

leader and friend to many throughout south Alabama. He will be deeply missed by those who knew him. Mr. Baumhauer is survived by his wife, Bettye Clements Baumhauer of Mobile; three daughters, Uan Mejia, Lea McQueen, and Carey Golden; 4 step-children; 6 grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; 1 great-granddaughter; and his longtime caregiver, Adele Tate. May his family know that they are in the thoughts and prayers of all who loved and appreciated Mr. Baumhauer as they did.

UNITED STATES CARIBBEAN EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 30, 2007*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to express praise and support for H.R. 176, introduced by Representative BARBARA LEE.

This bill would provide financial assistance for an educational exchange program for U.S. and Caribbean students and enhance training for Caribbean educators. A program such as this would enable students from the U.S. and the Caribbean to gain a wealth of academic and cultural knowledge. Further, it would contribute to enhancing the relationship the U.S. has with its Caribbean neighbors.

This past June, heads of state from the Caribbean visited Washington, DC for a week long conference. I attended meetings with them to learn more about the needs of their countries and to begin a dialogue that would foster closer diplomatic relations. I learned more about the Caribbean nations difficult challenges with widespread poverty, crime, and drug addiction.

While I and others in the executive and legislative branches of government worked towards strengthening our government-to-government ties, non-governmental organizations and ordinary citizens meet in seminars organized to foster closer people-to-people ties.

I am particularly concerned about trade, economic growth, and national security, all of which have a connection to the social challenges in some Caribbean nations.

Due to globalization and other advances in technology, the world is getting smaller and thus competition in the marketplace will be more rigorous. In order for people of the Caribbean to compete in the future marketplace, they will need an education in the characteristics of globalization.

It is clear that education is a key ingredient to resolving poverty, not only in the U.S., but in the Caribbean as well. The lack of opportunities to receive an education has far reaching implications. This bill offers some help with addressing the social issues that are threatening the health and stability of the Caribbean, which has a direct connection to limited educational opportunities. It is important for the U.S. to play a role in uplifting the people of the Caribbean.

I applaud Representative LEE for introducing this bill and highlighting the need for the U.S. to create strong educational exchange programs with the Caribbean. I urge my col-

leagues to support this bill. Supporting this bill will affirm the U.S. interest in building relationships with the Caribbean, which strengthen the ties between our people and have a lasting beneficial impact upon the region.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2007*

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 758, I was unavoidably absent; had I been present, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 759, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 760, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 761, I would have voted "aye"; On rollcall No. 762, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE TO MR. P.T. WRIGHT

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2007*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. P.T. Wright, the Acting Deputy Director of the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) program, who was recently awarded the prestigious Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive.

This award was given for his extraordinary contributions to the security of our Nation over the course of a U.S. border management career spanning 33 years. This award is presented to a small number of federal senior executives who have made significant accomplishments throughout their careers in the Federal Government. Mr. P.T. Wright first began his career with the former U.S. Customs Service on August 30, 1973, and has held key positions in customs and border protection management in Washington, DC, El Paso, Texas, Dallas/Ft. Worth, and Nogales, Arizona.

Mr. Wright also serves as the U.S. team leader on the U.S.-Mexico Bi-National Technical Working Group and the U.S.-Canadian Bi-National Technical Working group for the implementation of the US-VISIT program. In recognition of his work with Mexico and Canada, he has received the National Narcotics Officers Association Customs Award and the European Commission-Sanctions Ambassador's Peace Recognition Award.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have this time to recognize Acting Deputy Director P.T. Wright, a fellow public servant working to help improve our Nation's security.

A TRIBUTE TO CLARKE COUNTY, ALABAMA, RESPONDERS FOR SAVING THE LIVES OF TWO YOUNG CHILDREN

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2007*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to several local responders in

southwest Alabama whose heroic actions helped to save the lives of two toddlers.

John Thomas Atchison and Cole Hicks accidentally fell into the backyard pool of their daycare and were unresponsive when they were discovered. Dispatchers were immediately called for help, and Alabama State Trooper Daryl Linder was the first one on the scene. Moments later, Jackson Police officer Carey Slayton arrived, and both began administering CPR on the toddlers. Many others began arriving on the scene, including Dr. Jared Ellis, who had heard about the incident.

The boys were flown to the University of South Alabama Women's and Children's Hospital. For the next 6 weeks, Cole Hicks was hospitalized in Mobile and then transferred to Birmingham. He is still recovering and undergoing physical therapy daily. Even though Cole still faces a long road to recovery, he is alive and that is all that matters to his parents and the people that rescued him that day.

As for John Thomas Atchison, the 2-year old became responsive and started breathing on his own soon after the officers started giving him CPR. Today, he is a healthy young boy with no serious damage from the accident.

The Alabama State Legislature as well as the Clarke County Commission have passed resolutions honoring the men and women that saved these two young boys including: Alabama State Trooper Daryl Linder, Jackson Police officer Carey Slayton, Jackson Police officer Barry Fowler, Dr. Jared Ellis, EMT Scott Flach, Alan Rutledge, EMT Stacey Rutledge, Kenny Reeves, EMT Rodney Johnson and registered nurse Henry Eubanks.

