

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF LAURAINÉ FERRIS

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Lauraine Ferris, an active community member with more than twenty years of experience in social services.

Lauraine Ferris, a graduate of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, is currently the Assistant Director of the Rose McCarthy Family Residence in the East New York section of Brooklyn. Ms. Ferris and her staff assist families with obtaining the necessary life skills to achieve and obtain independent living.

Lauraine Ferris also possesses a vibrant, creative spirit that thrives on the performing arts. Ms. Ferris is an accomplished actress, dancer, and model, winning several pageants. She shares her talents with the youth and seniors of her community, donating her time to teach African/modern dance.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Lauraine Ferris, someone whose ability to help her neighbors back on their feet through social services and through dance is an inspiration to all of New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Lauraine Ferris.

### HONORING THE U.S. BORDER PATROL ON ITS 85TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

#### HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, as the lead Republican sponsor of this resolution I would like to thank the gentleman from New Mexico, Congressman TEAGUE, as well as Chairman REYES for all of their work on putting together this legislation.

The U.S. Border Patrol has been keeping this country safe from threats like terrorists, illicit drugs, weapons, illegal immigrants and criminals for 85 years. I would like to thank the border patrol and I commend them for their service.

In the early 20th century, control of the border was sporadic and piecemeal and included mounted guards, Texas Rangers, and military troops. After the prohibition of alcohol and the immigration reforms of 1921 and 1924, the Labor Appropriations Act of 1924 officially established the U.S. Border Patrol with an initial force of 450 officers to help defend our borders.

Today the Border Patrol uses state of the art technologies to aid in the performance of their duties; infrared cameras, remote video surveillance, unattended underground sensors, and ground radar.

CBP is responsible for guarding nearly 7,000 miles of land border the United States shares with Canada and Mexico and 2,000 miles of coastal waters surrounding the Florida peninsula and off the coast of Southern California. The agency also protects 95,000 miles of maritime border in partnership with the United States Coast Guard.

I would like to praise for their tireless efforts the 52,000 CBP employees including the over 18,000 CBP Border Patrol agents, 1,000 CBP Air and Marine agents, almost 22,000 CBP officers and agriculture specialists and the nation's largest law enforcement canine program.

I would also like to pay particular tribute to the 104 CBP employees who lost their lives in service to their country.

In sum, CBP performs the vital task of securing America's borders 24 hours a day, seven days a week while facilitating legitimate trade and travel. I congratulate them on their 85th anniversary and I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this Resolution.

### RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE RECREATIONAL BOATING COMMUNITY

SPEECH OF

#### HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of H. Res. 410. This resolution commends the recreational boating industry and boating community for their sizable contribution to the economy of United States, and for their stewardship of the environment.

There are more than 59 million boaters in the United States today, helping to generate \$33 billion dollars annually in economic activity. As a result, the boating industry supports an estimated 337,000 employees, who manufacture and sell boats and operate the harbors and marinas. The goods and services purchased to build and maintain boats come from each of the fifty states. Therefore, boating does not only help the water regions of our country, but benefits America as a whole.

That having been said, the boating industry and community are especially important to Michigan and to Michigan's economy. They provide invaluable assets to my district, which has Lakes Huron and St. Clair and the St. Clair River on its eastern border. Boating is not just an important recreational opportunity; for many, life on the water becomes a way of life. The impact of boating spills over into other sectors of the economy like tourism and hospitality industries.

Unfortunately, when the economy falters, it is often the recreational boating industry that feels the impact first. Many people think of boating as a recreation for only the rich, but in Michigan we know that is simply not the case. The people who make the boating industry

what it is are the working class individuals who spend their weekends out on the water with friends and family. When those people face economic challenges, you will find that the boating industry does as well.

In this climate, the boating industry is facing some difficult times, nowhere more difficult than in the state of Michigan. In Michigan, we were once the number one state in terms of total boat registrations, but we have since slipped to fourth. Given the challenges that have faced the Michigan economy over the last few years, this is no surprise. The boat manufacturers, dealers, and marina operators should all be commended for their efforts to keep going through this economic period.

Since coming to Congress, I have worked to promote issues that are important to maintaining a thriving and profitable boating industry. I am proud to co-chair of the Congressional Boating Caucus with GENE TAYLOR, and together we have worked on a number of issues to help the boating industry weather the storms that have come its way. This resolution will acknowledge the contributions of the boating industry as they fight through this difficult time.

I urge all of you to please join with me in supporting this bi-partisan initiative to recognize our boaters and recommend that President Obama issue a proclamation calling for the observation of National Boating Day.

### TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT MILLIS ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE LOWELL OBSERVATORY

#### HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Dr. Robert L. Millis who is retiring as director of the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona. During his tenure, Dr. Millis oversaw the Lowell Observatory—one of only a handful of private, independent research observatories in the United States—quadruple its staff, increase visitation tenfold, and construct major new facilities including the Steele Visitor Center, the McAllister Public Observatory, the John M. Wolff instrument facility, and, most recently, the 4.2-meter Discovery Channel Telescope now under construction in Northern Arizona.

As a researcher at Lowell, Dr. Millis concentrated on smaller bodies of the Solar System: asteroids, comets, planetary satellites, Pluto, and objects orbiting on the edges of our Solar System. Dr. Millis was a member of several two-person teams that discovered the rings of Uranus, noted periodic variation in the activity of Comet Halley, and proved the existence of an extended atmosphere on Pluto. He also led a multi-institutional team—the Deep Ecliptic Survey—in an eight-year endeavor to explore the region of the Solar System beyond the orbit of Neptune. That venture resulted in

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the discovery of approximately half the currently known objects in the area known as the Kuiper Belt.

Dr. Millis will remain an active pillar of the Flagstaff community. He will work with Flagstaff-area business leaders committed to improving the greater Flagstaff area and the State of Arizona by bringing together talent and resources to provide leadership on economic and quality of life issues in the region. I wish Dr. Millis the best of luck and look forward to seeing the greater Flagstaff community benefit from the energy and leadership that Dr. Millis provided to the Lowell Observatory for the past 40 years.

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF  
OFFICER JOSE ENRIQUE VERA

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Officer Jose Enrique Vera, a trusted community partner in Brooklyn's safety.

Officer Vera, a native of La Ceiba, Honduras, migrate with his family to the United States in 1975 at the age of 12. He attended the August Martin High School in Queens, New York, graduated from Farmingdale State University with a major in Business Administration, and graduated from the Police Academy in 1991.

Officer Vera was assigned to the 80th Precinct in the Clinton Hill section of Brooklyn. He later worked in Brooklyn South Borough and the 84th Precinct.

Officer Vera now works on the Community Affairs Bureau, where he has expanded his role in working with the community as a Brooklyn North Crime Prevention Liaison, educating the community on personal safety and identity theft.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Officer Jose Enrique Vera, an individual committed to bringing diverse communities together and an inspiration to all of New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Officer Jose Enrique Vera.

HONORING MARTIN KAIDO FOR  
HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE  
UNITED STATES MILITARY  
ACADEMY

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young man from Georgia's 11th Congressional District who has distinguished himself as an excellent student and leader and has committed to serving his country. I am proud to announce that Martin Kaido from Marietta, Georgia, has received an appointment to the United States Military Academy.

For the past year, Martin has attended West Point's Preparatory School in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Martin worked very hard during his year in prep school, and the results speak for themselves.

Before the prep school, Martin attended St. Pius X Catholic High School. Martin was very involved athletically at St. Pius, participating in both wrestling and football, and has continued to excel in sports at the West Point Prep School. In addition to his scholastic and athletic achievements, Martin has also attained the rank of Eagle Scout and has even served as an assistant scoutmaster.

Further, Martin is very involved with his church, where he serves as a Faith Formation Teacher, a Eucharistic Minister, an Atlanta Chorister's Guild Camp Counselor, and participates in the Church Teen Group. He also volunteers for the St. Francis Table, the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, and Habitat for Humanity.

Martin Kaido is an incredibly well-rounded young man, and I am honored to have the privilege to nominate him for an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy. I ask that my colleagues take this time to congratulate Martin as well as his parents, Michael and Mary Kaido, for his accomplishments. It is because of dedicated young people like Martin that America has the finest military in the world. Our Nation is fortunate to have his service.

FLAG DAY JUNE 14, 2009

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, the 14th of June is an important day for all Americans, the day we celebrate the American Flag. The American Flag is a proud and prominent symbol of our great Nation and celebrating this important icon shows respect for the millions of Americans who consider the flag a representation of our nation's most fundamental traditions and beliefs.

