

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

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HONORING STAFF SERGEANT ORY MARIONEUX, SR. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BILL CASSIDY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Staff Sergeant Ory Marioneaux, Sr., U.S. Army, on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on October 28, 1919, Ory Marioneaux has lived in Baton Rouge nearly all his 90 years. He graduated from McKinley High School in 1940 and rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army, fighting for our country in the European Theatre of World War II in 1942.

After his honorable discharge from military service, Ory returned to Baton Rouge and was reunited with his wife, Mary Agnes Honore, with whom he raised eight children, twenty-two grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Ory worked in service to the people of Baton Rouge throughout his career, both as a private contractor and public employee. Ory worked as a maintenance supervisor for the Housing Authority, a construction supervisor for the city of Baton Rouge, and a teacher of the World War II defense program at Southern University.

Ory Marioneaux has led a life of service to his country and devotion to his family that should serve as an example to us all. I join his family in wishing him, on behalf of a grateful country, a happy 90th birthday.

BAY PINES HOSPITAL AND EMPLOYEES NAMED BEST IN THE VA

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, the Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital at Bay Pines, Florida, which I have the great honor to represent, will be honored Friday with the prestigious Robert W. Carey Trophy Award for Performance Excellence.

The hospital and its hundreds of dedicated employees and volunteers are being recognized with this, the Department's highest recognition across all its departments, including the Veterans Health Administration, the Veterans Benefits Administration, and the National Cemetery Administration.

Bay Pines was recognized by the VA last year as "A Top Quality Achiever" for organizational excellence in seven key areas: leadership; strategic planning; customer and market focus; measurement, analysis, and knowledge management; human resources; process management; and results.

With this award, Bay Pines is not just one of the best hospitals and VA organizations, it is the very best anywhere in the nation. This just confirms what veterans in the Tampa Bay area already know.

Hospital Director Wallace Hopkins and the entire team at Bay Pines work hard to provide veterans with the highest quality care they deserve and have earned from a grateful nation. And Bay Pines does not rest on its laurels. The hospital and its staff continue to find ways to improve the delivery of care and services.

The hospital has opened a new and larger Emergency Room that doubles the capacity for emergency care services including emergency mental healthcare. Bay Pines has under construction a Radiation Oncology Center to provide veterans with state of the art cancer treatment. The design is being completed and the ground will be broken soon on a new Mental Health Center of Excellence that will bring together under one room and improve the delivery of specialized inpatient, outpatient, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder programs. And planning is underway for a new and larger Eye Care Clinic and Ambulatory Surgery Center.

The 2009 Carey Trophy Award is a great honor for all Bay Pines employees and is a signal that their dedication and hard work is recognized and appreciated. And it is appreciated the most by those who are the recipients of their professional and compassionate care—our nation's veterans and their families.

Madam Speaker, it is my hope that my colleagues will join me in saying well done to Wallace Hopkins and all the employees and volunteers at Bay Pines who work so hard and take such pride in honoring America's heroes everyday with the best health care services available anywhere in our great nation.

HONORING DENNIS DEYOUNG AS A "GREAT PERFORMER OF ILLINOIS"

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dennis DeYoung on his recognition as a Great Performer of Illinois. Great Performers of Illinois is an annual celebration of the very best art and culture in the State of Illinois. As both his talents and his humanitarian contributions to the State of Illinois attest, Mr. DeYoung is indeed worthy of recognition.

A musician from his youngest years, Mr. DeYoung found his audience when he formed the band that would later become Styx with a group of friends while growing up in Chicago. Over the course of Styx's storied career, Mr. DeYoung served as lead vocalist, songwriter, keyboardist, producer, and in many other capacities. The band's musical run has included a string of multi-platinum albums, worldwide fame, and top 10 hits in three different decades. That Styx remains one of the biggest-selling performers in the history of recorded music is a testament to Mr. DeYoung's remarkable talent and restless creativity. His numerous hits include such utterly original, distinctive, and memorable songs as "Lady," "Come Sail Away," "Babe," and "Mr. Roboto."

Mr. DeYoung's music is only part of his contribution to society. He is a tireless advocate and supporter of the fight against childhood cancer. In keeping with this mission, he performed a benefit concert in Chicago on October 24th, with proceeds going to the cause of childhood cancer research.

