services, baptisms, weddings and revivals have been held there, and I am confident that many more will take part over the next century.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Beech Springs Baptist Church, which will celebrate this landmark anniversary on July 22, 2007, for its efforts to be a source of Christian love, strength, and comfort over the past 100 years and for its desire to continue serving Christ in the Quitman community.

BEHIND EVERY MAN, THERE'S A
LADY BIRD

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, my grandmother influenced my life in so many ways and she educated me in the ways of the world more than anyone in my life, but to her dismay I broke from her staunchest southern belief—the Democratic Party. I don't know that she ever forgave me for being a Republican and during the 60s, in the heyday of LBJ, she was aghast that anyone could be anything else. Despite my political difference with President Lyndon Johnson, his contributions to Texas as President may only be surpassed by those of his First Lady. This week we said goodbye to one of the finest southern ladies politics and Texas has ever had the pleasure of knowing, Lady Bird Johnson.

My grandmother always said, "there is nothing more powerful than a woman—that has made up her mind!" There are no truer words; and none that describe our former First Lady better. Claudia Alta Taylor Johnson, known throughout the world simply as Lady Bird, not only changed the landscape of Texas highways, but paved the way for the next generation of women. She was the best example of the powerful role women of her generation played—second to my grandmother of course.

While Lady Bird will best be remembered for her love of the environment and the preservation of our natural resources, she was no wallflower in the business and political world either. She was her husband's staunchest supporter and was with him step-for-step throughout his entire career, but at the same time she also carved a path for herself in the business world by turning a debt-ridden Austin radio station into a multi-million dollar broadcast empire. Her resume reads like that of a modern-day Superwoman. Among her many achievements, she played a pivotal part in shaping legislation by lobbying and speaking before

Congress in support of the Highway Beautification Bill, or better known as the "Lady Bird Bill." She oversaw every detail in the creation of the LBJ Presidential Library, which became the model for Presidential libraries today, and served faithfully, and often in awe of her colleagues, as a regent of her alma matter, the University of Texas.

Like my grandmother she came from a generation of women that were strong and influential. They possessed the grace of an angel, but wielded a heavy-hand in running their affairs—and those of their husbands' for that matter. Few women of their generation worked outside the home, but few men succeeded without the backing of them. Whether they devoted their time to their work or to their home, their influence undoubtedly changed the country we live in today. Texas Congressman Sam Rayburn, longtime friend of President Johnson and House Speaker, once told him, "marrying Lady Bird was the wisest decision he had ever made." Few people know that Lady Bird originally told LBJ "no," when he asked to marry her.

Every Spring folks will head up Highway 290 to see wildflowers; and every bluebonnet we see throughout the Texas Hill Country and every tree we plant here at home along Will Clayton Parkway is a tribute to Lady Bird and her determination to "Keep Texas Beautiful." Her legacy and influence will live on forever. I doubt that Texas, nor our country, will ever know a finer lady and patriot than we had in Lady Bird Johnson. As the saying goes, behind every good man, there stands a better woman. May God bless Lady Bird Johnson as she has blessed us.

And that's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROBERT
NICHOLSON

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Robert Nicholson of Alexandria, VA, on being awarded the Air Force Association's DW Steele Chapter "Teacher of the Year Award."

A teacher at Alexandria County Public Schools since 1984, Mr. Nicholson has taught earth sciences, oceanography and astronomy and is also the Earth Sciences Division coordinator at TC Williams High School.

Mr. Nicholson's creative approach to education allows him to teach a variety of classes using hands-on learning that captivates students while enriching their learning experience. Deputy Superintendent of Alexandria County Public Schools, Cathy David, praised Mr. Nicholson not only for his outstanding work in enhancing the science curriculum at TC Williams but also for mentoring fellow teachers, ensuring consistency and rigor in the science curriculum.

In addition to the courses he teaches Mr. Nicholson is planetarium director at TC Williams High School and is known to use his free time to give shows to students outside his astronomy classes and also gives informative and entertaining presentations to middle and elementary school students from Alexandria City Public Schools and area private schools.

Fellow colleagues from all disciplines frequently ask Mr. Nicholson to present planetarium shows that relate to their specific content needs.

Mr. Nicholson is truly an asset to the students he inspires and the lives he shapes in the Eighth District of Virginia. I congratulate him on being awarded this great honor.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "SOCIAL
SECURITY PRIVACY AND IDENTITY
THEFT PREVENTION ACT
OF 2007"

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, you know Americans are rightly worried about the security of their personal information, including their Social Security number. Practically a day doesn't go by when we don't read about or hear about another data breach in the private or public sector where hundreds if not thousands of people's personal identity information is stolen.