As a member of Congress, I feel great pride when I see our striking stars and stripes flying over the majestic United States Capitol. Whether the Flag is flying among the mountains of southern West Virginia or above our nation's capitol, it is a sign of our nation's commitment to working together across our vast and diverse land to create one great nation. Our flag flies in every state and around the World at our embassies in foreign lands.

Today, the flag consists of thirteen horizontal stripes, seven red, alternating with six white, reminding us always of our Nation's humble beginnings as just thirteen colonies. The stars illustrate our one country with 50 independent and unique states each with a separate state government. Together, the stars and stripes reflect our efforts to create a unified nation with united principles joined together under one Flag for over 200 years.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed legislation requesting National Flag Day become an annual event, and since that day we have been celebrating our stately Flag every year.

On Capitol Hill, the United States Flag is celebrated everyday. Flags are flown over the Capitol each day of the year in honor of birthdays, retirements, and, as well as in the memory of loved ones lost. These flags are then shipped directly from congressional offices with an official certificate from the Architect of the Capitol, declaring the date and occasion for which the flag was flown.

I ask that you join me in supporting House Resolution 420, thereby celebrating this American symbol, honoring our country, our men and women who have served and are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces, our veterans who bravely fought beneath flag, and all citizens who proudly fly the American Flag to show their support for our great country, and the ideals this great Flag represents.

ON THE PASSAGE OF H.R. 2200,  
THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY  
ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION  
ACT

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to voice my concerns with the Transportation Security Administration Authorization Act. While I supported this bill, I would like to make clear that I had concerns with the air cargo security language contained in Section 201 of H.R. 2200 and hope that as the bill moves forward that this provision is changed.

The 9/11 Commission recommended that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) be given the necessary staff and funding in order to screen 100 percent of all air cargo by August, 2010. Currently there are serious deficiencies in the screening of inbound air cargo, which accounts for nearly half of the air cargo carried on passenger airplanes each year. Section 201 of H.R. 2200 creates a significant delay of two years until 100 percent of cargo must be screened from the enactment of this bill, even though there was a year left on the original deadline as passed when Congress implemented the 9/11 Commission recommendations. It makes no sense to grant an extension with over a year until the original deadline.

Outbound passenger air cargo is screened at a much higher rate, but in order to be fully secure, inbound cargo must be thoroughly checked as well. As the United States continues to confront the threats of terrorism since September 2001, we must be as cautious and careful as possible with our transportation security net to ensure that passengers on commercial airplanes are safe, and that cargo on airplanes is thoroughly checked.

Meeting the 100 percent screening mandate presents significant challenges in both funding and manpower, however, Congress should not be diluting the requirements recommended by the 9/11 Commission and should be providing the TSA with the required resources to meet the deadline, instead of extending the deadline into the future. In doing so, we will increase our safety and security as well as fully implement the 9/11 Commission's recommendation for air cargo.

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF  
MARIE J. MARJORIE

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Marie J. Marjorie, a community leader dedicated to improving the health of Central Brooklyn's residents.

Marie J. Marjorie is an Administrative Director at Interfaith Medical Center where her responsibilities include Community Affairs, Media and Marketing, Internship and Volunteer Services, and management of the Gift Shop.

Marie J. Marjorie reaches out to the numerous community organizations, agencies, clergy, churches, schools, and other groups that are interested in working together with Interfaith to continue to improve the health of Central Brooklyn's residents. She has implemented many successful programs at the hospital including the "Health Care Career Learning Center" which gives high school students hands-on training in different departments.

A passionate health advocate, Marie J. Marjorie frequently lectures on health care disparities, patients' rights, and immigrant health issues. Her research "Who are the children and how is their Health?" was published in the book "The Multicultural Cultural Challenge in Health Education" by ETR & Associates.

In addition to her work at Interfaith, Marie J. Marjorie is a volunteer English tutor for a group of young recent immigrants and a parishioner of St. Boniface R.C. Church where she is the Sunday school instructor for the youth group.

Marie J. Marjorie earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Long Island University. She is an advisory board member of the Haitian Apostolate, the HHT Association Resource Group, and a member of Boston College for Corporate Citizenship, the American Public Health Association and the Public Relations Society of America.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Marie J. Marjorie, a visionary leader and an inspiration to all of New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Marie J. Marjorie.

BILL COX'S STATEMENT IN HAVERHILL HONORING SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY

**HON. NIKI TSONGAS**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join one of my constituents, Bill Cox of Haverhill, Massachusetts, in honoring Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY of Massachusetts by including a copy of Bill's heartfelt remarks, given at a recent event in Haverhill, in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. His comments fondly and appropriately pay tribute to Senator KENNEDY for his lifetime of unparalleled service to Haverhill, Massachusetts, and our country.

If you tell Ted Kennedy that you are from Haverhill, the first thing he will tell you is

how proud he is to have Barbara Souliotis looking out for his Massachusetts office. Barbara has worked for the Senator since he was first elected 47 years ago and currently serves as his State Director. Barbara has been called the role model for running a senator's district office.

I can now tell you that one of the most difficult assignments anyone can undertake is to attempt to summarize the career and accomplishments of Senator Ted Kennedy.

It has been said that no one works harder than Ted Kennedy and that his legislative instincts are unsurpassed. Both statements are indisputable.

His record of achievements on educational opportunities, justice and equal rights for all people, protecting the environment and achieving quality health care for all Americans is unsurpassed. Even as he contends with his own recent health issues, his drive and determination are stronger than ever.

Having been our United States Senator for 47 years, Ted Kennedy has . . . fought for issues that benefit the people of Massachusetts and the nation, such as increasing the minimum wage and funding his 'No Child Left Behind' initiative. He continues to work to better the lives of working families and to secure our nation from our true threats.

He has a reverence for those who serve in our Armed Forces . . . and has quietly intervened for and consoled those families who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Senator Kennedy has moved an agenda that includes everything from hunger to high tech.

Senator Kennedy has a deep and abiding devotion to his home state. He led the charge to see that we have sufficient funding for a parking garage here in Haverhill. Although the Senator is a citizen of the world, he knows that he is home when he is in Haverhill. We recall fondly his recent visit to the City [with] Congresswoman Tsongas. He stopped at Mark's Deli to visit with his old friends, the Dimakis family, then on to A-1 Deli where a crowd awaited him and he met new friends and old.

On behalf of the City Committee, we send our best wishes to Ted and Vicki, and take this opportunity to reflect and pay thanks to the unparalleled service of Senator Kennedy for his lifetime of service to our City, State and Country.

HONORING JAMES AFRICANO FOR HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young man from Georgia's 11th Congressional District who has distinguished himself as an excellent student and leader and has committed to serving his country. I am proud to announce that James Africano from Kennesaw, Georgia has received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. James attends Harrison High School, where he has a 3.5 Grade Point Average and serves as Senior Class Vice President. James is also a member of the Math Honors Society, the Integrity Team, and the Harrison High School robotics team. In addition to James's focus on academics, he has also remained very active in extracurricular activities. James is on Harrison's water polo,

swimming, and martial arts teams, and is also very involved in the school's band program. In fact, he was ranked second in this year's State Marching Band Competition. Despite all of these commitments, James still finds time to be involved in community service activities, where he volunteers with the Atlanta Youth Philharmonic Orchestra and devotes time to restoring the trail at the Natchez Trace State Parkway. James Africano is an incredibly well-rounded young man, and I am honored to have the privilege to nominate him for an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy. I ask that my colleagues take this time to congratulate James as well as his parents, Thomas and Choi Africano, for his accomplishments. It is because of dedicated young people like James that America has the finest military in the world. Our nation is fortunate to have his service.

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF  
STEVE HUNT

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Steve Hunt, a leader in adolescent drug and substance abuse prevention in Brooklyn.

Steve Hunt is the vice president of The Alpha School Center of Progressive Living, Inc., located in the east New York section of Brooklyn, New York. His responsibilities include supervision of the Adolescent Drug Prevention Program and the Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program serving youth at risk and management of daily administrative duties.

Steve Hunt has an extensive background of 22 years in community service working with both adolescent and adult populations. His experience includes individual and group counseling in areas such as chemical dependency, HIV/AIDS, and anger management.

Steve Hunt has received several awards and has been recognized for his outstanding work with civic community organizations. He is a member of the Substance Abuse Committee for the Brownsville/East New York Child Welfare Neighborhood Network as well as the New York City Addictions Treatment Providers Association and the New York State HIV Prevention Planning Group.

Steve Hunt was born and raised in Brooklyn where he attended Tilden and Jefferson High Schools. He earned a bachelor of science degree in community health education from York College. He is professionally certified as a New York State Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor, an Internationally Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor, a Pre and Post Test HIV/AIDS Counselor and is certified in Mediation/Conflict Resolution.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Steve Hunt, a visionary leader and an inspiration to all of New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Steve Hunt.