I ask you to join me in honoring Dennis DeYoung for his remarkable achievements in both music and society, and his recognition as a Great Performer of Illinois.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR LESLIE G. WILSON—SCOTTSDALE HEALTHCARE'S "SALUTE TO MILITARY" HONOREE

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a member of the Armed Forces from my home state of Arizona. Each month, Scottsdale Healthcare honors service members who perform diligent service to this country. For October, they recognized Major Leslie G. Wilson.

I commend Scottsdale Healthcare for paying tribute to such an outstanding service member for her bravery and service to our country.

During her military career, Major Wilson has been deployed three times as a military nurse officer. Most recently, Wilson was deployed in

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Iraq where she saved lives, cared for the wounded and served her country with great distinction.

Beyond her tours of duty, Wilson is devoted to educating and training our military personnel. She teaches life-saving skills to military personnel so they will be able to provide the best possible care when deployed and under wartime conditions.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing this outstanding Air Force Nurse Corps leader for serving our country and protecting the lives of fellow service men and women in combat.

SOLAR TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP
ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3585) to guide and provide for United States research, development, and demonstration of solar energy technologies, and for other purposes:

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong support of the Solar Technology Roadmap Act because I believe that a strong commitment to solar technology is essential if we're going to lead our country into a robust clean energy economy.

I want to commend my colleague from New York, Mr. HINCHEY, for his leadership and for partnering with me to ensure that there's a diverse regional balance in the Solar Technology Roadmap.

I'd especially like to thank Chairman GORDON for incorporating the Israel Amendment into his Manager's Amendment. This language requires the Solar Roadmap Committee to work with the Departments of Interior and Defense, the National Park Service, and the General Services Administration on the potential for solar demonstration projects on federal lands. We must be using all the resources we have to tap into renewable energy.

We have significant resources in the National Parks and on military bases around the country. Just last month, I was hiking in the Grand Canyon and realized the enormous potential for renewable energy on the roofs of visitors centers alone. This past spring I was at Fort Drum touring the expansive land available there for a robust solar installation that will contribute to an independent energy supply for the base. Our National Parks and federal lands should be landmarks for innovation, efficiency and renewable energy.

Currently, National Parks' renewable energy generation rates are only 1.5 percent of their total average need. The Park Service needs to install 5.8 MW of renewable energy sources between now and 2013 to meet current federal mandates. Just 50 of our 391 National Parks use 80 percent of the total energy consumed by the National Park Service. Solar demonstration projects in these high-use parks could tremendously reduce the energy consumption of the entire National Park system.

The DOD is the single largest energy user in the United States. Any marginal increases in efficiency or the use of renewable sources

could have significant impacts on civilian supply. According to DOD reports, the military consumes 1.2 percent of the energy required in the entire country. By 2013, the military must acquire 7.5 percent of its electricity from renewables. Energy is not just an economic and environmental issue, but this shows that it's a national security issue as well.

Again, I thank the gentleman for yielding and look forward to continuing to work with him to reform U.S. energy policy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately on October 26, 2009, I was unable to cast my votes on H. Res. 368 and H. Res. 562 and wish the RECORD to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 814 on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 368, Congratulating the University of Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling team on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championships, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 815 on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 562, Congratulating Syracuse University for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Mens Lacrosse Tournament, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Monday, October 26 and Tuesday, October 27, 2009, I was unfortunately unable to be present for recorded votes while at home recovering from a collapsed lung.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall vote No. 814 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 368, as amended), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 815 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 562), "no" on rollcall vote No. 816 (on the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2996), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 817 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2489, as amended), and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 818 (on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 854).

RECOGNIZING THE "SWEATS FOR
VETS" INITIATIVE

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the "Sweats for Vets" initiative taking place in Virginia's 10th District, which I am honored to represent in Congress.

When I visited Walter Reed Army Medical Center during August recess, I learned about

an effort being undertaken by groups of veterans and other organizations across the United States to provide "pieces of home" to our wounded warriors in veterans' hospitals. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1177, based in Leesburg, Virginia, is one of these groups. Their "Sweats for Vets" program has provided sweatpants, sweatshirts, and books to patients at the Martinsburg Veterans Hospital, as part of the hospital's support program. This gesture helps make a hospital more comfortable for our wounded soldiers.

The town of Purcellville, also located in the 10th District, has joined with VFW Post 1177 and American Legion Post 293 in collecting sweat sets for patients in local veterans' hospitals. The "Sweats for Vets" initiative has become a tremendous morale booster. I would like to recognize the Purcellville mayor, Bob Lazaro, for leading the initiative in the town. By undertaking this project, he is leading an important effort to help our wounded warriors and improve their stay in the hospital.

