

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL WEEK

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I respectfully submit the following two poems into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, authored by longtime U.S. Capitol tour guide Albert Caswell in honor of National Police Memorial Week:

IN HONOR OF TWO SLAIN OFFICERS, JACOB CHESTNUT AND JOHN GIBSON, AND OFFICER JOHN McMILLIAN ON THE OCCASION OF NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL WEEK AT THE U.S. CAPITOL

THE UNSUNG HERO

A Hero!
 A quiet man . . .
 A calm and careful caring man, with a sure and steady hand . . .
 While there just waiting . . . waiting . . . waiting . . . to make his stand . . .
 A time . . . when all life and death upon him so depend and lie . . . all within his hands . . .
 A transformation, from a mere mortal . . . all to a Gotham-like Superman!
 A Hero!
 This unsung man . . .
 Quietly, ever so moving on his way . . .
 Quintessentially humble, throughout each and every passing day . . .
 Questioning and there qualifying . . . observing all . . . while, upon his way . . .
 Quantifying, reading and measuring carefully, as we see him both night and day . . .
 Quiet, until that one moment, that one instant, that one day, until out there on harm's way . . .
 This unsung man . . .
 That moment of truth . . .
 That time when all hell around him so breaks loose . . .
 That split second of life or death, that real moment of truth . . .
 That reaction, his response . . . determining if evil will win or lose . . .
 Quiet stealthiness erupting, as this dark evil he pursues, a hero, a real American who's who . . .
 Who without regard of his own life to lose, as these grave decisions as he must so choose . . .
 That moment of truth!
 Reacting all in time . . .
 Reaching that edge, where life and death are all so defined . . .
 Reading the moment, instinctively preserving life, with but this thin blue line . . .
 Responding all there within these precious moments in time . . . as his true heart we find . . .
 Rushing into the darkest of all dangers . . . while there, caution he so heroically leaves so very far behind . . .
 Relief, it's all over . . . as there in the midst of grief, so brilliantly he now so shines . . .
 Reacting all in time . . .
 As, he's saving lives . . .

As all of the loved ones he has spared, all because he cared, on this day . . .
 All living to see another sunset . . . basking in the sunrise as together they . . .
 Life guards . . . whose heroism its so splendidly portrayed . . . as onward they so make their way . . .
 Liege, as to them we so our allegiance owe . . . as now so quietly back to work he so goes this day . . .
 Letting none know, waiting until that one moment of truth The Unsung Hero, as for him we pray . . .
 As, he's saving lives . . .
 A Hero, This Unsung Man . . . That Moment Of Truth . . . Reacting All In Time . . . As He's Saving Lives!
 Dedicated to All Great Americans and these officers Chestnut . . . Gibson . . . and McMillian . . . who are the personification of the words 'Unsung Hero'

—Albert Carey Caswell © 2001.

IN MEMORY, ON NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL WEEK AT THE CAPITOL, OF SLAIN OFFICERS JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT AND JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON ON THE UPCOMING 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR DEATHS, JULY 24TH 1998

UP TO THE LORD, THEY WOULD RISE

On one bright warm sunny day in July . . .
 As two great American Heroes were to lay down their lives . . .
 People stunned and confused, asking that age old eternal question, why?
 As few noticed on that day, as two bright lights were heading up into the skies . . .
 As straight to heaven, their souls to our Lord they would rise . . .
 In this our world, no woman or man . . . nor even a child . . . can know of or plan, of this their final fate or time . . .
 As when one's life passage which is so very precious, which is so very fine . . . will end without reason or rhyme . . .
 Until tested . . . while acting on a clarion call, will we be the ones ever standing tall . . . while standing in death's line?
 For on this bright and beautiful sunny day in July, as two great American heroes in harm's way stood . . . as our nation she would find!
 As straight up to heaven, their souls to our Lord they would rise . . .
 For all of the children and wives, now without husbands or dads . . . oh how so very unjust, so very sad . . .
 As there is no greater courageous act, which can be . . . than while in the line of ones duty, gallantly forsaking the life that you have . . .
 To all those men, women and children who were spared . . . forever remember how they cared . . . ever hold in your hearts, the good not the bad . . .
 In the Kingdom of our Lord, one's life . . . for there is no greater gift, nor is there such higher sacrifice, so rejoice . . . for they are in our Lord's arms, be glad.
 As straight up to Heaven, their souls to our Lord they would rise . . .
 Let not this day always be remembered for that one lone foul coward's evil attack . . .
 Instead . . . ever look on the goodness of mankind and those heroic hearts which

were so to find these unselfish Christian acts!
 Now, honor our Fallen Heroes ever in this way . . . so forever in our hearts, their great deeds of valor shall so stay . . . so warmly so intact . . .
 For on this dark . . . dark . . . dark day of evil . . . as two lone brave hearts stood . . . bringing light . . . bringing good . . . for their courage would not lack . . .
 As straight up to Heaven, their souls up to our Lord as they would rise . . .
 To the children and the wives, who have lost the ones ever so close . . . their grave sacrifice means everything, just the most!
 A Dr. King or a woman who just might save the world, as from all of these unselfish Christian acts . . . as we may soon warmly boast . . .
 Families hugging and crying, all still intact . . . all because two heroes now lay dying . . . as on this day, death came so very . . . very . . . very close . . .
 For the names of Chestnut & of Gibson, we shall now forever carry in our hearts, just everything . . . all! As these fine magnificent souls gave the most!
 Surely, those two bright lights heading up into the skies, were but their fine souls . . . as up to Heaven they had closed . . .
 As straight up to Heaven, their precious souls to our Lord . . . they rose!
 In Memory of Officers Chestnut and Gibson, to the Families, our prayers and thoughts are with you, we cherish the honor & great privilege to have known & served with such fine men of character & great honor . . . And to all the men and women in blue who showed their true & great worth on this day of heroes . . . May God Bless you . . .

—Albert Carey Caswell © 1998.