WOMEN FOR THE WATER WORKS  
JUNE 9, 2009 DEDICATION CEREMONY

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Women of the Water Works upon the completion of the extensive restoration of the Fairmount Water Works. What was once one of the most popular tourist attractions of the 19th century will again enchant and educate both Philadelphia visitors and residents.

The Water Works began operation in the 1790s when a yellow fever epidemic hit Philadelphia. People blamed the disease on the filth that coated city streets and looked for a way to deliver drinking water and wash roads. Construction on the Water Works began in 1812, and after three years, clean water was being pumped to the homes of Philadelphia.

In ten short years, the Water Works was pumping over five million gallons of water daily. This engineering marvel was praised by many tourists and admirers, including Mark Twain and Charles Dickens. In 1909, the Water Works was closed due to pollution in the Schuylkill River.

In 1976, the Water Works was recognized as a National Historic Landmark by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior. Shortly before the announcement, the Junior League of Philadelphia initiated a campaign to preserve this treasure. Since that time, other organizations have joined the effort to return this landmark to its former status as a prime recreational, educational, and historic attraction.

By the turn of the 21st century, Women for the Water Works spearheaded a \$26 million project to restore the Water Works, as well as to incorporate a new Interpretative Center. The Interpretive Center opened its doors in 2003 with a mission "to educate citizens to understand their community and environment, especially the urban watershed, know how to guide the community and environment in the future, and understand the connections between daily life and the natural environment."

In 2008, the Women for the Water Works reached their fundraising goal of \$5 million for the final phase of the project, bringing the total dollars raised to more than \$28 million since renovations began thirty years ago. It is commendable that the funds raised are not only restoring the site for today, but will ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy the restored Water Works for years to come.

I share with the Women of the Water Works and the people of Philadelphia a common concern about wildlife, the environment, and the preservation of natural resources, as well as a commitment to a sustainable, livable City and region.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the Fairmount Water Works and thanking the Women of the Water Works who worked tirelessly to protect and preserve this special gem.

HONORING SUPERINTENDENT DR.  
JOHN GRAVES

**HON. MARK H. SCHAUER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. SCHAUER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Jackson County Intermediate School District (JCISD) Superintendent, Dr. John Graves upon the occasion of his retirement.

After an accomplished 40-year career that started as a teacher and a coach at Grass Lake High School to a principal at Beaverton and included leading four different school districts, Dr. Graves is retiring to go back to school. He will begin classes at the University of Michigan Law School, where he was initially accepted in 1968 after graduating from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in economics.

Dr. Graves has led the 450-employee JCISD since 2001. He is most recognized for his organizational leadership and his foremost concern was always how well students performed and achieved. For the past 40 years, Dr. Graves has earned both the respect and admiration of other educators, colleagues, staff, and community members for his skillful and honest leadership.

Dr. Graves is a model of patriotism and well deserves our respect and appreciation for his many years of dedication and distinguished service in education. His intellect, eagerness, and vision will be sincerely missed by not only Jackson, but also the many other communities he has touched. May he know of my sincerest best wishes in all his future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF  
HARRY L. POLITE, SR.

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Harry L. Polite, Sr., a champion for the youth and the elderly of Brooklyn.

Harry L. Polite, Sr. has been active in his Brooklyn community for over forty years, serving as President of the Lafayette Gardens Tenants Association for 16 years. He is an advocate for adequate and safe living conditions in his community. He has also advocated for increased activities for senior citizens and community youth.

Harry L. Polite, Sr. is also the founder of the Lafayette Gardens Seniors Club. The Seniors Club serves 30 senior residents with lunch, computer training, job placement, and social activities. Mr. Polite has also developed youth softball and basketball tournaments. He has organized cultural and political trips for residents and coordinates the annual family celebration and block party known as "Lafayette Gardens Day".

Harry L. Polite, Sr. has also served as the Coordinator for the Lafayette Gardens Tenant Patrol for the past ten years. He is an Executive Member/Sgt at Arms for the NYCHA City-wide Council of Presidents-Brooklyn West District and serves on the NYPD Housing Bureau Police Service Area #3.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Harry L. Polite, Sr., a visionary leader and an inspiration to all of New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Harry L. Polite, Sr.

HONORING THE U.S. BORDER PATROL ON ITS 85TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 498. Last week was the 85th anniversary of the United States Border Patrol. In 1924, Congress approved the Immigration Act, which established the U.S. Border Patrol.

Their long and illustrious history began with 25 Patrol Inspectors in El Paso, Texas and Detroit Michigan with the mission of combating the illegal entry of aliens, contraband, and the flow of illicit liquor from Mexico and Canada into the U.S.

During the height of prohibition, lawlessness and violence became more common along the water borders of the Detroit Sector. Several Detroit Sector Patrol Inspectors were killed in the line of duty, as smugglers attempting to bring contraband across the border resorted to violence to protect their cargo from the Border Patrol Inspectors.

A lot has changed since 1924, but the core mission of the Border Patrol is still detecting and preventing the illegal entry of aliens and preventing the smuggling of contraband. Since the terrorist attacks of 9-11, the focus of the Border Patrol has changed to include detection, apprehension and deterrence of terrorists and terrorist weapons.

America has given this vital task to a group of dedicated law-enforcement agents, who are our eyes and ears, in the air, land and sea. They work in a variety of climates, and seize a great deal of the drugs intended for our streets and our children.

Coming from a border district, I have a real interest in ensuring that the Border Patrol is equipped with the right mix of personnel, technology, and equipment that will enhance our ability to separate legitimate travel and trade, from those that seek to do us harm or enter our nation illegally.

The Detroit Sector of the Border Patrol is responsible for 863 miles of our liquid border with Canada, and in the last five years, Agents have made nearly 5,000 arrests—an impressive accomplishment.

Chief Patrol Agent Randy Gallegos, and the men and women of Sector Detroit are dedicated professionals, who defend the border and our nation owes them and the entire U.S. Border Patrol a debt of gratitude for their distinguished service to our nation.

They follow the proud tradition of securing our border that began eighty-five years ago in small stations, with only a handful of agents. Today, there are over 18,000 men and women who wear the green uniform of a Border Patrol Agent.

Without these brave Americans our nation would be less secure, and for that I want to offer my sincerest thanks. Our Border Patrol agents epitomize the motto of the Border Patrol—Honor First.

Congratulations on your first eight-five years!

I urge my colleagues to support passage of this resolution.

A TRIBUTE TO THE 2009 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

**HON. DAN BURTON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2009 recipients of the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Presented annually by the National Ethnic Coalition (NECO), the Ellis Island Medal of Honor pays tribute to our Nation's immigrant heritage, as well as individual achievement. The medals are awarded to U.S. citizens from various ethnic backgrounds who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage. Since NECO's founding in 1986, more than 2,000 American citizens have received Ellis Island Medals of Honor, including six American Presidents, several United States Senators, Congressmen, Nobel Laureates, outstanding athletes, artists, clergy, and military leaders.

As we all know, citizens of the United States can trace their ancestry to many nations. The richness and diversity of American life makes us unique among the Nations of the world and is in many ways the key to why America is the most innovative country in the world. The Ellis Island Medals of Honor not only celebrate select individuals but also the pluralism and democracy that enabled our ancestors to celebrate their cultural identities while still embracing the American way of life. This medal is not about money, but about people who really seized the opportunities this great country has to offer and who used those opportunities to not only better their own lives but make a difference in the lives of those around them. By honoring these outstanding individuals, we honor all who share their origins and we acknowledge the contributions they and other groups have made to America. I commend NECO and its Board of Directors headed by my good friend, Nasser J. Kazeminy, for honoring these truly outstanding individuals for their tireless efforts to foster dialogue and build bridges between different ethnic groups, as well as promote unity and a sense of common purpose in our Nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the good works of NECO, and congratulating all of the 2009 recipients of the Ellis Island Medals of Honor. I also ask unanimous consent that the names of this year's recipients be placed into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD following my statement.

Gen. John P. Abizaid, USA (Ret), Hon. Eduardo Aguirre, Imam Shamsi Ali, Dr. Kaveh Alizadeh, Robert V. Allegrini, Hon. Victor G. Atiyeh, Archbishop Vicken N. Aykazian, Sir Julian Bachynsky, Ralph M. Bahna, George S. Barrett, Edward J. Bergman, Hamid Biglari, Carolyn A. Blashek, Paul F. Boulos, PhD, Lt.Gen. Ted F. Bowlds, USAF, CAPT Patrick C. Burns, USN, Dr. Samia E. Burton, Otto B.