I salute the efforts of both VFW Post 1177 and the town of Purcellville, to help bring comfort to those service personnel recovering in veterans' hospitals.

HONORING HENRY GAWRONSKI

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Henry Gawronski, a lifelong resident of Bucks County and dedicated public servant. For 44 years, Henry has served his country and his community, whether through his time in the Navy, his positions on the school board, or as a Township Supervisor.

Henry graduated from Central Bucks High School in 1955, and shortly thereafter enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He retired from the Navy twenty years later in July of 1975 and devoted his time to his auto body business on a fulltime basis. He has five children and was deeply involved in the school board, serving as Treasurer, Vice-President, and President of the Palisades School Board during his six years of service beginning in 1980.

In 1983, Henry became one of the founding members of the Palisades Republican Club. He felt that the formation of the this club would help unite the Republicans in his rural area and encourage local, county, and state candidates to attend so community members could see, hear, and question what they had to say in person.

Henry became a Township Supervisor in January of 1988. During his eighteen year tenure, he has served as Vice-Chairman and Chairman. In 1989, he spearheaded the project to build an addition to the Nockamixon Township Building, and managed to fund it through donations of money and labor—at no cost to the township. Six years ago, he made his dream of a huge party for the township a reality by forming and helping coordinate an annual Nockamixon Township Community Day. Generous donations allow residents and guests to be treated to free entertainment, food, and door prizes.

Henry has devoted the better portion of his life to public service—20 years in the Navy, 6

years on the Palisades School Board, and 18 years as a Nockamixon Township Supervisor. Throughout this time, he has been a dedicated husband, father of five, and grandfather of six.

His commitment to service and the dedication he has shown to improving his community are a model for others. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Henry Gawronski for his outstanding efforts, and am extremely honored to serve as his Congressman.

INTRODUCING THE SERVICEMEMBER STUDENT LOAN INTEREST RELIEF ACT

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, our brave student servicemembers defending the United States in Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries abroad are often charged interest on their federal college student loans while deployed. Because this interest is costly and unfair, I rise today to introduce the Servicemember Student Loan Interest Relief Act to end the practice.

This legislation builds upon a provision included in the Higher Education Opportunity Act (H.R. 4137) in the 110th Congress, which prevents interest from accruing on loans originated after October 2008 during activations. The provision provided important relief to servicemembers who intended to take out loans in the future, but it did not address those who currently had student loan debt.

The bill I introduce today corrects that issue and provides interest relief to all active duty servicemembers with eligible loans. Our students in uniform could save up to \$1,479 during a 12- to 15-month activation under this bill, according to estimates.

As our servicemembers put themselves in harm's way, the least we can do is put their student loans on hold until they return home. I'm pleased to work with Senator BAYH on this important issue.

I urge passage of this legislation and yield back the balance of my time.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the World War II veterans from my district who are traveling to Washington, DC with Honor Flight Chicago, a program whose goal is to provide as many World War II veterans as possible the opportunity to see the World War II Memorial here in Washington, DC, a memorial that was built to honor their courage and service.

The American veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsman traveling here today answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave

Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorial. I am proud to submit the names of these men for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing thanks.

Dominick "Duke" Adducci, John J. Aldworth, Alvin Henry Arbeiter, Richard Batzkall, Raymond Bernard Beckman, Ralph Borgatell, William A. Boss, Halfdan Bruness, Albert Bruno, James M. Bulsback, John M. Collier, George W. Cvek, Frank "Fritz" DeLuca, Peter Ference, Nathan Firestone, Robert Foley, James C. Forster, Ernest "Ernie" Halverson, Harvey H. Hammerlund, Emmitt D. Hays, Richard A. Heffernan, Margaret J. Heinkel, Harold E. Heinkel, LeRoy "Lee" Herrick, Robert F. Holbach, George "Hoppy" Hopkins, Jr., David L. Jack, Jerome "Jerry" Jeslis, Rex L. Jones, William C. Jones, Robert C. Judd, Enoch Kanaya, George "Fred" Kays, Robert Knudsen, William B. Koerber, Phillip LaMantia, James L. Lausa, Wilbur Lewis, Pasqual "Pat" Lorenzo, Edward Malatesta, Gerald "Jerry" Mares, John E. McCambridge, Donnan A. McKie, Norbert M. Melsek, Anthony "Tony" Nauer, Kenneth G. Pearson, Melvin S. Peich, Antonio R. Petrella, Adam Petrolino, Richard A. Pfundstein, Budd E. Revesz, William V. Ried, Anthony Rizzo, Harry Ross, Andrew "Bud" Ryder, Victor Schaedel, Norbert M. Schmuttenmaer, Walter E. Silge, Joseph B. Smart, Victor Sneller, Harvey "Harv" Sorensen, Harold Stanton, Allen "Lefty" Stauffer, Joseph Frank Stedronsky, Aloysius V. Sulka, Eugene E. Sullivan, Frank S. Summer, Roger D. Thorngren, George S. Trunek, Earl Uberfall, Truex "Bill" Upchurch, Gene Urban, Tony Vallos, Michael J. Vivona, Edward J. Walz, Edwin E. Wenta, Merle L. Younce, Chester Zdunek, Seymour Zimmerman, Stanley M. Zmuda, Joseph F. Zver.