FORMER IMF HEAD CALLS FOR REGULATION TO TAME THE "MONSTER" FINANCIAL MARKET

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, for much of the past decade, we have had a debate between those calling for substantial deregulation in the financial markets, and those of us who are concerned that we did not have sufficient regulation to deal with the powerful innovations that we have seen in that market recently. Recent experience, in which disarray in the financial markets due in part to an absence of sensible regulation has led to serious economic problems in the world, very much strengthens the argument for appropriate public intervention that

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seeks to preserve the advantages of recent innovations while diminishing the harm that they have caused. Earlier this week, Horst Kohler, a man of significant experience in the financial world, and not one previously suspected of radicalism in any degree, spoke out strongly to emphasize that "We need more severe and efficient regulation, higher capital requirements to underpin financial trades, more transparency and a global institution to independently oversee the stability of the international financial system."

Madam Speaker, reasonable people can differ with Mr. Kohler on some of the specifics, and on how they would be constituted. But the voice from this respected, experienced participant at the highest levels of the financial system should be heeded. It is truly time for us to work together here in the U.S. and in cooperation with legislators and regulators in other countries, to put in place the kind of system that Horst Kohler calls for, one in which we can try to increase the benefits of innovation while diminishing the damage that unchecked activity can cause.

Madam Speaker, I note that among the areas that Mr. Kohler calls on us to address is what he calls "the grotesquely high compensation of individual finance managers." In this connection, it should also be noted that Joaquin Almunia, Monetary Affairs Commissioner of the European Union, also recently noted that "When we talk about wage moderation and the need to link wage increases with productivity increases, then we also have to say something about levels of remuneration that sometimes don't seem to reflect productivity" for top executives.

I ask that this important contribution to the debate about financial services regulation be printed here.

**GERMAN PRESIDENT LASHES OUT AT
"MONSTER" MARKET AND ITS BANKERS**

(By Bertrand Benoit and James Wilson)

Global financial markets have of become "a monster" that "must be put back in its place", the German president has said, comparing bankers with alchemists who were responsible for "massive destruction of assets".

In some of the toughest comments by a leading European politician since the start of the subprime crisis, Horst Köhler—a former head of the International Monetary Fund—called for tougher regulations and the reconstruction of a "continental European banking culture".

Mr. Köhler singled out excessive executive pay, the focus of much public resentment against top managers, as a factor in the subprime crisis and accused bankers of acting irresponsibly.

"The complexity of financial products and the possibility to carry out huge leveraged trades with little [of their] own capital have allowed the monster to grow . . . also responsible [is] the grotesquely high compensation of individual finance managers."

Mr. Köhler's words will revive memories of the 2005 remarks by Franz Müntefering, then German vice-chancellor, who attached hedge funds as "swarms of locusts" whose "profit-maximizing strategies inspired by international competition" posed "a danger to our democracy."

The comments from Mr. Köhler came as European Union finance ministers ratcheted up the pressure over boardroom pay—describing excessive remuneration as "scandalous".

"When we talk about wage moderation and the need to link wage increases with produc-

tivity increases, then we also have to say something about levels of remuneration that sometimes don't seem to reflect productivity," said Joaquin Almunia, EU monetary affairs commissioner.

Bankers "have made huge mistakes", Mr. Köhler told Stern magazine, published today. Referring to the subprime crisis, he said: "I am still waiting for a clear, audible mea culpa. The only good thing about this crisis is that it has made clear to any thinking, responsible person in the sector that international financial markets have developed into a monster that must be put back in its place."

"We need more severe and efficient regulation, higher capital requirements to underpin financial trades, more transparency and a global institution to independently oversee the stability of the international financial system. I have already suggested that the IMF assume this role."

ACKNOWLEDGING NATIVE AMERICANS IN MINNESOTA WHILE CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF STATEHOOD

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, this weekend I had the honor of celebrating Minnesota's sesquicentennial by participating in an event sponsored by the United States Postal Service in which a beautiful commemorative stamp was unveiled. It was a pleasure to be in the company of Joan Mondale, a member of the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, her husband, former Vice President of the United States, Walter F. Mondale, as well as Mr. Richard Smith, the photographer whose magnificent image was selected for the commemorative stamp. The United States Postal Service conducted a fitting tribute to Minnesota that I found to be a very special event.

While celebrating 150 years of Minnesota statehood it is important to recognize the hard work of the people who settled our State, but also acknowledge the enormous suffering of Minnesota's first people—the Anishinaabe—the Ojibwe and Chippewa—and the Dakota Sioux. Minnesota's Native American communities continue to make major contributions to the cultural and economic success of our State. Yet, there is a historical legacy that cannot be forgotten or ignored.

Madam Speaker, I would request that the following remarks be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

REMARKS MADE AT THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE MINNESOTA STATEHOOD COMMEMORATIVE STAMP CEREMONY, MAY 17, 2008
Good afternoon.

I want to thank the United States Postal Service for honoring Minnesota and for celebrating the 150th year of our State with this beautiful commemorative stamp.

As Minnesotans we have much to be thankful for during these 150 years of statehood. We live in a blessed land with an abundance of natural resources that allowed for settlement and the development of our State.

The Minnesota we live in today is the result of the hard work and sacrifices of the generations before us—pioneers, immigrants, traders, farmers, loggers, miners and factory workers. Their toil, courage and vision have

become our inheritance and because of their contributions the Minnesota of 2008 continues to be a place of opportunity, new beginnings, and endless possibilities.

There is another inheritance we must recognize as we reflect on the history of our State.

For all the pride we feel as Minnesotans, we must also use this moment to acknowledge the full historic reality. Minnesota's history is reflected in our State flag. "The Star of the North" is in French. But another part of history is reflected there as well—the Native Americans, and the settlers who followed after the Louisiana Purchase.

Hundreds of years before statehood in 1858 people were living on this land we now call Minnesota.

The first people of Minnesota, the first people of the United States, were not European colonists and settlers. The first people of this State were the Anishinaabe—the Ojibwe and Chippewa—and the Dakota Sioux.

The forests and prairies and waters sustained their families and they treated the land with a sacred respect. For the first people of Minnesota, this land could never be owned or conveyed, it was where the Creator had placed them and it was a sacred place. There was a balance between the men and women and the natural world that existed for centuries.

