

c. attending or entering an institution of higher learning (2 or 4 year college, vocational school, bible college, etc.) that is regionally or nationally accredited

d. Military dependents who are registered in DEERS

The ARA will submit any changes to the eligibility standards to this office for approval before implementation. It is understood that ARA is solely responsible for selection and notification of scholarship awardees.

The Army Reserve G-1 will make information available to the Army Reserve Major Subordinate Commands regarding the scholarships and forward all applications to ARA for processing as outlined in your letter.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sergeant Major Gary Martz of the Army Reserve G-1, at (404) 464-9011.

Sincerely,

JACK C. STULTZ,
Lieutenant General,
U.S. Army Chief, Army Reserve.

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Chair, the amendment offered by Representative SCHIFF of California would allow a federally funded research and development center (FFRDC) under the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) to apply for grants made available by the Department of Defense. Of NASA's ten field centers, there is only one FFRDC—the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)—in Pasadena, California. The amendment would allow this NASA center to do the "research, development, demonstration, or transfer of technology . . . for activities including, but not limited to, those conducted by the center under contact with or on behalf of the Department of Defense."

NASA is a civilian agency, doing civilian work that affects every American in various ways. It must not become too closely associated with the Department of Defense. NASA's mission is to pioneer scientific discovery, aeronautics research and space exploration, not to conduct research for the benefit of the Department of Defense.

At a time when these programs may be facing extensive funding cuts, allowing NASA's field centers to focus solely on carrying out NASA's mission could not be of more importance. Allowing JPL to apply for these grants would set a precedent that could pave the way for other NASA centers to follow suit. NASA is prohibited by law from accepting these grants from the Department of Defense for a reason. NASA should not be doing the work of the Department of Defense and should remain a distinct entity doing strictly civilian work for civilian benefits. It should be fully funded in order to allow it to do so.

HONORING THE MINUTE MAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, the resolution that I am introducing today with the gentlewoman from Massachusetts, Ms. TSONGAS, honors the Minute Man National Historical Park in Massachusetts on its upcoming 50th anniversary. Since being established in September 1959, the Minute Man National Historical Park has played a vital role in protecting and preserving the historic sites in the towns of Lexington, Lincoln, and Concord, where the American Revolution began. As the July 4th holiday approaches, it is fitting that we also have the opportunity to recognize Minute Man for its critical role in educating millions of Americans about the ideals of freedom and democracy that were embodied in the American Revolution and are the cornerstones of our Nation.

The Minute Man National Historical Park recognizes the people, places and events that have become enduring symbols of our shared American values. The park includes many important sites and landscapes along the historic 22-mile route from Boston to Concord, known as the "Battle Road" where British soldiers and American militia first clashed on April 19, 1775. The park includes the famed North Bridge in Concord, MA, where American militia were first ordered to return British fire. This heroic action was commemorated by the great American laureate Ralph Waldo Emerson in "The Concord Hymn" as "the shot heard round the world." The park commemorates Paul Revere's "midnight ride" on the night of April 18, 1775, to raise the alarm for the residents of Concord, Massachusetts, that the British were marching to destroy military stockpiles.

The Minute Man National Historical Park continues to serve as a vital and enduring educational resource not only to the American people, but also to people all around the globe. The Minute Man National Historical Park plays a vital role in protecting these special places in Massachusetts where the fight for our democracy began and providing a true benefit to our Nation.

A TRIBUTE TO FRANK REYES FOR A LIFETIME DEDICATION TO EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to my good friend Frank Reyes, an exceptional educator who has helped the San Bernardino Community College District become a national leader in programs designed to meet a diverse student body.

Frank Reyes has been involved in education in San Bernardino County for more than three

decades, beginning with receiving a bachelors and masters degree from California State University, San Bernardino, and culminating in his current position as Executive Director of Governmental Affairs for the 16,000-student San Bernardino Community College District.

Prior to joining the district management team, Frank worked as a counselor, professor, Director of Community Services and Director of the Counseling Department. He has shown a dedication to his hometown, and the students there, which has paid huge dividends for the community college district. He is part of the team that has helped keep costs down, while improving the campuses and their quality of education. This has helped make the two colleges—Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa, and Valley College in San Bernardino—among the most diverse in the Nation.

In his current role in administration, Frank has been extremely successful at winning competitive government grants for the community college district. After a major earthquake in 1992 made nearly all of the buildings at the Valley College campus unsafe, Frank led a team that secured Federal Emergency Management Agency funds to build a new library, health and human services building, administration and student services building. Most recently, the campus has added a 37,000-square-foot campus center, a new art building and modern gallery.

I was proud to work closely with Frank in bringing funding to deserving projects for the colleges. Thanks largely to his hard work, the Federal Aviation Administration provided \$12.6 million for a new state-of-the-art fire academy that focuses on commercial aviation fires. Located at the San Bernardino International Airport, the facility attracts students from all over the country for real-life training on a jet fuselage. Most recently, I was delighted to work with Frank in winning the donation to Crafton Hills College of the swimming pool used in the 2004 Olympic Trials, which will be part of a recreation facility used by both the students and the community.

Frank has developed a national reputation for education excellence, serving on the International Development Team in Spain in May 2006, as well as the Defense Department's partnership with the Hispanic Associations of Colleges and Universities (HACU). Frank was also selected to be part of the U.S. Delegation to China in February 2006. The delegation continues its work on business, education and cultural exchanges. He has been a national leader with HACU, ensuring a significant federal funding increase for schools with significant Hispanic student bodies.

His community involvement beyond the colleges has been widely recognized—he has been listed in the Inland Empire Magazine as one of The Most Influential Hispanics and was named Latino of the Year by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He has been Chairman of the Board for the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center Foundation for two years, and is an active Board member of the Hands of Mercy, an organization which builds loft houses for the indigent.