CONGRATULATING SUSAN S. RINGLER, THE TEMPE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S 2009 HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Susan "Sue" Ringler, who has been named as the 2009 Humanitarian of the Year by the Tempe Community Council. The Tempe Community Council was founded in 1972 with the mission of "connecting those in need with those who care," and has been honoring exceptional individuals with the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award for the past 26 years. Sue exemplifies the definition of a humanitarian, and is incredibly deserving of this award.

Sue has worked to serve her community and the city of Tempe in numerous and incredible ways. Currently a faculty associate with Arizona State University's School of Nursing and Healthcare Innovation at the West Campus, Sue is also the pastor of Guardian Angels Catholic Community. In the past, Sue was the manager of Paz de Cristo food kitch-

en in Mesa when it began in 1988, and worked to make sure that this kitchen had a permanent location to feed the homeless. Sue also served as manager of Ten Thousand Villages, a non-profit fair trade shop that sells crafts made in third world countries and sends the profits directly back to the artists. Sue also played a critical role in the development of both the Interfaith Hospitality Emergency Lodging Program and Tempe Homeless Connect.

Sue has contributed so much to the Tempe community with her unwavering devotion to helping the homeless and those in need. She is a role model for our community, and demonstrates what it truly means to be a humanitarian. Please join me, Madam Speaker, in congratulating Sue for receiving the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award, and for recognizing all of her past achievements.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that will benefit the Second Congressional District of Michigan as part of H.R. 3183.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE HOEKSTRA

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Detroit District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226-2550

Description of Request: Provide funding for operations and maintenance of Saugatuck Harbor. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance account.

W.C. 'DUB' JONES

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, Today I come to remember W.C. "Dub" Jones of Port Arthur, Texas. Jones passed away on September 14, 2009 at the age of 69 after his fight against cancer. He was born in Bradley, Arkansas on June 20, 1940 to the late Tillman and Hattie Jones.

Jones moved to Port Arthur at a young age and later attended the local school. He began working in the late 1950's on inshore waterways of the Gulf Coast and then as a seaman serving abroad U.S. flagged cargo vessels. After spending several years out at sea, he went to work as a longshoreman in Port Arthur. Due to his continuous hard work, he rose to positions of greater influence and eventually became the Commissioner of the Port of Port Arthur in 2002.

He was known for his strong leadership and involvement with the local maritime industry

and Port of Port Arthur. Jones was a member of the International Longshoreman's Association Local No. 25 for 30 years. He served as president for 12 of those years. In 2001, Jones retired after years of service.

Jones was a great asset to the local union and the port. He was well admired for his work ethics and continued support. W.C. Jones leaves behind his wife of forty-nine years, Yvonne Jones and his son Tyrone Jones.

On behalf of the second congressional district of Texas, We will truly miss W.C. Jones. He has touched the lives of many and will be remembered for his service to Port Arthur, Texas.

MOVEMENT OF GUINEAN WOMEN
IN THE UNITED STATES

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the Movement of Guinean Women in the United States, the Commission for Guinean Forces Vives in the United States and Alliance Guinea for organizing today's demonstration in front of the State Department. These organizations were protesting the atrocities that continue to take place in Guinea West Africa.

I would also like to express my concerns regarding the use of violence against civilian protestors that erupted on September 28 resulting in the killing of at least 157 people and wounding more than 1,200. I strongly believe that all citizens of Guinea should be afforded the right to have their voices heard without the threat of violence. I condemn any actions that resulted in gross and egregious human rights abuses.