Then it changed. The European conquests of North America not only disrupted the balance of life for Native Americans, but began over two centuries of violence, oppression, injustice, and pain.

This legacy tragically continues to live within the communities of First Minnesotans who reside across our State: Mille Lacs, Shakopee Mdewakanton, White Earth, Bois Forte, Prairie Island, Grand Portage, Red Lake, Leech Lake, Fond du Lac, Upper Sioux, and Lower Sioux—as well as our urban Native communities like Little Earth.

These communities, like all Minnesota communities, are all looking forward to brighter future for their children, but they also have profound connections to their ancestors, their history and their traditions.

Last year, a Republican colleague and classmate of mine from Virginia, introduced a Congressional Resolution—H.J. Res. 3—that is unlikely to pass Congress, but it should because it would have Congress say what needs to be said. The resolution "commends and honors the Native Peoples [of the United States] for the thousands of years that they have stewarded and protected this land." The resolution also "apologizes on behalf of the people of the United States to all Native Peoples for the many instances of violence, maltreatment, and neglect inflicted on Native Peoples by citizens of the United States."

I am proud to be a congressional co-sponsor of this resolution and from the deepest core of my being I believe these words.

Today as we celebrate the history of our state, we must acknowledge our full history—and some of it is painful. This is true in a family. It is also true for this State and this Nation. As Minnesotans, let us commit ourselves to healing the pain of the past and building a more hopeful future.

Today we celebrate as one Minnesota—and let us move forward together. Let us invest our energy, strength and resources to caring for all of our children, families, and communities, because the greatest asset our state possess is the people of Minnesota.

Thank you and God bless Minnesota.

COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ISRAEL'S NATIONHOOD

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to mark Israel's 60th year of nationhood. As a cochair of the Democratic Israel Working Group I am proud to join my colleagues to celebrate the importance of America's relationship with Israel and to commemorate the founding of our trusted ally in the Middle East.

On May 14, 1948, the nation of Israel was born, bringing Jewish refugees from all over the world together, under one unified flag, providing a permanent home for a people persecuted throughout history.

For 60 years, the United States has enjoyed Israel's trusted friendship and support. Our peoples have worked together to promote respect, stability, and prosperity.

As we reflect on the significance and importance of Israel's 60 years of existence, we should not forget there is still much work to be done and many goals to be accomplished.

I ask my colleagues to join me in ushering in Israel's 60th anniversary.

IN HONOR OF JOHN CHALLIS

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Challis. This young man is an inspiration to me and to the citizens of my district. He is a senior at Freedom High School in Freedom, Pennsylvania and was diagnosed with liver cancer almost two years ago. He recently learned his illness is terminal.

Although doctors have told him the "cancer is winning right now," his spirit and faith has not wavered. With wisdom far beyond his years, he recently told a Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reporter, "I used to be afraid, but I'm not afraid of dying now . . . Because life ain't about how many breaths you take. It's what you do with those breaths."

Even though the cancer has ravaged his body, this courageous young man continues to hunt; in the last year he got three bucks and two doe. He also continues to play his favorite sports, baseball and football.

A few weeks ago, John was able to fulfill one of his wishes. In one of the final baseball games of the season, his coach and friend, Steve Wetzel, called him into the game to pinch-hit. Even though he has not played in several years, he took one swing and sent a line drive into right field. As he struggled to first-base, he found encouragement in his first-base coach, who was crying, and the opposing team and crowd who were applauding and cheering him on. As he reached first base, he shouted "I did it! I did it!" Throughout his fight with cancer, John has remained positive. He does not worry about himself, but focuses more on his family and friends. His father Scott has sat with him many nights discussing John's advice for the future.

John explained to an ESPN reporter how he feels about the situation and his concerns for

his family. He said, "it's harder for [my family] than it is for me. I mean, my mom's gonna lose her son. What am I going to lose? . . . It's harder on her than it is going to be for anybody. If I'm afraid of anything, that's what I'm afraid of."

Coach Wetzel recently organized a "Walk for a Champion" fundraiser to help fulfill one of John's wishes—a vacation with his mom, dad and his 14 year-old sister, Alexis. This was his way of giving back to a young man who has given him so much.

Coach Wetzel hoped 100 people would come to the fundraiser. In fact, over 500 people participated in the walk-a-thon in the pouring rain and the original fundraising goal of \$6,000 was easily surpassed. John and his family are now preparing for a cruise in June.

John continues to inspire those who know him and many who have recently learned about his story. After being interviewed by Mike White of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, John's story has touched people throughout the country and even members of the military serving overseas. Mike White recently discussed his article about John and said "I have received literally hundreds of e-mails from people saying how John is inspiring and how John has affected their lives."

John's story has also gained the attention of the national sports media, as well as many professional athletes. The Pittsburgh Penguins recently honored John by inviting him and his family to a playoff game against the Philadelphia Flyers where they watched the game in the Mario Lemieux suite. While watching the game John was greeted by Mario Lemieux; Steelers chairman Dan Rooney; Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger; and Atlanta Braves' pitchers Tom Glavine and John Smoltz. After meeting the athletes John said "my head is spinning. This week has just been incredible and now this. It was like someone dropped me off at the wrong party."

John's spirit, grace and courage are truly an inspiration to me and many around the country. This young man has done more with his 18 years than most people do in a lifetime.

Even in this difficult time, he continues to be selfless and put others before himself. John, his family, and Coach Wetzel are setting up a foundation in John's name for young cancer patients. Of the foundation, John said "maybe it will help younger people who haven't gotten to see the finer things in life that I got to see."

John Challis is truly a role model and not only for the constituents in my district, but for the people all across this nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MR. JERRY TRUMPKA

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Jerry Trumpka, a treasured community leader, and mourn him upon his passing at age 57.

Jerry Trumpka was a founding member and president of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club. Jerry contracted polio at the age of nine. Mr. Trumpka used his struggle with the disease as an inspiration to assist his local community, our Nation, and worldwide efforts to provide

comfort to families and victims of polio and help eliminate the disease. The Rotary Club, which is an international organization, has made its main focus since 1985 to eradicate polio worldwide. Jerry was honored to become President of the Club in 2003. Mr. Trumpka was instrumental to the development of the Sandra Sagar award, named after a local high school student who overcame the challenges of living with polio. Mr. Trumpka helped to initiate the award and \$500 scholarships in Sagar's name and assisted in the construction of a memory wall honoring the recipients of the award. Jerry was known as a quiet giver both through his leadership in the Rotary Club and in his position as the operations associate at the Plymouth Community United Way office. Mr. Trumpka was also known for his involvement in the political community as a Republican activist.