According to the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, the total number of known records that have been compromised since January 2005 through last week was over 158 million.

The fact is that even though Social Security numbers were created to track earnings for determining eligibility and benefit amounts under Social Security, these numbers are widely used as personal identifiers. According to the Government Accountability Office, Social Security numbers have become the "identifier of choice" and are used for every day business transactions. In fact, in their April 2007 report, the President's Identity Theft Task Force identified the Social Security number as the "most valuable commodity for an identity thief."

These thieves are hard at work. According to the latest data provided by Federal Trade Commission, over a one year period nearly 10 million people, or about 5 percent of the adult population, discovered they were victims of identity theft. Even worse, the true number of victims of this devastating crime is unknown, since most victims do not report the crime.

Losses due to ID thefts have been estimated to exceed \$50 billion annually. Victims spend roughly 300 million hours a year trying to re-establish their hard-earned credit and clearing their good name.

Even worse, identity theft continues to threaten our national security. As said in the 9/11 Commission Report, "Fraud in identification documents is no longer just a problem of theft. At many entry points to vulnerable facilities, including gates for boarding aircraft, sources of identification are the last opportunity to ensure that people are who they say they are and to check whether they are terrorists."

The Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security has been working on a bipartisan basis to protect the privacy of Social Security numbers and prevent identity theft since the 106th Congress when it first approved the Social Security Number Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2000, to restrict the sale and public display of Social Security numbers. This legislation was introduced on a bipartisan basis by then Subcommittee Chairman Clay Shaw and then Ranking Member,

the late Bob Matsui. Today, we continue that bipartisan effort to help stop the rampant use of Social Security numbers as I join the Chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security, MIKE MCNULTY, to introduce the "Social Security Number Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2007."

This bill achieves three critical goals. First, it would limit access to SSNs in the public and private sector by restricting their sale, purchase, and public display, including display on the Internet.

Second, the bill would protect individuals by prohibiting persons from obtaining SSNs to find a person with the intent to physically injure or harm them.

Finally the bill would enforce these restrictions through civil and criminal penalties for violations.

Providing for uses of Social Security numbers that benefit the public while protecting their privacy is a complex balancing act. This bill achieves that balance.

It is long past time for Congress to act to help stop the widespread use of Social Security numbers, help prevent ID theft, and further protect American's privacy. I urge all my colleagues to sponsor this important bipartisan legislation.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE
FIRST CLASS JOSHUA S.
MODGLING

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of PFC Joshua S. Modgling who died on Tuesday June 19, 2007, of injuries sustained in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Private First Class Modgling had been in Iraq since May and was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia. PFC Modgling was killed while conducting missions out of Forward Operating Base Falcon when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Muhammad al Ali, Iraq.

PFC Modgling was raised in Las Vegas Valley and attended Manch Elementary School and Silverado High School. During his youth, Joshua played Pop Warner football and set a record for the most sacks. Private First Class Modgling was a hero whose desire to serve his country will forever make an impact on his family, his community and his country. He joined the United States Army to serve his country in the Global War on Terror. He will not only be remembered for his sacrifice and willing service, but for the extraordinary person that he was. His warmth and optimism brightened the lives of his family and friends.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of PFC Joshua S. Modgling. His heroism and sacrifice for his country while fighting the Global War on Terror are the highest tribute to the democracy and freedom we hold so dear.

FREE THE ISRAELI SOLDIERS

SPEECH OF

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, it's been almost one year now and many have forgotten about the three Israeli soldiers kidnapped by Hamas and Hezbollah: Ehud Goldwasser, Eldad Regev, and Gilal Shalit. But today thousands who will not forget this injustice rallied in front of the United Nations calling for these three captives to be returned to their families and for the Security Council Resolutions to be honored by all parties—not just Israel.

Hezbollah seems to have forgotten that last year's hostilities ended only after there were promises regarding the return of the Israeli men. This just goes to reinforce the fact that terrorist organizations cannot be negotiated with.

Though Security Council Resolution 1701 called for Hezbollah to disarm and return the soldiers, they remain in Lebanon and not even international organizations such as the Red Cross have been able to see them and be assured of their fair treatment. Israel has demonstrated its commitment to the Resolution by ceasing hostilities and pulling back its soldiers, but yet again they are dealing with opponents who show disrespect to all and whose word cannot be trusted.

We stand together with Israel to call again for the unconditional release of these three men. We pray for their safe return and for peace between Israel and its neighbors. They will not be forgotten by their families, by their nation, or by the American people and this Congress.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARK T.
KEETON

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a great American, Mark Thomas Keeton. As a 19 year veteran of Las Vegas Fire & Rescue, Mr. Keeton dedicated his life to serving the City of Las Vegas, and it is a distinct honor to recognize his service to the Southern Nevada community.