Even more appalling are the reports of physical and sexual violence against women. According to the Movement of Guinean Women in the United States, there has been an increase in violence against women since the military junta uprising took place. Women are being randomly raped and kidnapped, without recourse. Madam Speaker, these rapes are absolutely deplorable and those responsible must be brought to justice.

The eruption of violence has taken a mental and physical toll on the people of Guinea and there is a dire need for emergency care and humanitarian assistance. The United States as well as the International community must come together to provide much needed medical assistance.

I strongly support Secretary Clinton and the State Department's position on admonishing those who committed such injustices. I also concur with the Secretary's call to the current leadership of Guinea to control their military troops and allow an international investigation into the matter. The United States has insisted that the National Council for Democracy and Development respect the commitment it has made not to field candidates in Guinea's upcoming elections. This is integral to ensuring a peaceful transition back to a functional democracy.

Guinea West Africa has carried the torch of freedom since its independence from the French in 1958. The country has been an example to the rest of the region throughout its

history, as it was the first nation of French West Africa to gain its independence. That said, I am deeply concerned about the rising tensions within the country and its potential to ignite regional instability within the West African region.

HONORING MR. MERLIN
DUMBRILLE

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Mr. Merlin Dumbrielle, a revered and prolific voice of the community.

Merlin will retire today, October 30, 2009, after 58 years of broadcasting on WTCM Traverse City.

His long history with the station began when, at 8 years old, Merlin first entered WTCM with his father as they tuned the station's pianos. Fascinated by what he saw, Merlin returned 8 years later and has never left. Few could have foreseen the impact that the day would have not only on his life, but for the residents of greater Traverse City.

Merlin has been the voice of the Traverse City community for 58 years. He started his show on WTCM, Farm and Orchard Time, in 1963, for which he has won numerous state and local honors. It has become one of the longest continuously-running shows in the nation. During his time behind the microphone, he has been a voice for Northern Michigan farmers. He also served as the Farm Director, and the Public Affairs Director for the station.

Merlin has been a standard-bearer in the studio and without. His service to his community deserves high praise. He was a longtime producer and host of the National Cherry Festival and Parade. For the past 3 decades, he has also been the audio technician for the Central United Methodist Church Sunday broadcast.

Despite all of these momentous accomplishments, I'm sure Merlin will say that the biggest blessings of his life are June, his wife of 55 years, his three children, and his three grandchildren.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Michigan, I would like to extend my congratulations and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Merlin Dumbrielle and wishing him the best of luck in his retirement.

HONORING PATHSTONE CORPORATION'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ERIC J.J. MASSA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. MASSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize PathStone Corporation (formerly known as Rural Opportunities, Inc.) as it celebrates its 40th anniversary. PathStone is a not-for-profit regional community development and human service organization headquartered in Rochester, NY that provides vital services to low-income areas throughout the 29th Congressional District and beyond.

Its principle lines of business include: Farm-worker Training and Employment, Housing

Development, Homeownership Services and Small Business Lending, Training and Technical Assistance. These services continue to create substantial economic impact on New York's 29th. Critical economic impact metrics for the District include:

Total value of residential real estate developed: \$29,994,942.00.

Total value of first-time homebuyer mortgages: \$29,111,023.00.

Total value of housing rehabilitation and energy services: \$4,932,597.00.

Total value of multifamily preservation: \$8,704,000.00.

Total value of commercial properties: \$915,000.00.

Total number of businesses receiving financing from the PathStone Enterprise Center: 106 loans for a total of \$2,733,255.80

Total number of homeowners with foreclosure concerns helped by PathStone since March of 2008: 33

In these difficult economic times, it is encouraging to know that beneficial organizations such as this have not only survived the downturn, but are continuing to provide their vital services to current and new participants.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to formally acknowledge PathStone and its commitment to the disenfranchised through economic empowerment.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PINE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the Pine Grove Baptist Church located in my Congressional district right outside of Lineville, Alabama.

In 1909, a small group of Christians organized Pine Grove Baptist Church. In August of 1911, the congregation voted to build a new church, and over the years, the church has been renovated into what stands today. In 1988, a fellowship hall with a baptistery was added and stained glass windows were installed in the church. In 1997, the lightning-damaged steeple was replaced with a new lighted one.

In 2004, Brother Gwen McCollum, Jr. was licensed to preach and in 2009, Brother Terry Helms was ordained to preach.