Tragically, Jerry passed away from a heart attack. Jerry will be cherished as a devoted husband and father. To his wife, Becky; his daughter; Toni; and to everyone who knew and loved him, Jerry was a dedicated member of his community who will be truly missed.

Madam Speaker, during his lifetime, Mr. Jerry Trumpka enriched the lives of everyone around him by exhibiting vigor, leadership, and spirit. As we bid farewell to this outstanding individual, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his many years of loyal service to the community and our country.

HONORING PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor a respected and rising school, which is setting the standard for education in western New York.

Pioneer Middle School, a member of the Pioneer Central School District in Yorkshire, NY, has recently been recognized as one of the "Essential Elements: Schools to Watch". Pioneer Middle School is 1 of only 2 schools in the State of New York to be recognized with this prestigious honor and 1 of only 47 schools recognized nationwide.

The "Essential Elements: Schools to Watch" program was established to recognize and publicize effective schools that are committed to academic excellence, social equity, developmental responsiveness, and strong organization, structure, and process.

Pioneer Middle School's achievement should be applauded and is especially significant since the school was once identified as a "School in Need of Improvement" by the New York State Department of Education in 2004. The school's quick turnaround and its vast improvement are a result of strong administrative leadership and the diligent work faculty and staff. Also the parents and most importantly, the students of Pioneer Middle School, deserve to be recognized for this outstanding accomplishment.

Pioneer Middle School is not only a model for schools around western New York; it is a model for schools across the country, as well.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of this school's tremendous improvement and its

great recognition, I ask this honorable body to join me in honoring Pioneer Middle School, in grateful appreciation for its remarkable improvement and success as a top school in western New York.

CONGRATULATING COLONEL TRACEY NICHOLSON ON ASSUMING HER NEW POSITION AS THE SECRETARY OF THE COMBINED JOINT STAFF FOR THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE IRAQ

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. FOSSELLA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor COL Tracey Nicholson, an American patriot and proud soldier in the United States Army, as she leaves her command at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, New York, and assumes her new position as the Secretary of the Combined Joint Staff for the Multinational Force Iraq under General Petraeus.

Colonel Nicholson has distinguished herself as both the first African American female to command an installation within the continental United States, and as the first female commander of Fort Hamilton, the 183-year-old historic installation located in southern Brooklyn. Her leadership and driving personality were crucial in the continued improvement of both military and community programs throughout the city.

During the most recent BRAC I had the opportunity to work closely with Colonel Nicholson in preserving Fort Hamilton when it was under consideration for closure and was impressed with her intelligence and commitment to the only active duty military installation in New York City. These traits will serve her well in her next duty assignment.

Madam Speaker, during her tenure Colonel Nicholson has implemented numerous programs that have led to upgrades in both base infrastructure and facilities; improved housing programs and services for those serving at Fort Hamilton; as well as expanding support for veterans and retirees throughout the entire New York City area. The energy she brought to her work each and every day will certainly be missed.

As much as it pains me to bid Colonel Nicholson farewell as she answers the continued call to service, I will sleep easy knowing that we have soldiers of her caliber protecting our Nation. While her presence in our community will be greatly missed, her efforts on the staff of General Petraeus will surely add immeasurably to our Nation's mission in Iraq.

Madam Speaker, I hope our colleagues will join me in offering our best wishes to Colonel Nicholson as she assumes her new position as Secretary of the Combined Joint Staff for the Multinational Force Iraq, and wish her continued success in an already distinguished career.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SALI

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. SALI. Madam Speaker, on Question of Consideration on the Rule to provide for consideration of Conference Report on H.R. 2419—Food and Energy Security Act of 2007 (Flake Earmark Point of Order), I was at an award ceremony in which the United States Navy honored the Observation Squadron SIXTY-SEVEN (VO-67) with a Presidential Unit Citation. Mr. Kerry Bignall, a constituent of mine and member of the VO-67, was among the honorees at the event. Had I been present, I would have voted “no”

H.R. 2634—THE JUBILEE ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on legislation that was passed in the House on April 16, 2008, H.R. 2634, the Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation of 2008.

Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation of 2007 directs the Secretary of the Treasury, the Paris Club of Official Creditors, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank), and other international financial institutions to provide debt cancellation for eligible low-income countries, and establishes a framework for creditor transparency and responsible lending. The need for debt cancellation and responsible lending for low-income countries is a serious issue for developing countries and I am pleased to support this legislation.

When the vote was called, I voted in favor of the bill; however, a technical glitch led to my vote not being recorded. I have contacted the Clerk of the House of Representatives about the vote and was informed that the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD will reflect my intent.

H.J. RES. 84, TO STOP GOVERNMENTS FROM SPONSORING ANTI-SEMITISM

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I am proud to be the lead Democratic sponsor of H.J. Res 84, to stop governments from sponsoring anti-Semitism. I would like to thank Ranking Member ROS-LEHTINEN for her leadership on this important issue.

This month we have commemorated two very significant events. First, on May 2 we commemorated the 49th annual Holocaust Remembrance Day, Yom HaShoah, which reminds us of what unabated hatred and intolerance toward a group of people can result in. I am also proud to say that on May 14 we celebrated the 60th anniversary of the creation

of Israel. Today, Israel, the Jewish Nation, is one of the greatest democracies in the world, a leader in the global economy, and one of our strongest allies.

Yet, despite these obvious advances and successes for the Jewish people, anti-Semitism continues to flourish throughout the world and manifests itself in a variety of dangerous ways. This is why I urge my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring H.J. Res 84, to stop governments from sponsoring anti-Semitism.