Candies, John J. Casey, Ali Cayir, Sant Singh Chatwal, Dr. Walter R. Chitwood, Jr., Joseph Ilhawn Cho, Edward T. Cloonan, Duane E. Collins, David F. D'Alessandro, Shiv C. Dass, Kiran R. Desai, Robert D. Donno, Rayna Dubose, Emilio Estefan, Jr., Charles Fazzino, Sean T. Flanagan, John S. Gonsalves, James B. Hayes, CAPT Gregory P. Hitchen, USCG, W. Andrew Hodge, MD, Forough B. Hosseini, Susan Pien Hsu, PhD, Taffy A. Jowdy, James M. Kalustian, Rabbi Alvin Kass, Fred Kavli, Lisa Kazor, Kevin A. Kistler, Carol N. Lambos, Esq., BG James B. Laster, USMC, Leon Y. Lee, Oh Young Lee, Sandra Lee, Francine A. LeFrak, Nooshin Malakzad, Bishop Gregory J. Mansour, George D. Martin, Hon. Grace Meng, Thomas L. Mills, Esq., Joseph H. Moglia, Dr. Reza Momeni, Dr. Uma Mysorekar, Tavit O. Najarian, ScD, John F. Nickoll, Michael K. O'Malley, Rev. Timothy O'Neill, George Pagoumian, Young J. Paik, Hon. Mary Mitzi Purdue, Moises Perez-Martinez, Natale A. Picco, Jr. John Podesta, Linda Ann Pope, William A. Pope, David M. Puckett, Phil T. Pulaski, Hon. Bijan Rafiekian, Maj. Dan Rooney, USAF, Gaetano G. Scavone, Salman T. Sesi, Esq., Dr. Jatin P. Shah, Liu Tee Shuh, Brian J. Smith, Col. Stephen Smith, USA, Steven N. Stein, Carol K. Strauss, Chester A. Szarejko, Oscar S. Tatosian, Joseph J. Thoams, DDS, William H. Tilley, Lenny Tilman, Lana Todorovich, Chiling Tong, Pauline A. Turley, Anthony M. Valletta, Kathleen Waldron, PhD, Kevin M. Wall, The Venerable Lama Pema Wangdak, Jeffrey N. Watanabe, Esq., Gary E. Weksler, Sally Tsui Wong-Avery

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARILYN GIORDANO

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marilyn Giordano, a wonderful woman who recently lost her courageous battle with colon cancer.

I came to know Marilyn through her work with the American Vitiligo Research Foundation. Vitiligo is a condition in which one's skin loses pigment and becomes discolored. It is a disease that can easily destroy the spirit of those it afflicts. Marilyn cared passionately about people with Vitiligo, especially children who are often not emotionally prepared to deal with its psychological affects. Marilyn dedicated her life to helping these precious children deal with their condition the best they could.

Marilyn's friend Stella Pavlides, the founder of the American Vitiligo Research Foundation, shared with me the courage with which Marilyn battled colon cancer. Stella said that Marilyn never lost faith that she would survive, refrained from complaining or asking why she was going through such an ordeal, and remained optimistic and positive until the very end, which came peacefully on April 29. That sounds just like the Marilyn I came to know.

Stella has asked me to become an advocate for raising awareness about colon cancer in the days since Marilyn's death. She correctly points out that colon cancer is one of

the most deadly forms of cancer in its advanced stages, though it also is one of the most treatable in its earliest stages. I was pleased that the House passed H. Con. Res 60 earlier this year, which supports the observance of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in March and emphasizes the importance of early detection and screening of this disease.

I also recently cosponsored H.R. 1189, the Colorectal Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment Act, which would establish a colorectal cancer screening program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and provide grants to states for colorectal cancer screening and treatment programs. I believe the House should pass this vitally important bill to improve the detection and treatment of this deadly disease.

Madam Speaker, I urge all of our colleagues to honor Marilyn's life by passing H.R. 1189 and improving the detection and treatment of this disease. Although her earthly life has ended much too soon, I am certain that her legacy will live on in the lives that will be saved by raising awareness about this treatable but deadly disease, and in the children with Vitiligo whose lives she has forever changed for the better.

HONORING KENNEDY PATTERSON FOR HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young man from Georgia's 11th Congressional District who has distinguished himself as an excellent student and leader and has committed to serving his country. I am proud to announce that Kennedy Patterson from Marietta, Georgia, has received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy.

For the past year, Kennedy has attended the Air Force Academy Preparatory School. Kennedy has worked very hard during his year in prep school and the results speak for themselves. Before the prep school, Kennedy attended Marietta High School where he was a member of the Air Force JROTC. Kennedy is an Eagle Scout and has a black belt in Taekwondo. He has been recognized with the Admiral's Cup Award, the Aviator Wings Award, the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze ROTC Medal, the American Legion Military Excellence Medal, and the American Legion Silver Medal.

Kennedy Patterson is an incredibly well-rounded young man, and I am honored to have the privilege to nominate him for an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy. I ask that my colleagues take this time to congratulate Kennedy as well as his parents, James and Nell Patterson, for his accomplishments. It is because of dedicated young people like Kennedy that America has the finest military in the world. Our nation is fortunate to have his service.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately on June 8, 2009, I was unable to cast my votes on H.R. 1736, H.R. 1709, and H. Res. 420. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted as follows:

Had I been present for rollcall No. 311, on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 1736, International Science and Technology Cooperation Act, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 312, on suspending the Rules and passing H.R. 1709, STEM Education Coordination Act of 2009, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 313, on suspending the Rules and passing H. Res. 420, Celebrating the symbol of the United States flag and supporting the goals and ideals of Flag Day, I would have voted "aye."

IN SUPPORT OF DR. ROBERT L.  
MILLIS

**HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Dr. Robert L. Millis who is retiring as director of the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona. During his tenure, Dr. Millis oversaw the Lowell Observatory—one of only a handful of private, independent research observatories in the United States—quadruple its staff, increase visitation tenfold, and construct major new facilities including the Steele Visitor Center, the McAllister Public Observatory, the John M. Wolff instrument facility, and, most recently, the 4.2-meter Discovery Channel Telescope now under construction in Northern Arizona.

As a researcher at Lowell, Dr. Millis concentrated on smaller bodies of the Solar System: asteroids, comets, planetary satellites, Pluto, and objects orbiting on the edges of our Solar System. Dr. Millis was a member of several two-person teams that discovered the rings of Uranus, noted periodic variation in the activity of Comet Halley, and proved the existence of an extended atmosphere on Pluto. He also led a multi-institutional team—the Deep Ecliptic Survey—in an eight-year endeavor to explore the region of the Solar System beyond the orbit of Neptune. That venture resulted in the discovery of approximately half the currently known objects in the area known as the Kuiper Belt.

Dr. Millis will remain an active pillar of the Flagstaff community. He will work with Flagstaff-area business leaders committed to improving the greater Flagstaff area and the State of Arizona by bringing together talent and resources to provide leadership on economic and quality of life issues in the region. I wish Dr. Millis the best of luck and look forward to seeing the greater Flagstaff community benefit from the energy and leadership that Dr. Millis provided to the Lowell Observatory for the past 40 years.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEVE KING**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, on June 9, 2009, I mistakenly cast a "YES" vote on H.R. 2751, the Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Act. I am submitting this statement for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to clarify that I am opposed to H.R. 2751 and had intended to vote "no." The bill authorizes \$4 billion of new spending. This is on top of the \$85 billion American taxpayers have provided to help "restructure" the auto industry already. Just yesterday, auto-parts suppliers asked President Obama's auto task force for an additional \$8 to \$10 billion in federal aid. In addition, a similar program instituted in Germany ended up costing three times more than originally anticipated. Also, the legislation requires dealers to remove "clunkers" from the market through salvage, reducing the amount of preowned supply. Families that still cannot afford a new automobile, even with the voucher, will face rising prices in the used car market during the current recession at a time when affordability is an even greater issue. Additionally, under the bill, the DOT is required to promulgate many of the regulations to implement the program within 30 days. This grants too much authority to the executive branch to enact a new \$4 billion dollar program. For these and other reasons, I am opposed to H.R. 2751, and I intended to vote "no" on rollcall 314.

HONORING NICHOLAS JACKSON  
FOR HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
ACADEMY

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young man from Georgia's 11th Congressional District who has distinguished himself as an excellent student and leader and has committed to serving his country. I am proud to announce that Nicholas Jackson from Acworth, Georgia has received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy.