Madam Speaker, the dedication of the men and women who responded that day is a testimony to local law enforcement agencies and their commitment to their job and community. I am truly grateful to have men and women like this serving our local districts.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE—ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2007*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 50th anniversary of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

This year marks the anniversary of the creation of the civil rights organization that contributed to significant change in the United States. Founded by Dr. Martin Luther King, Ralph Abernathy, and other ministers whose moral vision led to them becoming civil rights leaders, the organization was originally named the Southern Leadership Conference on Transportation and Nonviolent Integration. The original name embodied the spirit of addressing civil rights issues nonviolently, Christian beliefs, and the goal of desegregating buses in Montgomery, Alabama. The organization's strength and support was rooted in the Black church community.

Through mobilizing the black community in Montgomery to walk and share car rides to destinations for almost a year, this organization successfully led a bus boycott which resulted in desegregation of buses. This event

was a landmark victory for the civil rights movement. Another success for the organization came with the 1963 demonstration held in downtown Birmingham to desegregate local businesses. Thousands of people, including schoolchildren, attending the demonstration were sprayed by high pressure fire hoses and attacked by police dogs. Many were arrested and jailed. The inhumane and unjust attack on demonstrators was aired on national TV and around the world. The massive outcry from Americans urged the Kennedy administration to act.

A settlement was reached whereby the downtown Birmingham businesses were desegregated and addressed discriminatory hiring practices.

Montgomery and Birmingham were catalysts for a Civil Rights Movement that ended legal segregation in this nation and opened doors of opportunity for an oppressed Black people. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference under the leadership of Dr. King became the agent of change to a make just society that is more in keeping with the promise of the U.S. Constitution.

On this day, I pay honor and thank the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for their contribution to the Civil Rights Movement. I admire the nonviolent approach taken by the organization to address discrimination. I urge my colleagues to learn about the contributions of this great organization.

CONGRATULATING JENNIFER COLLIER FOR HER PARTICIPATION IN THE HOUSE FELLOWS PROGRAM

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2007*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jennifer Collier, my constituent, for her selection and subsequent participation in the House Fellows Program. The program, eligible to high school government teachers, aims to help teachers improve the knowledge and understanding of Congress through a one-week intensive session on the history and practice of the House of Representatives.

Ms. Collier, a social studies teacher at Mt. Diablo High School in Concord, was selected through a competitive process in which all public, private and parochial secondary school government instructors in my congressional district were eligible to apply. The Historian's office made the final selection. During the school year following her participation in the House Fellows Program, Ms. Collier will have the responsibility to present her experiences and lesson plans to at least one in-service institute for other teachers of history and government, expanding the reach of the program to those who do not come to DC themselves.

I am certain it will be a valuable experience for her and that she will pass on what she learns firsthand about Congress and inspire future students to become informed and active citizens. I congratulate Ms. Collier and all the other teachers selected to participate in the House Fellows Program this year.

TRIBUTE TO JOEL STERLING HUMBLE FOR THE AWARD OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 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 Nicholas 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. Joel is also a warrior in the tribe of Mic-O-Say.

For his Eagle Scout project, Joel cleared a ¼ long fence line of overgrown bush and debris at the Blue Springs Cemetery in Blue Springs, MO. Joel has also earned several special awards including the 12 Month Camper Award, the Internet Safety Award, Leave No Trace Award, Snorkeling Award, World Conservation Award and 50 Miler Award.

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.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF THOMAS GLYNN PARKER

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2007*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Autaugaville and indeed the entire State of Alabama, recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory. Born on September 18, 1934, in Ripley, TN, Thomas Glynn Parker began his career in the transit business. He relocated to Denver, Minneapolis, Austin, and Phoenix before arriving in Montgomery, AL. On July 3, 1964, he married his loving wife Sandra Tribble, and after the birth of their son, Mitch, the family settled in Prattville, where his love for politics was ignited.

Tom served on the Autauga County Republican Executive Committee and the State Executive Committee. He received his first appointment to the Autauga County Board of Registrars in 1995, and his second in 2003. Tom devoted countless hours working in support of local and State GOP candidates. Most recently, he served as Autauga County team leader for Governor Bob Riley. Tom was a true leader and an Alabamian of distinction that will be greatly missed.

Tom was not only dedicated to his work but also to his beloved family. He taught his grandchildren the importance of voting, helping them get involved in political campaigns starting at a young age.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community

leader and friend to many throughout the State of Alabama. Thomas Glynn Parker will be deeply missed by his family—his wife, Sandra; his son, Mitch; his daughter-in-law, Selina; his brother, Charles; and his two grandchildren, Mason and Hanna Grace—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO END THE COMMERCIAL SEAL HUNT

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2007*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my full support for H. Res. 27, a bill introduced by Representative LANTOS, which urges the Government of Canada to end the commercial seal hunt. This bill addresses the inhumane treatment of seals.

I would like to express my thanks to Representative LANTOS for introducing this bill and raising awareness on the inhumane treatment of seals in Canada.

At present, there is a practice of hunting and capturing seals for commercial purposes. The United States addressed this issue in 1972 through the Marine Mammal Protection Act, which barred the import of seal products in our great country. Today, despite opposition from the United States and other countries, our Canadian neighbors continue to hunt seals.

In Canada, seal hunters maim and kill their prey by shooting and clubbing. Each year thousands of seals experience this tragedy, of which a large portion are under 12 weeks old. This is unacceptable.

I encourage my colleagues to support this bill, which will send a message to our Canadian neighbors about our discontent with the mutilation and killing of seals. Our great Nation opposed this issue years ago and should continue to do so.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 31, 2007*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3093) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 3093, the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations bill.

This legislation includes \$175,000,000 for a DNA analysis and capacity enhancement program and other local, State, and Federal forensic activities. Of this funding, not less than \$151,000,000 is directed toward the Debbie