Mark Keeton, a Nevada resident for 42 years passed away on May 8, 2007, at the age of 44 after a battle with brain cancer. Mr. Keeton served the Las Vegas community as a firefighter for 19 years, facing not only the immediate dangers of fires inherent to the profession, but also the hazards posed by the chemicals and smoke to which firefighters are frequently exposed. In addition to Mr. Keeton's 19 years of service as a firefighter of Las Vegas Fire & Rescue, Mark was also a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving in the Persian Gulf War. Mr. Keeton was a member of the International Association of Firefighters and will be honored this year on their Wall of Honor, which recognizes the great sacrifices made by firefighters who have fallen in the line of duty.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and deep appreciation that I honor the life of Mark Thomas Keeton. His commitment and dedication to the Las Vegas community will never be forgotten. I give my sincere condolences to his wife, Lerma and their children, Sean and Sharon, and thank him for his honorable service to our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH
BIRTHDAY OF THELMA NEWMAN
FRAZIER

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Madam Speaker, today I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life Thelma Newman Frazier on the occasion her 90th birthday. The daughter of farm workers Eugene Newman and Kate Robinson, Thelma was born on July 26, 1917 in Richland County, AR.

Thelma is truly a child of God, having accepted Christ as her Lord and savior at an early age. She is a past member of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church and currently attends Shalom Church City of Peace.

Thelma was united in holy matrimony to Nathaniel Frazier, Sr. on April 17, 1941. To this union were born two children, Katie M. McKinney and Nathaniel Jr., who preceded her in death. In 1952, Thelma and her family migrated to St. Louis, Missouri. There she became active in the community. A devout member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Thelma worked tirelessly to carry out their mission.

Mrs. Frazier has been rewarded in life by her hard work and dedication to family. She has a devoted daughter, Katie M. McKinney, son-in-law, Lewis L. McKinney Sr., 13 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren. Her hard work has influenced her family tremendously. She is proud of all their accomplishments.

The matriarch of her family, Thelma continues to live independently in St. Louis and is a constant support to her family through her unconditional love and encouragement. If only every child was blessed to have had a mother, grandmother, or aunt like Thelma Newman Frazier, the world would be a better place. Happy birthday, Thelma, and may you be blessed with many, many more.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH
ANNIVERSARY OF POLISH NEWS

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Polish News, Chicago's Polish American monthly magazine. Polish News has served as an integral part of the Polish American community for the past decade, documenting Polish American culture in Chicago and around the world.

On behalf of the more than 110,000 residents of the Fifth Congressional District of Polish descent, I want to congratulate Polish

News on their 10 years of success, and wish them well for many more to come.

Publications like Polish News promote cultural understanding and are vital in maintaining cohesive relationships in a Nation as diverse as our own. For the past 10 years, Polish News has documented the vibrant social, civic, and philanthropic accomplishments of Polish Americans and their contributions to our society.

The magazine's success is due in large part to its wide array of content, including interviews with prominent Polish American leaders, profiles of community members and special events, and information on historical moments of importance to the Polish community.

Polish Americans have shared a leading role in business, fine arts, charity and many other forms of public service. The Polish American influence has shaped the city of Chicago and our country into the strong and dynamic Nation that it is today. I commend Polish News for documenting these events, ideas, and stories.

Today, I am proud to reaffirm our appreciation and respect for the Polish culture and the Polish American community as we congratulate Polish News on its dedication to promoting our city's ethnic pride. I look forward to continuing to read Polish News in the years to come.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JAMES
"SKOGIE" LENON

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my good friend James 'Skogie' Lenon, who passed away on May 5, 2007. Skogie was a dear friend who was instrumental in helping me get established early in my career.

A longtime resident of Boulder City, NV, James 'Skogie' Lenon made a huge impact on the life of his community. Skogie earned his nickname from a t-shirt he often wore, which read, "Muskogee YMCA". Skogie was a caring man, who worked often to uphold the small-town, family-oriented feel of Boulder City. In 1955, Skogie was on the original committee to help raise funds for the Boulder City Hospital. During World War II, unable to join the military due to a childhood illness, he became Assistant Director of the Boulder City United Service Organizations. After the war, he became a Naval Reserve Officer. Skogie helped in building and operating the first skating rink, as well as the first city swimming pool in Boulder City. He was President of the Boulder City Recreation Association and a member of the Boulder City Golf Association. He spent much of his time enjoying golf, and played a large part in adding nine holes at the Boulder City Municipal Golf Course.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and service of James 'Skogie' Lenon. Skogie was a true patriot, having devoted his life to his community and country. His dedication to service should serve as an example to us all.