Madam Speaker, after three decades of service to the students and people of San Bernardino County, Frank Reyes is retiring from the community college district. Please join me in thanking him for his hard work and dedication, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LARRY KISSELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. KISSELL. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, I missed two rollcall votes as I was attending a White House briefing on the Energy bill. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall number 428, and "no" on rollcall number 429.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Madam Speaker, due to a meeting at the White House, a Financial Services Committee Hearing and other commitments, I was unavoidably absent for certain votes this week. I would like the record to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 453, 454, 457, 458 and 460 and voted "nay" on rollcall votes 427, 455, 456, and 459.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF DON GILKEY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of an agricultural icon in California, Mr. Don Gilkey of Corcoran, California. Don passed away on May 24, 2009 at the age of 74. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Moonyeen Gilkey, three children and several grandchildren.

Don Gilkey was born on February 3, 1935 in Corcoran, California to Margaret and Ralph Gilkey. Don graduated in 1952 from Corcoran High School. In 1953 he left for the University of California, Berkeley, where he played football and rugby all four years of college. Don was a lineman and punter for the Cal Berkeley Bears and in 1956 was voted the team captain. He was named First Team All Pacific Coast and Second Team A.P. All-American. In August 1956, during his senior year, Don married the love-of-his life, Moonyeen Apperson, and they spent their first year of marriage in Berkeley while Don finished college. After graduating from Cal, Don spent a short period of time as an officer with the U.S. Army. Upon returning, Don declined several offers to become a professional football player, deciding instead to return home to Corcoran where he would become an integral part of the family farming business.

In 1958, Don became a partner with his brother Charles and brothers-in-law Don Riddle and Ken DeVaney in the family farming operation. Soon thereafter, the family partnership grew to include another brother-in-law, Bill Bondurant. During his farming career, Don farmed cotton, grain, alfalfa and raised turkeys. In 1962, the family farming operation

was such a success they decided to build their own cotton gin and the company went on to successfully bale 30,000 to 60,000 bales per year at their peak.

In 1966, one of Don's many community efforts became a reality when a new football stadium was built. In appreciation of Don's efforts, the following year the community of Corcoran overwhelmingly named Don Gilkey as their "Citizen of the Year". His community involvement was boundless. For many years, Mr. Gilkey served on the board of directors for Lakeland Dusters Aviation and Commercial Tire. He was a three-term board member and president of the Corcoran Unified School District board of trustees, president of the Corcoran Chamber of Commerce, member of the Corcoran Hospital Foundation, a lifelong member and trustee of the Corcoran First United Methodist Church, a long time member of Corcoran's Rotary Club, board member of the California Wheat Commission and the California Wheat Growers Association, past delegate to the National Cotton Council, member of Class V of the California Agricultural Leadership Program and for several years Don served as a board member of the California Ammonia Company. Don was honored as a member of the "65 Club", a select group of farmers chosen for their achievement in agriculture production, farm and community leadership. This special honor was given to him in 1982 in Washington, D.O by then U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John R. Black during the National Agriculture Day ceremonies.

It goes without saying that Mr. Don "Donnie" Gilkey's dedication to his family, the family farm and his community have earned him a legacy of respect and enormous appreciation from Central Valley farmers, the Corcoran community and the agriculture industry. He will forever be remembered as "Don Gilkey, The Big Man with the Big Heart". I am honored and humbled to celebrate the life of this amazing man and agricultural icon.

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Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Chair, I rise today as a cosponsor of this important amendment and urge of all of my colleagues to support it. I thank the Gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) for his tireless advocacy on addressing human rights issues, and I would like to recognize Cindy Buhl on his staff and Jamila Thompson in my office for their hard work on this issue.

The McGovern-Sestak-Bishop-Lewis amendment would allow public access to the names of graduates and instructors at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation formerly known as the School of the

Americas. This military institution, based at Ft. Benning in Georgia, is known throughout the region for its questionable teachings and record of its graduates.

This amendment is simply about transparency. By revealing the names of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation attendees, we can shine the light of accountability and truth on an institution that is unnecessarily shrouded in secrecy. We can show our regional neighbors that we seek to be their partners in peace, and not co-conspirators of aggression.

I urge all of my colleagues to support the McGovern-Sestak-Bishop-Lewis amendment. Mr. Chair, with this amendment we can show that the intentions of the United States reflect a more cooperative foreign policy and a renewed commitment to international human rights standards.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. BOYD. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend to a vote on May 20, 2009. Had I been present, my vote would have been "yea" on H.R. 2352, Job Creation Through Entrepreneurship Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA FESTIVAL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of La Sagrada Familia Festival being held this June 26 through 28, 2009 and in remembrance of Reverend David F. Fallon, founding pastor of La Sagrada Familia Parish. This year's celebration is the twenty-fifth annual Latin American Festival and is being held at the Sagrada Familia Parish in Cleveland, Ohio.

The members of the La Sagrada Familia Parish in Cleveland have a long history of dedication to our community and to empowering Cleveland's diverse Latin American community. This year's celebration will feature live music, cultural dances, children's activities and a talent show that highlight the rich culture of the Latin American community. This year's honoree, Reverend David Fallon, became the founding pastor of Sagrada Familia on April 11, 1998 and continued in that role until his death on May 1, 2009. Under his direction, La Sagrada Familia became a source of strength and support for people of all ethnic and religious backgrounds. Father Fallon initiated numerous programs and organized church volunteers to serve the community through social service, employment and education initiatives.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the La Sagrada Familia Festival as they honor the memory of Reverend David F. Fallon at the 25th annual Latin American Festival. I offer my best wishes for a joyous celebration of culture and community.