On Sunday, November 8, 2009, the congregation will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Pine Grove Baptist Church. I congratulate this church on this important milestone, and wish the congregation all the best in its next century of ministry to the community.

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND
CANON ERNEST D. SILLERS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Reverend Canon Ernest

D. Sillers, the founder of St. Margaret's Episcopal School and two other Episcopal schools in Orange County. Orange County, California has been blessed by dynamic and dedicated leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Reverend Sillers dedicated his life and purpose to both God and education; he will be dearly missed.

Ernest Sillers was born October 2, 1910, in River John, Nova Scotia. When he was 18 years old, he answered his personal calling and decided to attend Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts. It was there he met the love of his life, Aldine, and they were married. Rev. Sillers graduated with a degree in theology and entered the ministry at First Baptist Church in Seabrook, New Hampshire. He studied for a master's degree and attended the Episcopal Seminary at Cambridge Seminary as a part-time student. His efforts led him to become an ordained Episcopal Priest. After serving in New England, Rev. Sillers moved to Pico Rivera where he was Vicar of the mission parish of St. Bartholomew. Because of his long time interest in education, Rev. Sillers obtained a teaching credential. In 1960, Rev. Sillers was called to be Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Downey, California. There, he was inspired to start his first school.

Fifteen years later, Ernest Sillers and Aldine were retired and living in Laguna Beach. The Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles had heard that people in the growing community of San Juan Capistrano would be served by an Episcopal church. He asked Rev. Sillers if he would be a temporary priest-in-chart to start the church and Sillers accepted. In October 1979, St. Margaret's Episcopal School was founded with 79 students and was located in temporary structures. The following year, the student population doubled and by 1986, a 12th grade class had graduated. Aldine, served as the school's founding librarian.

After the successful founding and growth of St. Margaret's, Rev. Sillers was ready for a new challenge. He went on to found St. John's Episcopal Church and School in Rancho Santa Margarita and, a few years later, St. Mary and All Angels Episcopal School in Aliso Viejo.

On October 15, 2009, Reverend Canon Ernest D. Sillers passed away. On behalf of all those who knew him, it is my honor to offer these remarks as a tribute to the life and legacy of Reverend Sillers. His life and presence will be sorely missed and I extend my condolences to his dear family and friends. His legacy of service and his vision of education live on.

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS
MONTH

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as the sixth annual National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. The theme for 2009, "Our Shared Responsibility," emphasizes the need for government agencies, businesses and especially private users to each take responsibility for their own online safety and not fall victim to cyber attacks that can spread to other users.

It is vital that the public is engaged and aware of how to properly utilize security software in order to protect their Social Security numbers, financial information, health information, and other personal data. We must all work together and take responsibility for securing our own networks and computers to ensure that government systems, personal data and even critical infrastructure remain safe from attack.

Improving public awareness of threats to home or office computer networks is a crucial step in working to make the Internet, and our critical data, more safe and secure. Due to the massive scope and scale of the Internet, fraud and malicious attacks will always persist in some form. However, educating the public about small steps, such as keeping up-to-date with the latest security patches or installing basic anti-virus software, can easily strengthen our economic and national security.

I applaud the Department of Homeland Security for sponsoring this month of outreach. As a Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of the House Cybersecurity Caucus, I will continue to fight to deliver the latest tools and training to support both our national security infrastructure, and the personal data of all Americans.

CONGRATULATING SANTA CLARA
UNIVERSITY AND CALIFORNIA
COLLEGE OF THE ARTS SOLAR
DECATHLON TEAM

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Team California, a partnership between Santa Clara University and California College of the Arts, for placing third in the Department of Energy's 2009 International Solar Decathlon. I congratulate the students, faculty, administration, and sponsors for their tremendous accomplishments.

The Solar Decathlon competition challenged university teams from around the globe to design, build, and operate a solar energy powered home that incorporates energy efficiency, architectural creativity, and an applicable living style in order to illustrate the benefits and practical application of green living.

The team of Santa Clara University and the California College of the Arts was one of only 20 teams from around the world selected to compete in the 2009 Solar Decathlon, the only schools from California and from the entire West Coast involved in the competition. SCU and CCA were among the smallest schools in the Decathlon, but they excelled in the competition and received top scores for their remarkable "Refract House."