I ask this in the wake of alarming findings issued from the State Department's “Contemporary Global Anti-Semitism Report.” The report concludes that “over much of the past decade, U.S. embassies world-wide have noted an increase in anti-Semitic incidents, such as attacks on Jewish people, property, community institutions, and religious facilities.” Perhaps even more alarmingly, some governments have helped foster these actions by spreading anti-Semitic sentiments through their policies or state-controlled media. We are all too familiar with Iranian leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's threat that “Israel must be wiped off the map,” and his numerous statements on Holocaust denial. We have seen the clips from Saudi state-controlled newspapers alleging that Jews were behind the September 11 attacks. In fact, the State Department's Anti-Semitism Report lists Saudi Arabia, Iran, Syria, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Venezuela, and Belarus as some of the countries with state-controlled media that distributes anti-Semitic materials. Not surprisingly, many of these countries have witnessed a rise in anti-Semitism, including anti-Semitic vandalism, caricatures, intimidation, and physical attacks against Jews and Jewish institutions.

Madam Speaker, we have come so far in the past 60 years. But the increase in anti-Semitism as reported by the State Department threatens this progress. We must stand up against governments that sponsor anti-Semitism, which is why I encourage my colleagues to cosponsor H.J. Res 84.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, on May 14, 2008, due to a family obligation, I missed the following recorded vote:

Roll No. 309, on providing for the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2419, the Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

On May 15, 2008, due to obligations in the district, I missed the following recorded votes:

Roll No. 326, on H.R. 406—Alice Paul Women's Suffrage Congressional Gold Medal Act. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

Roll No. 327, on H.R. 5872—Boy Scouts of America Centennial Commemorative Coin Act. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 15, 2008

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2642) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes:

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman Obey and Speaker Pelosi for crafting a bill which protects our troops, supports our veterans, addresses critical economic and infrastructure needs, and redirects our policy in Iraq to reflect the will of the American people.

The President misled the Congress and the American people into the war in Iraq and has mismanaged it at every turn. As a result, this war has provided fertile ground for terrorists to grow their networks in Iraq and distracted the Administration from the original war on terror in Afghanistan.

The President has continued to ignore the will of the American people and Congress, disregarding expert guidance of former generals and foreign policy leaders by continuing a failed strategy in Iraq.

So, today I am compelled to vote against continued funding for this war to send a strong message to the Administration that we cannot continue this course and there will be no more blank checks.

That is why I will also vote for requirements that establish clear guidelines to end this war quickly and responsibly. This bill requires that U.S. troops begin redeployment from Iraq within 30 days and complete withdrawal of combat troops by December 2009. This measure also ensures that any new agreement between the U.S. and the Government of Iraq that commits U.S. forces be specifically authorized by Congress; prohibits the establishment of permanent bases in Iraq; prohibits torture; and protects our troops by ensuring that they are "combat ready," deployed no longer than Pentagon guidelines allow, and provided adequate time between deployments.

I will also support the portion of this bill which includes GI education benefits for veterans, extended unemployment compensation for those out of work in this struggling economy, and critical funding for international priorities.

In the State and Foreign Operations portion of this bill we reduced Iraq assistance and operations by \$1.2 billion from the President's request and, furthermore, require that the Iraqis match our assistance dollar for dollar. With oil at \$125 a barrel and the Iraqi government expected to run surpluses over \$50 billion, there is no reason that the Iraqis shouldn't provide more of their own resources to support their country.

This bill provides sufficient funding to maintain assistance programs and fund our diplomatic operations in Iraq and Afghanistan through the first three quarters of fiscal year 2009, including over \$50 million to continue important oversight functions of the inspectors general in Iraq. This bill also provides \$462 million for counter-drug and law enforcement efforts in Mexico and Central America.

The President's request failed to address the needs of one of our closest allies in the

Middle East. Jordan is struggling with an influx of nearly 500,000 Iraqi refugees, and this bill provides \$350 million in economic and security assistance to help Jordan meet these needs.

Additionally, we have included \$675 million in response to the global refugee crisis resulting from the conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan and parts of Africa.

Rising fuel costs, the global economic down-turn and food scarcity have created a global food crisis that is breeding instability across Africa, Asia and Latin America. This bill provides \$620 million in disaster and development assistance to address short-term and longer-term food security. These funds exceed the \$1.2 billion in PL. 480 food aid in the agriculture section of this bill.

We have also provided the remaining \$333.6 million for the UN Mission in Darfur for FY08 as well as an additional \$90 million to train police to join this UN mission and to support the upcoming elections in Southern Sudan.

Finally, in light of critical staffing deficiencies at the State Department and USAID, the bill contains over \$100 million to rebuild the capacity of our diplomatic and development corps, including \$50 million for the Civilian Stabilization Initiative.

This bill provides funding for critical international and domestic needs to help suffering people overseas and struggling families here at home. We also must end the war in Iraq which has cost us far too many lives and too much money. Our troops and their families have sacrificed greatly, and it is time to bring our troops home.

IN MEMORY OF DUNCAN REED, JR.

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of Duncan Reed, Jr., a good friend whose love of life, people, and community was reflected in the multitudes who considered him family. He was a man of action that only ended when he passed away last week at age 69.

Duncan was a U.S. Army veteran who tested weapons at the U.S. Arctic Test Center in Fort Greely, Alaska, to make sure they would work in extremely cold conditions. After the Army, he returned to southern California, where he tested nuclear fuel reactors for Rocketdyne.

For the next 30 years, he worked for Thrifty Drug Stores, which was later acquired by Big 5 Sporting Goods. After he "retired," he spent the next 13 years as the local "Seed Man," replenishing vegetable and flower seeds at retail outlets for the Northrop King Company.

But it was his activities outside of work that defined him to the community. A Boy Scout who was inducted into the "Order of the Arrow" during his youth, Duncan took that commitment to God and country to heart and served as Cubmaster for Ventura County Troop 3660 as an adult. He was also active in the March of Dimes and Muscular Dystrophy charity drives, and volunteered for the Flying Samaritans, a group of doctors, pilots, and civilians who flew to Mexico to give aid to those less fortunate.

Politics were also a huge passion, and the avenue by which we became friends. His television was almost always tuned to the Fox News Channel.