Nick attends Harrison High School where he has a 3.47 Grade Point Average. Nick is a four year varsity letter winner for the Harrison football and the track and field teams and has proven himself a leader—being selected Captain of the football team on multiple occasions. He was named to the Cobb County Touch-down Club All County football team, the Marietta Daily Journal 2nd team All County football team, and was an honorable mention Atlanta Journal-Constitution All Northwest Georgia football player. Nick brings his love of sports into community service, as well, annually volunteering for the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's football camp as well as the Harrison High School Community Service Day. Nick's athletic accomplishments have not gone unnoticed by the Air Force Academy—earning him a letter of recruitment from the head coach of the Falcons.

Nicholas Jackson is an incredibly well-rounded young man, and I am honored to have the privilege to nominate him for an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy. I ask that my colleagues take this time to congratulate Nick as well as his parents, Michael and Colleen, for his accomplishments. It is because of dedicated young people like Nick that America has the finest military in the world. Our nation is fortunate to have his service.

A TRIBUTE TO PATRICK HURLEY

**HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention today the many outstanding achievements of Patrick Hurley, the outgoing president of the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club. Patrick's leadership during the 2008–2009 Rotary year has contributed significantly to the Hi-Noon Rotary Club, the community of Carlsbad and the mission of Rotary. During his tenure, the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club sponsored Interact, a youth service club; RYLA, a youth awareness leadership conference; a Christmas party and provided meals and gifts to needy elementary school children; cosponsored the Oktoberfest fundraiser that benefited the Carlsbad Women's Resource Center and the Carlsbad Boys and Girls Club and completed a very successful golf tournament which funded scholarships for Carlsbad high school students; provided mentors for the City Stuff Program, a program that exposed school children to the workings of city government; promoted literacy by providing dictionaries for English and Spanish speaking elementary school children; provided over nine hundred books to the Jefferson Elementary School students, and provided financial support to our military personnel and their families.

In addition, under President Patrick Hurley's leadership the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary and its membership completed a number of other projects. These projects included providing volunteers to help maintain public and private property, provide food and clothing for the needy and homeless, and assist in the distribution of food, clothing and toys to needy Carlsbad families in conjunction with the Carlsbad Christmas Bureau, and through the Gazebo project, a city landmark structure was refurbished and relocated for public enjoyment.

In the international arena, under President Hurley's leadership, a team of Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotarians joined with others and traveled to Mexico to build a house for a needy family: a badly needed ambulance was provided and refurbished for the City of Mazatlan, Mexico, and through our support of the Paul Harris Foundation, we co-sponsored numerous other humanitarian projects all over the world including the effort to eradicate polio world wide, and providing funding for the Micro-banking project enabling third world countries to develop entrepreneurial skills and become self sufficient.

I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the many fine achievements of Patrick Hurley. Without question, his leadership and fine work of the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club are worthy of recognition by the House today.

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF  
ADRIAN STRAKER

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Adrian Straker, a tireless advocate for children in our community.

Adrian Mary Levell was raised in Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, graduated from Midwood High School with honors, received her Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Northwestern University, and attended graduate school at Long Island University, receiving her Master of Science in Counseling and Development.

Following the completion of her studies, Adrian began her career in public service as a caseworker in the foster care unit at St. Vincent's Services in Brooklyn, NY. There Adrian developed her passion for helping to solve the dilemmas and socio-economic challenges of urban life. For the past 17 years, Adrian has been a guidance counselor at Public School 32 serving the Carroll Gardens-Gowanus Housing Development community, where she interacts daily with neighborhood youth and their families serving as the link between classroom teachers, parents, guardians, administration officials, and on-site medical/mental health programs to ensure a student's overall academic achievement and personal development.

Adrian also recently served on the staff of Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz as the Director of Community Boards. In this role, she managed a staff of community relations personnel who maintained interactive relationships with community board chairpersons and district managers. She also served as the borough president's chief architect of faith-based relationships.

Adrian is member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and has served as regional officer and charities chairperson. She is also the past vice chairperson of the Brooklyn Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Adrian sits on numerous professional and community boards including Inner City Little League Brooklyn, Northwestern University Alumni Association, St. Mark's Independent Block Association, Cornerstone Baptist Church Support Services and is a founding member of the Concerned Crew of Bedford Stuyvesant.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Adrian Straker, a visionary leader and an inspiration to all of New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Adrian Straker.

A TRIBUTE TO CHICAGO BLUES  
LEGEND CORA "KOKO" TAYLOR  
(1928-2009)

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, American music legend, KoKo Taylor, the "Queen of the Blues," died June 3, 2009 in Chicago. Her masterful voice represented the spirit of Chicago—proud, loud and full of life.

Born September 28, 1928, in Bartlett, Tennessee, on a small farm to a family of sharecroppers, Cora Walton would one day be known throughout the world as "KoKo Taylor." She earned her nickname because of a love of chocolate. Orphaned by age 11, along with her five brothers and sisters, Koko developed a love for music from a mixture of gospel she heard in church and blues she heard on radio stations. With one brother accompanying her on a guitar strung with baling wire and another brother on a fife, made out of a corncob, Koko began her career as a blues woman.

In her early 20s, Koko and her soon-to-be husband, the late Robert "Pops" Taylor, moved to Chicago looking for work. With nothing but, in Koko's words, "35 cents and a box of Ritz crackers," the couple settled on the city's South Side, the cradle of the rough-edged sound of Chicago blues. Taylor found work cleaning houses for wealthy families in the ritzy northern suburbs. At night and on weekends, Koko and Pops would visit the South and West Side blues clubs, where they would hear singers like Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Magic Sam, Little Walter and Junior Wells. And, thanks to prodding from Pops, it wasn't long before Taylor was sitting in with many of the legendary blues artists on a regular basis.

Ms. Taylor's big break came in 1963 when, after one of her signature fiery performances, songwriter/arranger Willie Dixon approached her. Much to Koko's astonishment, he told her, "My God, I never heard a woman sing the blues like you sing the blues." Dixon first recorded Koko for USA Records and, then, secured a Chess Records recording contract for her. He produced several singles and two albums for her—including her huge 1966 hit single Wang Dang Doodle—firmly establishing Koko as the world's number one female blues talent.

Over the course of her nearly 50-year career, Ms. Taylor received numerous awards for her music. She signed with Alligator Records in 1975 and recorded nine albums for the label, eight of which were Grammy-nominated, and came to dominate the female blues singer ranks, winning 25 W.C. Handy Awards, more than any other artist. In 1984, she received a Grammy for the live, multi-artist album Blues Explosion on Atlantic Records. In 2004, KoKo was presented with the coveted National Heritage Fellowship Award from the National Endowment for The Arts. She also earned 25 Blues Music Awards, more than any other blues artist, male or female. On March 3, 1993, Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley honored the songstress with a Legend of The Year Award, and declared "Koko Taylor Day" throughout Chicago.

In 1998, Chicago Magazine named Koko "Chicagoan of the Year" and, in 1999, she was inducted into the Blues Foundation's Hall of Fame. "There are many kings of the blues," said The Boston Globe at the time, "but only one queen. Koko's voice is still capable of pinning a listener to the back wall."

There is no doubt she was the queen of the blues and Koko Taylor's legacy will live on through her music. She has influenced a number of musicians including Bonnie Raitt, Shemekia Copeland and Janis Joplin. Her voice lives on in her recordings. We all are forever indebted to her for her contributions to America's rich music history.

HONORING MR. MARK E. NEIHLS

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a pioneer of private education who has provided 25 years of faithful service to the students, families and staff at Coventry Christian Schools in Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

Mark E. Neihls started planning a preschool and registered Christian school in 1983, pouring amazing amounts of energy into fulfilling his vision of providing a world-class education to students in Montgomery, Chester and Berks Counties.

Coventry Christian was incorporated in 1984 and opened with seven preschool students taught by two volunteer teachers. Thanks to Mr. Neihls' outstanding leadership as superintendent, the School has grown to more than 400 students in preschool through 12th grade and has more than 50 employees on two campuses.

Mr. Neihls earned the respect of students, teachers and their families by refusing a paycheck for 19 years while, at the same time, often working six days a week and being available to students well beyond regular school hours.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Mark E. Neihls for his 25 years of humble service as founder and superintendent of Coventry Christian Schools and recognizing his unwavering commitment to a high standard of educational excellence in a Christian setting.