En route to placing 3rd overall, Team California placed first in the Architecture and Communications contests and earned second place for Appliances, Home Entertainment, and Engineering in the design and structure of their home. Their efforts and outstanding achievements at the 2009 Solar Decathlon are to be highly commended, and their work will contribute significantly to the future designs of solar powered homes.

The "Refract House" offered a wide array of eco-friendly features, including aesthetically-pleasing solar photovoltaic arrays, radiant

heating and cooling, double-paned windows and doors and top-of-the line energy-efficient appliances. Moreover, the house was largely composed from recycled waste, illustrated by their walls composed of used billboards and salvaged redwood.

Through their work in the Solar Decathlon, Santa Clara University and the California College of the Arts have shown that it is within our grasp to reduce carbon emissions and live off renewable energy. Santa Clara University is demonstrating this even beyond the Solar Decathlon as well, recently earning recognition from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Partnership as one of the Nation's Top 20 Colleges and Universities using green power and qualifying for EPA's Green Power Leadership Club.

During the Decathlon competition, I had the pleasure of hosting a briefing in the U.S. Capitol during which the Team California members talked about their solar house, the technologies they used, and policy issues surrounding renewable energy. I was honored to have my California colleagues Representative ZOE LOFGREN and SAM FARR attend the briefing, and was proud of the work the students, faculty, and administrators did to educate Members of Congress and the public about the promise of renewable energy, which does not produce greenhouse gases and can reduce global warming.

Global warming threatens our economy, our coastal cities, and possibly the very existence of humanity. Expanding the use of renewable energy is a key development for improving American livelihoods and the livelihoods of individuals all over the world, who will gain greater control over their own lives as they gain control over the means of generating their energy, and the work of Team California will help to make that a reality.

The "Refract House" highlights the strengths and technological innovation of Silicon Valley, and I once again extend my congratulations and my thanks to Santa Clara University and the California College of the Arts for their strong representation of California and outstanding performance in the 2009 Solar Decathlon.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I want to state that yesterday I missed the final three rollcall votes of the day. Unfortunately I missed these votes because I had to return to my district.

Had I been present I would have voted "Nay" on rollcall vote No. 816 On Motion to Instruct Conferees—H.R. 2996—Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations, 2010.

Had I been present I would have voted "Yea" on rollcall vote No. 817 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—H.R. 2489—National Land Remote Sensing Outreach Act.

Lastly, had I been present I would have voted "Yea" on rollcall vote No. 818 On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 854—Recognizing Weber State University for the 120th anniversary of its founding as an institution of higher education.

HONORING DR. MARCO A. MASON

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and recognize Dr. Marco A. Mason, a distinguished medical sociologist and activist from the great state of New York. Dr. Mason is a living legend in Brooklyn, NY, not only is a professor at Medgar Evers College Department of Social and Behavior Sciences but he is a founding member of the Caribbean Women's Health Association, the Chairman/CEO of the Panamanian Council of New York Inc and the President of the Institute for Pan-American Affairs.

Additionally, Dr. Mason serves on the advisory boards for SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, the Caribbean Research Center and the Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Services. He is recognized in the Global Directory of "Who's Who in the World" and the Vice-Chairman of New York City Community Board No. 9.

Dr. Mason is widely acknowledged as a technical expert on U.S. immigration policy and he is an accredited practitioner in immigration law before the Immigration and Naturalization Court and the Board of Immigration Appeals. His principal scholarly interests include the United States' immigration policy impact on ethnic communities and patterns of Caribbean immigration in the Western Hemisphere. He was cited by the U.S. Department of Justice for his "Outstanding services in assisting immigrants with status adjustments."

He is a seasoned global traveler with extensive professional-related international tours throughout Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean. He serves as a United Nations Social and Economic Council delegate and in this capacity has hosted numerous international conferences and field tours to study public health systems.

Dr. Mason is the recipient of more than 150 awards for his "Dedicated service rendered to the Caribbean-American Community" and was recognized in the Medical Herald in a special feature entitled "Marco Mason: A Champion of Ethnicity."

Dr. Mason's story is a quintessential American Immigrant story. A proud Panamanian-American of Caribbean decent whose life's work is a testament to the virtues of courage and integrity.

Again, I rise to express the heartfelt appreciation and gratitude of all New Yorkers and the untold numbers of Brooklynites who are the beneficiaries of his outstanding life's work.