Even Duncan's avenues of relaxation involved action. His hobbies included growing cactus and other succulents and entering them into competition at the Ventura County Fair. He also enjoyed hiking in the mountains, fishing, and camping. His love of cooking was reflected in his involvement with Dark Chocolate, a gourmet food club, entertaining while cooking on his barbecue, and being a restaurant critic for the local newspaper. In addition, Duncan loved helping his children, grandchildren, and any other child who entered his orbit.

The few times he slowed down was to relax by a campfire or to set on a river bank where, as Duncan would tell people, he liked to watch it go from left to right.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me offering our condolences to Duncan's wife of 44 years, Nighla; his children, Kelly, Robert, and Douglas; grandchildren, Lindsey, Matthew, Coral, and Devon; godchildren, Travis, Jacob, Brent, Tom, and Christina; and all who knew him and called him a friend.

Godspeed, Duncan.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE WASHINGTON D.
SMYSER ACCELERATED SCHOOL**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join with the people of Portage Park and all of Chicago in congratulating Washington D. Smyser Accelerated School on their 75th Anniversary. This milestone will be marked by a 75th Anniversary Gala at Biagio's Banquets in Chicago, Illinois.

During the past 75 years, Smyser Accelerated School has educated thousands of children and has been an anchor for generations of families in the Portage Park community. The Smyser School mission to provide high quality educational services to all children within the Portage Park community has been evident through their role in the community as well as through recognition by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Smyser School has also been selected as one of 508 "Spotlight Schools" in Illinois. Spotlight Schools have a high poverty rate, yet maintain a high academic performance. The Spotlight Schools recognize low-income students and schools that overcome limited resources to show impressive academic performance.

The Smyser School philosophy is that all children are entitled to an outstanding education rich in opportunities and rewarding experiences. They are committed to providing all children with a love of learning and pride in Smyser School as well as their community. They provide their students with opportunities for academic, athletic, and artistic growth while instilling values that will serve its students throughout their lives. These activities and experiences teach students the importance of academic achievement.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank the Smyser School's faculty and staff for the contributions they have made to their community.

They are shaping today's youth and tomorrow's future. As their representative in Congress, I am proud to congratulate Smyser School's alumni, students, teachers, and staff on its achievements over the last 75 years, and I wish them the best of luck and continued growth in the future.

SUPPORTING JEWISH AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I support Jewish American Heritage Month during the month of May as an important opportunity to recognize Jewish contributions to American history and culture. Ever since the first Jews arrived in colonial America in 1654, Jewish Americans have strengthened and influenced all aspects of American society. Through education, science, popular culture, literature, government and military service, Jewish men and women have greatly contributed to American society. Jewish Americans and their contributions are celebrated and recognized throughout Jewish American Heritage Month.

Jewish American Heritage Month gives the people of our Nation the opportunity to thank and recognize those Jewish Americans who have contributed to the advancement of our country, while it also presents us with the wonderful opportunity to foster religious tolerance. In my home state of Texas, from the discovery and development of oil fields to the opening of cattle ranches, Jewish people have had an immense impact. Even in the most improbable of environments, Texas Jews built prosperous communities. They established businesses, hospitals, synagogues, cemeteries and religious schools. Today Jewish Americans are seen as a fundamental community in the "melting pot" of Texas.

Jewish Americans were also among those who worked to establish the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1909. The Jewish community contributed greatly to the NAACP's founding and continued financing. Many Jewish Americans, such as NAACP co-founder Henry Moskowitz, put forth a lifetime of work in promoting inter-ethnic, inter-racial and inter-religious understanding between Jewish and African-Americans. The civil rights activism of many Jewish Americans in partnership with African-American civil rights leaders served to make the American Dream a reality for so many Americans.

Jewish American Heritage Month is important to fostering and achieving the key human right of religious tolerance. Jewish American Heritage Month gives us all the opportunity to honor the accomplishments of Jewish Americans and to realize that our Nation is a wonderful combination of cultures. I join all Americans in celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month and the many ways Jewish Americans have contributed to the greatness of the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO GLORIA MCJILTON

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Gloria McJilton, recipient of the 2008 Dundalk Optimist Club Citizen of the Year Award, the community's highest honor.

Gloria grew up in Dundalk, and has been active in the community ever since high school. Her husband, Richard McJilton, was honored with the same award in 1984 by the original Dundalk Chamber of Commerce. Gloria and Richard work together at a Nationwide Insurance office in Dundalk, and support each other in their various community endeavors.

Playing an integral role in a web of community organizations has let Gloria touch the lives of many in her community. She is currently the president of the Women's Club of Dundalk, which she feels is the most rewarding community work she does. Her work through the Women's Club has a direct impact on the community, through awarding scholarships and supporting local organizations.

In addition to her local community activities, Gloria has been involved in county and state activities as well. Baltimore County Councilman John Olszewski, Sr., appointed Gloria to serve on the Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Commission. She was chosen by Governors Parris Glendening and Robert Ehrlich to serve on the Maryland Judicial Nominating Commission, on which she sat for 12 years.

Gloria is a founding member and treasurer of the Greater Dundalk Alliance. She also served as elected chairperson on the Baltimore County Commission of Arts and Sciences, and has been a member of the Dundalk Concert Association for 32 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Gloria McJilton on being named the 2008 Dundalk Optimist Club Citizen of the Year. Her legacy as an active resident of Dundalk will be forever remembered through the impact her work has had on her community. It is with great pride that I congratulate Gloria McJilton on her exemplary service to the Dundalk community.

HONORING THE CHARITABLE
SERVICE OF LILIAM MACHADO
AND HER WORK WITH THE
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor one of south Florida's great citizens, Liliam Machado. Liliam was born in Matanzas, Cuba, and came to this country at age 18, while fleeing Fidel Castro's communist regime. Since then, she, as well as her husband Gus Machado, have become tremendous civic leaders and examples for all south Floridians. Liliam has shown extraordinary dedication to her work with the American Cancer Society during her two decades of involvement with the organization. She has been on

the executive board of the Society's Miami-Dade unit for the past 6 years and is currently its President.