INTRODUCING H.R. 2548, THE KEEP  
AMERICA'S WATERFRONTS  
WORKING ACT OF 2009

**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Madam Speaker, coastal communities across this nation are in trouble. Fishermen who have spent their lives on the water—the sons and daughters of fishermen, the grandchildren of fishermen, fishermen from families that have been fishing for generations, have hung up their boots and do not go out sea any more. My friends and neighbors are giving up a lifetime of fishing. Businesses that depend on the water shut their doors and close their wharves. You see Madam Speaker, I live in a community built around fishing. A community with a working waterfront. A community that is in trouble.

When I was a teenager in my hometown, the island of North Haven, there were more fishermen and the island supported a diverse fishery. Throughout the history of the islands of Penobscot Bay, from the first natives fishing off the island in dugout canoes to the herding seiners, gill netters, ground fisherman, and lobstermen, fishing has been an important part of the islands—providing jobs and a sense of place.

The fishing vessel *Starlight* seined for herding in the waters off the island and brought fish ashore for lobster bait. Now, most boats fish for lobster. My friends and neighbors on

North Haven, like all fishermen up and down the coast, need a place to land their lobsters, store their bait, load and unload their lobster traps. In some communities fishermen use privately owned piers, in other communities they compete for space at public landings and town docks. Some keep their skiffs upside down on the beach and others on the dock, most park their trucks at the landing.

Coastal landowners who used to allow their friends and neighbors to cross their property to get to the clam flats face rising property taxes and pressure to sell. With these sales to the highest bidder, frequently to build a vacation home or condos on a desirable and "authentic waterfront," access for the community is lost in the process. Condos spring up, displacing the fishermen and boat builders, and the wide variety of businesses that require access to the water. As new construction sprawls, traditional ties to the water are severed and the economic engine that is our coast sputters and stalls for want of a place to land a fish or dock a boat.

Our nation's working waterfronts are disappearing. Less than 20 miles of Maine's 3,300 mile coastline support commercial fishing and other traditional marine based activities—and working waterfronts are continuing to disappear.

These are a very important 20 miles. Maine's Working Waterfront Coalition, a broad and diverse group of stakeholders dedicated to protecting working waterfronts, conducted a study that found that working waterfronts like those supported by this legislation add between \$15 and \$168 million more to the economy than do the conversion of those properties to high end residential uses.

Working Waterfronts support many communities up and down the coast. Every community is unique but they all are connected by the bond of having a working waterfront. The challenges facing working waterfronts are not unique to Maine. These waterfronts are disappearing up and down our coasts, in all of our coastal states. In Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, Virginia and South Carolina, Florida and Texas, California, Oregon, and Washington and even on the Great Lakes. Across the country, working waterfronts and the jobs they provide are quickly disappearing under the tremendous pressure these communities face from conversion to incompatible uses. As history has shown us, once these business close, and waterfronts stop supporting water dependent businesses, they do not come back.

Together, our nation must take an important step towards protecting these jobs and the families they support—and even, eventually rebuilding our working waterfronts. In honor of the many folks in Maine who have been tirelessly working to ensure these special areas are protected, I am proud to have introduced legislation, H.R. 2548, with Representatives MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO, LOIS CAPPS, BILL DELAHUNT, SAM FARR, BARNEY FRANK, PATRICK J. KENNEDY, RON KLEIN, JAMES R. LANGEVIN, JAMES P. MCGOVERN, MIKE MCINTYRE, MICHAEL H. MICHAUD, JAMES P. MORAN, MIKE THOMPSON, and ROBERT J. WITTMAN that encourages states to consider the importance of working waterfronts and how to best protect them.

Our legislation amends the Coastal Zone Management Act to establish a Working Waterfronts program. The Coastal Zone Manage-

ment Act is a flexible tool, developed to allow states to manage their coasts in a manner that fits that particular coast. In recognition of this, the Working Waterfronts program broadly defines working waterfronts to be water-dependent, coastal related businesses—this includes commercial fishing, recreational fishing businesses, aquaculture, boat yards and other businesses whose business model requires access to the water.

This bill creates a Working Waterfront Grant program to help states protect and preserve these important areas. In order for states to be eligible for a working waterfront grant, the State must have a working waterfront plan that requires a thoughtful, collaborative, public process to identify the economic and social value of working waterfronts and the plan requires the states to be thoughtful and strategic in their use of federal money. This bill is not designed to require states to undergo a completely new or comprehensive planning process but rather to utilize existing information to the maximum extent practicable.

The program encourages states to use the best information they have available to develop their working waterfronts plan. It is not our intention to require a detailed or in-depth GIS study of the entire coast, an undertaking that may well be beneficial but also could delay and hinder the implementation of the program. We only ask that the coastal states give some thought to what makes a working waterfront in that state and why working waterfronts are particularly important or special to that state.

This bill not only protects working waterfronts and the jobs they provide, this bill also protects public access to our coastline. One of the conditions of the bill states that any working waterfront receiving a working waterfront grant must provide access to the water for the public. The bill makes an exception for commercial fishing if providing access would not be safe.

Those who live on or visit our coasts know how valuable coastal property is—and this is why traditional uses of working waterfronts are vulnerable. Eliminating working waterfronts fundamentally alters the economy, culture and heart of coastal communities. Please join me in supporting the Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act of 2009; help protect working waterfronts and the jobs they provide.

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RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL USA

**HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Hostelling International USA for 75 years of service to intercultural understanding and youth travel.

Hostelling International USA is a nonprofit organization founded in 1934 to promote hostels and hostel related programs in the United States, especially for young travelers. It has grown nationally and currently hosts nearly one million overnight stays by both domestic and foreign travelers. In doing so, it promotes cultural exchange through travel and supports tourism for local economies.

The Minnesota Council of Hostelling International USA operates the Mississippi Headwaters Hostel in Itasca State Park. Since 1992, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, this hostel offers budget accommodations for families, schools, and youth groups. In addition, the Council promotes global travel to and cultivates cultural understanding in Minnesotans through educational programs in the Twin Cities.

I congratulate Hostelling International USA for its 75 years of service.

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INTRODUCING THE RETIREMENT SAVINGS TRANSPARENCY ACT

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Retirement Savings Transparency Act.

More than ever, Americans are relying on 401(k) plans to finance their retirements. Almost 50 million Americans have invested approximately \$2.7 trillion in 401(k) retirement plans.

Yet a recent study by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has found that over 80 percent of Americans do not know what kind of fees are being charged on their hard earned retirement savings.

But even small differences in these 401(k) fees can lead to significant reductions in the amount of money retirees can expect to see.

For example, an increase of only one percent in 401(k) fees can lower a retiree's savings by over \$32,000 over the course of a 30-year period.

The same reductions can take place because of even minor differences in the rates of return on a 401(k) investment portfolio.

One of the most persistent barriers to workers understanding their retirement options is the failure of financial disclosures to put these fees and returns in context.

When they are provided with information on fees and returns, consumers often have no frame of reference to which to make comparisons.

Yet these benchmarks are readily available in the marketplace and are regularly used by institutional investors in making their investment decisions.

I believe we need to make these same benchmarks available to all Americans saving for retirement.

We have an obligation to help workers make informed decisions when it comes to their precious retirement savings.

The legislation I am introducing today would provide workers with appropriate points of comparison for both the fees and returns associated with each investment option in their 401(k) accounts.

This will help Americans better understand their investment options and make the right decisions to maximize their retirement savings.

At the same time, the increased transparency in fees and returns will force plan providers to compete, driving down costs and increasing returns.

During the tough economic climate, Americans have already seen their retirements decline. Many retirees have seen their nest eggs

evaporate and some are even being forced to go back to work after retirement.

It is even more important now than ever to help Americans squeeze every penny out of their retirement investments.

I hope we will pass this important legislation and empower Americans to make the most of their hard earned savings.

CONGRATULATING AIRCRAFT  
OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION  
ON ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res 472, a resolution to congratulate the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association on their seventieth anniversary, and speak to their dedication to general aviation, to safety, and the important contribution general aviation provides to the United States.

The AOPA was established seventy years ago, on the eve of World War II. This non-profit association has been dedicated to general aviation, improving general aviation safety, providing pilots with training, education and advocating on their behalf at every level of government.

More than 75% of all flights in the United States are general aviation. America relies on general aviation for business, medical delivery services, sightseeing and for just plain fun and a love of flying.

General aviation is a vital industry in America's economy. Currently there are 19,000 airports nationwide that provide jobs for 1.3 million Americans and bring in more than \$100 billion dollars annually.

After the terrorist attacks of 9/11, the AOPA responded by partnering with the TSA to develop a nationwide Airport Watch Program that uses pilots as eyes and ears for observing and reporting suspicious activity.

Flight Safety has remained a principal focus for the AOPA, so they have supported new technologies to make aviation safer. AOPA was a principle advocator of the GPS navigation systems which helped lead the way for the Next Gen Air Transportation System—with aviation-specific applications and advanced innovations such as weather forecasting.