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 Tuesday, July 17, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

July 18

9:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine modernization of Federal Housing Administration programs.

SD-538

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the federal response to ensuring the safety of Chinese imports.

SR-253

Finance

Business meeting to consider the nominations of David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be an Under Secretary, and Peter B. McCarthy, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury, Kerry N. Weems, of New Mexico, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Tevi David Troy, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Charles E. F. Millard, of New York, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

SD-215

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 625, to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, S. 1183, to enhance and further research into paralysis and to improve rehabilitation and the quality of life for persons living with paralysis and other physical disabilities, S. 1551, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, and S. 579, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, and other pending calendar business.

SD-106

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, S. Res. 248, honoring the life and achievements of Dame Lois Browne Evans, Bermuda's first female barrister and Attorney

General, and the first female Opposition Leader in the British Commonwealth, S. Res. 236, supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America's voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem, S. 1060, to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, S. Res. 261, expressing appreciation for the profound public service and educational contributions of Donald Jeffrey Herbert, fondly known as "Mr. Wizard", a bill entitled, "School Safety and Law Enforcement Improvements Act", and the nominations of Roslynn Renee Maus-kopf, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Martin Karl Reidinger, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Timothy D. DeGiusti, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, Janis Lynn Sammartino, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Rosa Emilia Rodriguez-Velez, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, and Joe W. Stecher, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine abuse of elderly citizens, focusing on prevention methods.

SD-628

2 p.m.

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine increasing government accountability and ensuring fairness in small business contracting.

SR-428A

July 19

9:30 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual monetary policy report to the Congress.

SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 1634, to implement further the Act approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America.

SD-366

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the war in Iraq, focusing on an update from the field.

SD-419

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business, to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine draft legislation to amend and reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act.

SR-485

10 a.m.

Judiciary

Business meeting to continue consideration of S. 1145, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, S. Res. 248, honoring the life and achievements of Dame Lois

Browne Evans, Bermuda's first female barrister and Attorney General, and the first female Opposition Leader in the British Commonwealth, S. Res. 236, supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America's voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem, S. 1060, to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, S. Res. 261, expressing appreciation for the profound public service and educational contributions of Donald Jeffrey Herbert, fondly known as "Mr. Wizard", a bill entitled, "School Safety and Law Enforcement Improvements Act", and the nominations of Roslynn Renee Mausekopf, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina, Martin Karl Reidinger, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Timothy D. DeGiusti, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, Janis Lynn Sammartino, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Rosa Emilia Rodriguez-Velez, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, and Joe W. Stecher, of Nebraska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the military's role in disaster response, focusing on progress since Hurricane Katrina.

SD-342

2 p.m.

Appropriations

Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

SD-106

2:15 p.m.

Finance

To hold hearings to examine aviation financing, focusing on industry perspectives.

SD-215

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 1769, to amend the Communications Act of 1934

to facilitate number portability in order to increase consumer choice of voice service provider. S. 1780, to require the FCC, in enforcing its regulations concerning the broadcast of indecent programming, to maintain a policy that a single word or image may be considered indecent, S. 1582, to reauthorize and amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, S. 1771, to increase the safety of swimming pools and spas by requiring the use of proper anti-entrapment drain covers and pool and spa drainage systems, to educate the public about pool and spa safety, S. 1778, to authorize certain activities of the Maritime Administration, S. 1492, to improve the quality of federal and state data regarding the availability and quality of broadband services and to promote the deployment of affordable broadband services to all parts of the Nation, and the nominations of Jonathan W. Bailey, and Philip M. Kenul, both to be Rear Admiral, for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

SR-253

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the mayoral proposal to reform the District of Columbia's public school system, focusing on assessments, assurances, and accountability.

SD-342

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:45 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sharion Aycock, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, Jennifer Walker Elrod, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and Richard A. Jones, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

SD-226

July 20

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine youth violence, focusing on the efficacy of mentoring children.

SD-116

July 24

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary

To continue oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the protection of children on the internet.

SR-253

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the BioShield and Preparedness programs, focusing on improvements needed for epidemics.

SD-628

July 25

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs health care funding.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine United States trade relations with China.

SR-253

July 26

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine preparation taken for digital television transition.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security Subcommittee

To continue hearings to examine the Railroad Safety Enhancement Act.

SR-253

July 31

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ronald Spoehel, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, William G. Sutton, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Thomas J. Barrett, of Alaska, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, and Paul R. Brubaker, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Department of Transportation.

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