She has helped organize many charitable events in our community for the American Cancer Society and her proudest achievement was to bring the Relay for Life to the city of Miami. In doing so, she helped create the first cancer relay specifically targeted at the Hispanic community. Her efforts helped raise awareness and aided in the successful prevention and early detection of cancer within the Hispanic community in south Florida.

Liliam's life has been one devoted to helping others and the passion she has brought to her work has enriched our community. I am proud to call her a friend and I am honored to share with you all her achievements.

HONORING CAPTAIN CURTIS
FITZGERALD

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize to Captain Curtis Fitzgerald for his distinguished military service and service to Texas veterans.

In 1969, Captain Fitzgerald began what has become a life-long service to his nation. Just thirty days after completing flight school, Captain Fitzgerald went to Vietnam with the 189th Assault Helicopter Company to fly Huey Helicopters. Captain Fitzgerald fought in major battles such as the Battle of Hamburger Hill, where he flew multiple re-supply missions and was shot down for the first time, but certainly not the last time.

During the Siege of Ben Het, Captain Fitzgerald's aircraft received 103 bullet holes during another re-supply mission. Despite the damage, he managed to complete the mission without a single casualty. In the 1600 hours he flew during combat, Captain Fitzgerald was shot down a total of six times.

In addition to serving as a Flight Leader, Captain Fitzgerald served as the Air Mission Commander for the initial invasion of Cambodia. It was during the on-going Long-Range Reconnaissance Patrols into Cambodia and Laos that Captain Fitzgerald was shot down again, this time while helping to identify enemy positions. He managed to not only identify their position, but return the damaged aircraft back to safety.

Captain Fitzgerald went above and beyond his call to duty when he volunteered to extend his deployment for six more months to ensure the incoming units had adequate experience. Considering all this, it is no wonder Captain Fitzgerald received a Silver Star medal, three Distinguished Flying Cross medals, three Bronze Star medals, nineteen Air medals, and one Purple Heart for his tour in Vietnam.

After completing his degree at the University of Houston, Captain Fitzgerald returned to Palestine, but his dedication to the military did not end. He has continued to work closely with the Veterans Administration, various Veterans Service Organizations, and has worked extensively with Palestine-area Post Traumatic Stress Disorder support groups. Fellow men and women in uniform tout Captain Fitzgerald's dedication to ensuring that those returning from war receive assistance.

In addition to his service-related activities, Captain Fitzgerald started a real estate firm specializing in farm and ranch sales, served on the Parks and Recreation Board, the YMCA Board, and founded the Anderson County Soccer Association.

He is a husband to his wife of twenty-eight years, Karen, and a grandfather to two grandsons.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am humbled and privileged to recognize Captain Curtis Fitzgerald. As Calvin Coolidge once said, "The nation which forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten." I for one am committed to ensuring this nation never forgets.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, May 14, 2008. I was not present for the rollcall vote 320.

Had I been present for rollcall 320, the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 4040, the Consumer Product Safety Commission Reform Act, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING CARMELAU MONESTIME

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Carmelau Monestime and the 30th anniversary of the founding of the first created Haitian radio program in Creole language. The radio program, Express Publicite, has been led for three decades by the founder Mr. Monestime, who is the first radio personality of Haitian descent in South Florida. Mr. Monestime can be considered a communicator by nature.

Born in Gonaives, Haiti Mr. Monestime, began his education at the Institut Brothers of the Christian Instruction. He continued his studies at the Lycee Fabres Geffrard College of the City. In 1957, he earned the position as head of the files section of the Department of Agriculture, in Haiti's natural resources and rural department. In 1964, he immigrated to New York and relocated to Miami, Florida in 1978.

Upon his arrival in Miami, Mr. Monestime immediately became dedicated to the Haitian-American community, and soon after opened Panoram Express Driving School, a Haitian driving school. In 1997, he joined co-founders Ferdinand Forte and Pierre Mendez to create Express Publicite.

Like the Haitian-American population throughout South Florida over the last three decades, Express Publicite has grown tremendously and popularized itself among listeners around the community. When first created, the Station had over 5,000 listeners—today, the Station has nearly 900,000 dedicated listeners throughout South Florida. Pertinent information such as current events and up-to-date news in both the United States and Haiti, which was

previously transferred by word of mouth or distributed through flyers at community events, is now easily accessible on the air waves. Mr. Monestime is very well-respected by those in the radio industry and also by the thousands of fans that listen to him on a daily basis.

Through his many accomplishments and creation of Express Publicite, Mr. Monestime has paved the way for other Haitians in the radio industry by providing a voice for Haitian-Americans in radio. The Station was created as a center to share vital community information. All of these accomplishments have earned Mr. Monestime the title, "Dean of Haitian Radio."

Thus Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce today, along with the entire South Florida community, a resolution recognizing the rich history and accomplishments of this remarkable Station and its founder on the occasion of its 30 anniversary. I urge all the Members of this body to join us in congratulating Carmelau Monestime on Express Publicite's 30th anniversary.

HONORING THE SARASOTA SOUTH ELKS LODGE #2495

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sarasota South Elks Lodge # 2495, which will be recognized at the Florida Elks' State Convention this month for their efforts to improve the quality of life of Sarasota area veterans.

The Elks is one of the leading charitable and service orders in the United States. Since 1917, they have pledged to never forget our nation's veterans.

For the past three years, the men and women of the Sarasota South Elks Lodge have put these words to action by giving generously of their energy and resources to improve the lives of ill, aging, and homeless veterans.

In the last three years, the Sarasota South Elks Lodge has donated \$41,590 in money, clothing and personal items, given 1,390 in voluntary man hours and driven over 4,100 miles in an effort to make a difference in the lives of our veterans.

They have provided food, clothing, and employment opportunities to homeless veterans, made monthly visits with veterans hospitalized at Bay Pines, and provided transportation and companionship to more than 10 veterans who are shut-ins without family in the area. They have adopted the families of two soldiers on active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. They have been directly involved with 21 military funerals and five flag-raising ceremonies. Finally, they have sponsored annual barbeques during which they have fed and entertained hundreds of veterans.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 13th District, I thank the members of the Sarasota South Elks for their compassionate service to our veterans. I am honored to represent this caring and hardworking organization.

RECOGNIZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DON KASSING, PRESIDENT OF SAN JOSE UNIVERSITY

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman MICHAEL HONDA to recognize the accomplishments of Don Kassing, President of San Jose State University. Mr. Kassing has served as the President of the University since 2004 and is retiring this year.

Don Kassing worked nearly three decades in higher education in Illinois, Kentucky, Colorado and California before coming to San Jose State University in 1993. Prior to his appointment as President, Mr. Kassing served San Jose State University as Vice President for the Division of Administration and Finance for eleven years and was responsible for six major administrative units on campus. As Chief Financial Officer, he held overall responsibility for all business and financial affairs of the campus.

Under Mr. Kassing's leadership, the University's department structure was revamped to improve enrollment services. For the most recent admissions cycle, the process for financial aid packaging was revitalized to provide information to students about their financial aid packages earlier, thus enabling them to make enrollment decisions earlier. In part because of these and related changes, the university had record enrollment for Fall 2007 of nearly 32,000 students. These efforts are linked to a reenergized focus on student success in class and involvement in campus life outside of class.

Typically, the University realized about \$11 million annually in private gifts; however, new fundraising efforts under Mr. Kassing's leadership resulted in the doubling of gifts to the University in 2005–06, and a rise to \$50 million in 2006–07, which is the single highest year of fundraising in San Jose State University's history.

Don Kassing has encouraged San Jose State University to engage in externally funded research and education-related activities that have significantly enhanced the University's academic quality while engaging faculty and students in the creation and application of new knowledge. As a result SJSU faculty successfully partner with government agencies, corporations, and private foundations to perform cutting-edge research, public service, and other specialized projects vital to this community of scholars. During Don Kassing's tenure as president, approximately \$212 million has been awarded to support the University's expanding research enterprise, placing San Jose State among the top 200 universities in the country for total R&D expenditures.

Don Kassing will be missed for his work at San Jose State University, for his leadership in the community and for his commitment to excellence. I join the community of students, faculty and staff of San Jose State University in honoring Don Kassing for his contributions and in wishing Don and his wife, Amy, their three children and eight grandchildren, the best as he enters retirement.

TRIBUTE TO STEPHANIE JAMESON

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Stephanie Jameson, recipient of the 2008 Dundalk Optimist Club Humanitarian of the Year Award. To be eligible for this award, the recipient must live outside of Dundalk, but be very involved with the Dundalk community.

Stephanie has been a very active member of the Dundalk Renaissance Corporation (DRC), acting as a former president of the organization as well as the current treasurer. Aside from being an active member during meetings, Stephanie volunteers her time sitting on interviewing and hiring committees,

handling very difficult personnel issues with which the DRC has been confronted.

While Stephanie resides in Anne Arundel County, she owns a State Farm office located in Dundalk and has thrown herself into community renovations there. Her Dundalk community activities include sponsoring Community Assistance Network families at Thanksgiving, as well as sponsoring a drunk-driving simulator at the Community College of Baltimore County in Dundalk and a Dundalk recreation council baseball team.

Stephanie participated in the 2001 Survey for the Urban Design Assistance Team (UDAT), which was made up of architects, urban planners and residents, which published a proposed revitalization plan for Dundalk in April 2002. State Farm offered to match the DRC's \$15,000 to help the DRC in promoting the UDAT plan. Thanks to Stephanie's hard work, the DRC also received a grant from

State Farm for an additional \$75,000, which the DRC has used for buying and renovating its first homes to sell in Dundalk.

Since 2004, the DRC has been able to purchase local homes, renovate, and sell them to promote the area, thanks to the grant money Stephanie was able to secure. The grant money has been a remarkable help to the Dundalk community.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Stephanie Jameson on being named the 2008 Dundalk Optimist Club Humanitarian of the Year. Her legacy as an active member of the Dundalk Renaissance Corporation will be forever preserved in the DRC's many community projects. It is with great pride that I congratulate Stephanie Jameson on her exemplary service to the Dundalk community.

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, May 20, 2008 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 21

Time to be announced

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Paul A. Schneider, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

S-216, Capitol

9:15 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Washington and London on June 21 and 26, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110-07), and treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Sydney, September 5, 2007 (Treaty Doc. 110-10).

SD-419

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending health care legislation.

SR-418

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-406

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the skyrocketing price of oil.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Cynthia L. Bauerly, of Minnesota, Caroline C. Hunter, of Florida, and Donald F. McGahn, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission; to be followed by a business meeting to consider and vote on the nominations, 2:45 p.m., SR-301.

SR-301

2:30 p.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine efforts to create jobs with climate solutions, focusing on the ways agriculture and forestry can help lower costs in a low-carbon economy.

SR-328A

MAY 22

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of General David H. Petraeus, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Central Command, and Lieutenant General Raymond T. Odierno, USA, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, Multi-National Force—Iraq.

SD-106

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the International Convention Against Doping in Sport, adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization on October 19, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 110-14).

SD-419

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine the status of backlogs at the Department of the Interior.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Steven C. Preston, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

SD-538

Finance

To hold hearings to examine S. 1919, to establish trade enforcement priorities for the United States, to strengthen the provisions relating to trade remedies.

SD-215

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 2756, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system, S. 2982, to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations, S. 1210, to extend the grant program for drug-endangered children, S. Res. 563,

designating September 13, 2008, as "National Childhood Cancer Awareness Day", and the nominations of Elisebeth C. Cook, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice, William T. Lawrence, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, and G. Murray Snow, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Aging

To hold hearings to examine improving Medicare for the most vulnerable, focusing on senior citizens at risk.

SH-216

2 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine closing the justice gap, focusing on providing civil legal assistance to low-income Americans.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

To continue hearings to examine improving the security clearance process, focusing on reform efforts to streamline, standardize, and update the process.

SD-342

JUNE 3

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the acquisition of major weapons systems by the Department of Defense.

SD-106

JUNE 4

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine systemic indifference to invisible wounds.

SR-418

JUNE 5

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine off-highway vehicle management on public lands.

SD-366

JUNE 26

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to markup pending calendar business.

SR-418