And today, the AOPA represents more than 289,000 American general aviation pilots—including my husband who is a long time member. He started flying when he was a fighter pilot in Vietnam, and now we fly an RV-8, which he built in our garage.

I am proud to support the resolution to honor the AOPA for the commendable work they do in the aviation field.

Their dedication to aviation, aviation safety, training general aviation pilots, and to new technologies makes me proud to support this association.

Congratulations on your first 70 years.

HONORING VICTORIA HAYES FOR  
HER APPOINTMENT TO THE  
UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE  
ACADEMY

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young woman from Georgia's 11th Congressional District who has distinguished herself as an excellent student and leader and has committed to serving her country. I am proud to announce that Victoria Hayes from Acworth, Georgia has received an appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

For the past year, Victoria has attended New Mexico Institute in Roswell, N.M., which is the prep school for the Merchant Marine Academy. Victoria has worked very hard during her year in prep school and the results speak for themselves. Before the prep school, Victoria attended East Paulding County High School. Victoria was very involved with the East Paulding band program, and has continued to excel in music at the Merchant Marine prep school—participating in the marching, concert, and regimental bands. She also has the honor of being a Silver Taps bugler.

Victoria Hayes is an incredibly well-rounded young woman, and I am honored to have the privilege to nominate her for an appointment to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. I ask that my colleagues take this time to congratulate Victoria as well as her parents, William and Mary Ellen Hayes, for her accomplishments. It is because of dedicated young people like Victoria that America has the finest military in the world. Our nation is fortunate to have her service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RON KIND**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, on June 8, 2009, I missed rollcall votes 311, 312, and 313 due to family reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each of those votes.

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF  
SANTOS CRESPO, JR.

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Santos Crespo, Jr., a visionary leader in New York City's labor community.

Santos Crespo, Jr. was first introduced to the labor movement at the age of 10, when his father, a delegate and executive board member of Local 6, H.E.R.E. (Hotel Employees & Restaurant Employees Union) brought him to meetings where he witnessed the struggles non-unionized employees must endure.

Santos Crespo, Jr. began community organizing at the age of 14 and was recognized by the late W. H. Booth, Chairman of the Committee on Human Rights under then Mayor John Lindsay. He was a founding member of the Black and Puerto Rican Student Union at Bronx Community College and was instrumental in introducing Black and Puerto Rican Studies there. He has received numerous awards, was named by the Daily News Viva as one of New York City's Influential Latinos, and has also served in numerous committees related to youth and substance abuse prevention and intervention.

Santos Crespo, Jr. is currently the Executive Vice President of the New York City Board of Education Employees Union, Local 372, DC 37, AFSCME, the largest local (26,000 members) within DC 37 and also serves as one of DC 37's Vice Presidents. He is also a member of the New York City Chapter of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA), serves on its Executive Board, and also serves on the Executive Board of the national LCLAA, representing 1.4 million Latino Trade Unionists. He is also a member of many other labor organizations such as the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU) and the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA) along with civil rights organizations including the Congress for Puerto Rican Rights and the New York NAACP.

Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Santos Crespo, Jr., a champion of New York City's many labor causes.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Santos Crespo, Jr.

CONGRATULATING DANA WYGLE,  
RECIPIENT OF THE AHWATUKEE  
FOOTHILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
2009 WOMEN IN BUSINESS  
SCHOLARSHIP

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the achievements of Dana Wygle, who is the recipient of the 2009 Ahwatukee Chamber of Commerce Women in Business \$1,000 Scholarship. The Ahwatukee Foothills Chamber recently honored Dana at the Ahwatukee Women in Business Faces of Success event, which recognizes present and future businesswomen.

Dana recently graduated from Desert Vista High School. An active and involved student, she also worked at Barro's Pizza throughout high school. Dana danced, served as a team captain for the American Cancer Society's 24-hour Relay for Life in 2008 and 2009, and was a member of DECA, a student business organization. She plans to use the scholarship award to attend the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University. Her goal is to own and operate a sports bar.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Dana Wygle for her accomplishments and wishing her the best in all her future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO JIMMY DEE CLARK

**HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize Jimmy Dee Clark for his dedication to the 19th Congressional District of Texas. Jimmy retires this month after 23 years of continuous service to the district.

Born to Leeman and Frances Clark on December 12, 1945, Jimmy was raised on a farm in Acuff, Texas. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1964 and just two years later, he married his childhood sweetheart, Rita Dunagan. After 20 years of running his family farm, Jimmy began an additional career in public service.

In 1986, my predecessor in Congress, Larry Combest, hired Jimmy as a district representative. As Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee in the 106th and 107th Congresses, Mr. Combest greatly shaped farm policy in this country, and Jimmy brought indispensable insight as a liaison between the farmers and ranchers of the 19th District and their representative. Jimmy was instrumental in helping Chairman Combest shepherd the 2002 Farm Bill through Congress.

Following Chairman Combest's retirement in 2003, Jimmy came to work for me as my District Director and Deputy Chief of Staff. Jimmy's experience and counsel have made him an invaluable asset to my staff. Most notable, however, is Jimmy's ability to relate to his fellow farmers in West Texas and to help ensure I understand their business, their concerns and their role in District 19's economy. Again, Jimmy's guidance and his role as the voice of the farmers of my district were essential in helping me during the 2008 Farm Bill.

Jimmy is also a strong Christian and family man. He and Rita have two daughters, Jill and Randee, and five grandchildren: Caden, Kacie, Josh, Steffanie, and Gabbie, that I know he will now get to spend more time with. A 32nd degree Mason, Jimmy's public service has reached more than just the farmers in West Texas. He has served as a past member and Commander of the Lubbock County Sheriff's Reserve. A licensed pilot, Jimmy's hobbies include flying and home remodeling.

I am enormously appreciative to Jimmy for his hard work and for his contributions to improving the course of agriculture policy in the United States and in West Texas. More important, I am proud to count him as a friend. Those in District 19, including myself, thank him for a job well-done and extend to him our best wishes for his retirement/retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NORMAN BRINKER

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of restaurateur Norman Brinker.

Brinker, the chairman emeritus and former chief executive of Brinker International, died June 9th at the age of 78.

Brinker, the founder of Steak and Ale restaurant in 1966, built Brinker International into a restaurant giant. He is most well known for turning Chili's Grill and Bar restaurant from a string of local restaurants into a national chain owned by Brinker International. Brinker's illustrious restaurant career began in my Dallas area district in 1965, opening Brink's Coffee Shop, and I am deeply saddened by the loss of someone so influential to the history of the city.

In his time in the restaurant industry, Mr. Brinker has changed American casual dining, while touching the lives of many in the restaurant industry. At one time or another, essentially every major restaurant chain in the country had as its leader a former employee of Brinker.

Aside from his commitment to the restaurant industry, Mr. Brinker also served as a board member and important counsel for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation.

Mr. Brinker's legacy stands as a testament to interaction with the local community, and a foresight for changes in the restaurant community that would remain for years to come. I ask my fellow members of Congress to join me in honoring Norman Brinker and his impact both in the Dallas area and nationwide.

RECOGNIZING MASSACHUSETTS FOR RESOLUTION

**HON. NIKI TSONGAS**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Ms. TSONGAS. Madam Speaker, as the House is soon to consider comprehensive climate change legislation, I would like to illustrate how individual states stand ready to lead the effort to combat global warming and are willing to take extremely ambitious and necessary stands. On March 12th, my home state of Massachusetts passed a resolution committing to re-power America with 100 percent clean electricity in the next ten years. The resolution was successful in large part because of the tireless efforts of Massachusetts Power Shift, a grassroots organization of climate advocates. Global warming is no longer an academic question for scientists to ponder. It's a very real crisis that requires American leadership. This is not a political issue; this is a critical generational responsibility that will take a commitment from every American. The renewable technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and move towards energy independence exist; the societal will and desire to go green have been demonstrated; and the political climate to finally create sound public policy to do so is now present. Re-powering America with clean energy will create jobs, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions—the clearest solution to preserving our natural treasures for future generations. I am proud to represent the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and congratulate its legislature for such a resolution.

CONDEMNING THE MURDER OF STEPHEN TYRONE JOHNS

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to share in the nation's shock, outrage, and sorrow at the tragic shooting today at the U.S. Holocaust Museum here in Washington. My heart and prayers go out to the family of the young security guard, Stephen Tyrone Johns, who was killed in this senseless crime.

Senator FRANK LAUTENBERG, who serves on the board for the museum, noted the irony that this hateful act took place in this beautiful, peaceful place; a sort of thoughtful sanctuary dedicated to ensuring that the evil of the holocaust never again gains a foothold on this earth. How right he is. How many times must this museum serve to teach the world about the horrible power of hate?

Earlier this week, this body considered two resolutions, one condemning the killing of Dr. George Tiller and one condemning the killing of Army Private William Long and the wounding of Army Private Quinton Ezeagwula. Like today's killing, these acts were simply reprehensible. The taking of innocent life cannot be justified.

Our society has traveled down a road that should never have been trodden. Human life has been devalued. Violence has been glorified. The gift of living has lost its meaning. In accepting his Nobel Prize, Dr. Martin Luther King said, "Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love." As a people, we must promote life, we must celebrate this miracle. And, as a Congress, we must lead the way with laws that protect all, particularly the most vulnerable amongst us, and that encourage loving, life-affirming ways.

46TH ANNIVERSARY OF EQUAL PAY ACT

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the anniversary of an important milestone in our American history.

Today marks the 46th anniversary of the passage of the Equal Pay Act.

In 1963, Congress passed the Equal Pay Act to prohibit employers from wage discrimination on the basis of someone's sex.

This groundbreaking shift was a game-changer for women who were before, and in many places still are, treated as unequals in the workplace.

It was important to level the playing field.

It was important to provide equal pay for equal work.

And it's important for us today to remember that we need more game-changers—that there are more wrongs to right, and that there are inequalities and injustices to remedy.

That those things over which we have no control—our race, our gender, our sexual orientation, our disabilities—should not divide us

or preclude anyone from achieving success and providing for his or her family.

The enactment of the EPA was only the first step, and while women's salaries have risen dramatically, we have more work to do to end employment and pay discrimination.

Let's remember that all Americans are created equal and deserve equal treatment.

We should keep that in mind, not just today on this anniversary, but every day.

CONGRATULATING PATTY DURANT, RECIPIENT OF THE AHWATUKEE FOOTHILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2009 WOMEN IN BUSINESS PALO VERDE AWARD

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the achievements of Patty Durant as the recipient of the 2009 Women in Business Palo Verde Award. The Ahwatukee Foothills Chamber recently honored Patty at the Ahwatukee Women in Business Faces of Success event, which recognizes present and future businesswomen. The award is given to female Chamber members who are role models for other women in business.

Patty is involved with her local business community in many different ways. She is a long-time Ahwatukee Foothills Chamber of Commerce member, treasurer of the Board of Directors, and past chairwomen of its women in business committee. For the past two years, she has served on the Tukee Home Tour committee, a group which organizes events to allow participants the opportunity to view remodeled homes in the community. In addition to her involvement with the chamber, she is a sales representative for Ahwatukee Foothills and Tempe offices of Empire Title Agency.

Presently, Patty serves as a co-chair of the Chamber Scholarship sub-committee, evi-

dence of her commitment to the support of future businesswomen. At the same event at which she was honored for her achievements, she presented 2009 Desert Vista High School graduate Dana Wygle with the Ahwatukee Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Scholarship award.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Patty Durant for her contributions to her local business community and her efforts to encourage the endeavors of future businesswomen.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2009 SHELTER HOUSE, INC. VOLUNTEER AWARDS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 10, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Shelter House, Inc., and more particularly the contributions that its volunteers make in service to our community. Shelter House and its outstanding volunteers serve Northern Virginia by coming to the aid of some of those most in need of support and assistance. Volunteers are critical in helping Shelter House achieve its mission of breaking the cycle of homelessness by providing crisis intervention, temporary housing, training, counseling, and programs to promote self sufficiency.

Shelter House is a community-based, non-profit organization. It was formed in 1981 when several ecumenical groups came together to better serve low-income individuals and families. Shelter House operates two shelters, the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter and the Patrick Henry Family Shelter, which provide temporary housing for families in our community who find themselves homeless. In addition, Shelter House offers transitional housing services throughout Fairfax County. As part of the effort to stop the cycle of homelessness, the services provided by Shelter

House continue even after individuals enter permanent housing.

Individuals, organizations, and businesses dedicate their time, money, and wherewithal to help Shelter House succeed in its efforts to end homelessness in Fairfax County. These relationships are critical assets to Shelter House and a leading cause for its successes. Shelter House has recognized the specific contributions from its partners and volunteers and named the following recipients of its 2009 Volunteer Awards: Ending Homelessness Award: Lord of Life Lutheran Church; Youth Volunteer Award: Simrun Soni; Unsung Hero Award: Mary Joyce; Special Events Award: Jack and Jill of Northern Virginia; Friend of Shelter House Kids Award for the Patrick Henry Family Shelter: Ira Kirschbaum; Friend of Shelter House Kids Award for the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter: Ron Koch; Community Partner Award for the Patrick Henry Family Shelter: Interior Redesign Industry Specialists, National Capitol Area; Community Partner Award for the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter: Clifton Community Women's Club; and Community Champion Awards: Miller and Smith; Junior League of Northern Virginia and Capital One.

The outstanding efforts of the above-mentioned individuals and organizations merit special recognition, but one must acknowledge the impact of all Shelter House volunteers who work to provide secure and structured environments for families and connect them with the supportive services they require. These volunteers help make Shelter House one of the most effective organizations in the battle to end homelessness by empowering families to reach their full potential.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude for the efforts of these volunteers and their colleagues at Shelter House. The selfless commitment of these individuals provides enumerable benefits to Northern Virginia as a community as well as life-changing services to the individuals in need.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 16

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for ballistic missile defense programs; to be possibly followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-106

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine new ideas for sustainable development and economic growth.

SD-538

10 a.m.

## Finance

To hold hearings to examine climate change legislation, focusing on tax considerations.

SD-215

10:30 a.m.

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Inez M. Tenenbaum, Chair, Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

SR-253

2 p.m.

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

To hold hearings to examine pandemic influenza preparedness and the federal workforce.

SD-342

2:15 p.m.

## Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 962, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to promote an enhanced strategic partnership with Pakistan and its people; to be immediately followed by a business meeting in SD-419, to consider the nominations of Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Christopher William Dell, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, and Patricia A. Butenis, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and

without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, all of the Department of State.

S-116, Capitol

2:30 p.m.

## Armed Services

## Airland Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for Army modernization and management of the Future Combat Systems Program.

SR-222

## Judiciary

## Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine cell phone text messaging rate increases and the state of competition in the wireless market.

SD-226

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Julius Genachowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairman, and Robert Malcolm McDowell, of Virginia, to be a Member, both of the Federal Communications Commission.

SR-253

## Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the status and progress of New Orleans hurricane and flood prevention and coastal Louisiana restoration.

SD-406

## Appropriations

## Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Small Business Administration and the General Services Administration.

SD-138

## Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider Affordable Health Choices Act, subcommittee assignments, and any pending nominations.

SR-325

## Energy and Natural Resources

## National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the National Park Service and proposed expenditures under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

SD-366

## Armed Services

## SeaPower Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for Navy shipbuilding programs.

SR-232A

JUNE 17

10 a.m.

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

## Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine aviation safety, focusing on the role and responsibility of commercial air carriers and employees.

SR-253

## Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Justice.

SD-226

2 p.m.

## Aging

To hold hearings to examine Social Security in the 21st Century.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine over-the-counter derivatives, focusing on modernizing oversight to increase transparency and reduce risks.

SD-538

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the consumer wireless experience.

SR-253

## Energy and Natural Resources

## Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 409, to secure Federal ownership and management of significant natural, scenic, and recreational resources, to provide for the protection of cultural resources, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, S. 782, to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, S. 874, to establish El Rio Grande Del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, S. 1139, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, and S. 1140, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon.

SD-366

3 p.m.

## Armed Services

## Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for military construction, environmental, and base closure programs.

SR-222

JUNE 18

2:30 p.m.

## Armed Services

## Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2010 and the Future Years Defense Program for United States Special Operations Command.

SR-222

JUNE 23

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

## Personnel Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.

SR-232A

11 a.m.

## Armed Services

## Airland Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.

SR-222

2 p.m.

## Armed Services

## Strategic Forces Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.

SR-222

3:30 p.m.

Armed Services  
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee  
Closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.

SR-232A

5:30 p.m.

Armed Services  
SeaPower Subcommittee  
Closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.

SR-222

JUNE 24

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services  
Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee  
Closed business meeting to mark up those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.

SR-232A

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Veterans Affairs quality management activities.

SR-418

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services  
Closed business meeting to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.

SR-222

JUNE 25

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services  
Closed business meeting to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.

SR-222

JUNE 26

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services  
Closed business meeting to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.

SR-222