HONORING MIKE MILLS, OF FREEPORT, MINNESOTA AS A TRUE AMERICAN PATRIOT

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN. I rise today, Madam Speaker, to honor Staff Sergeant Mike Mills of Freeport, Minnesota, who is the first Minnesota recipient of The American Patriot

Award. He joins an exclusive group of only 8 American heroes who have been recognized by the American Patriot Project, comprised of nine volunteer organizations united by love of our national pastime, baseball, and a desire to honor those who have served in uniform.

Mike was wounded in 2005 in Iraq while serving with the Minnesota Army National Guard. On June 15, 2005 an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) exploded near Mike's vehicle. In the explosion he suffered a cracked clavicle and scapula bones, a dislocated shoulder and burns on more than 30 percent of his body. With extraordinary inner strength and the love and faith of his family and friends, he walked the long road of recovery. There are few awards that could properly acknowledge his service.

Given Mike's incredible experience, it would be understandable if he had turned to bitterness, sadness and anger. But, Mike turned around what he had gone through to help other veterans discharged or retired with injuries. He helps them turn their feelings of guilt, shame and failure into hope, pride and joy through his Web site, www.forthetveteran.com. By sharing his own powerful story through words and pictures, Mike has said to every veteran you are not alone and you will never be alone. It is a lesson that far too many veterans never hear, leaving them with feelings of isolation and guilt and depression. His Web site should be required reading for any returning citizen-soldier.

Like many veterans, Mike is the definition of a hero. But Mike stands out for his bravery and his sacrifice for our freedoms in a land thousands of miles away. I pray that Mike, his wife, Suki, and their children will continue to be a blessing to one another and to other veterans facing difficult times. I am so humbled to honor him today to this Congress, Madam Speaker.

REGARDING HEALTH CARE REFORM

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to show you the headlines from my community: "It's Official: It's a Stinker." And what's a stinker? According to the U.S. Census and the American Community Survey, in Los Angeles County 22.3 percent of the people do not have health insurance. In Long Beach, 18.8 percent have no insurance; in Compton, 25.5 percent. In other words, one out of four people are without health insurance. And that should matter to all of us.

Why are we the only industrialized nation that doesn't provide health care? Why is it that my friends on the other side of the aisle can support spending billions for a war, but we can't spend the same for health care? Something is wrong.

Today, the rising number of uninsured, along with the increasing costs of healthcare, has adversely affected our economy. The rising cost of health care burdens American businesses as they weigh health benefit costs against other business investments. It is estimated that by 2015, the share of the national economy devoted to health care will increase

from 14 to 20 percent. Growing health care expenses make our businesses much less competitive in the global marketplace, and restrict job creation here at home. In addition, every percentage increase in the unemployment rate results in 1 million more people becoming uninsured. Providing health care for the uninsured costs insured American families an extra \$100 billion every year.

I applaud Congress and the Senate for stepping up and tackling this problem. We need to do this, and we need to do it now. The hour is late, the need is great, we cannot wait. Congress must pass comprehensive legislation this year.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VETERAN OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th anniversary of the "Veteran of the Month" program. I am honored to represent the patriotic citizens of Bantam, Connecticut, home of American Legion Post 44, where the "Veteran of the Month" program was founded to honor deceased honorably discharged veterans, soldiers that died while in the service, soldiers that remain missing in action, and special civilian employees of the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines or Merchant Marines during World War II.

On the first Saturday of the month for the past 240 months, Post 44 conducts a flag raising ceremony in Bantam to celebrate the life and service of a new honoree. The list of honored veterans includes men and women who have served in seven different branches during eleven separate wars. They have all made unique and important contributions to their communities.

The "Veteran of the Month" program officially began with a flag raising on October 25, 1989. As with many great ideas, this program was born out of necessity. The American flag at the All Wars Memorial in Bantam was damaged, but the delivery of a new flag was delayed. In the meantime, Arthur Shaw offered his late father's burial flag to be flown until the new flag arrived. Post 44 Commander Francis Fabbri gladly accepted the use of the burial flag as a temporary solution until the replacement was received. When word that a burial flag was being flown began to spread around the community, local families of deceased veterans wanted to honor their loved ones by flying their flags as well. Mr. Shaw and Mr. Fabbri recognized that this would represent a fantastic opportunity to pay tribute to soldiers' lives, both during and after their military service.

In early 1990, Commander Arthur St. John developed the ceremony format that has been followed ever since. Mr. St. John has worked tirelessly to grow the "Veteran of the Month" program into a nationwide effort. It was adopted as an American Legion Americanism Program in 1993 as a model of how to pay tribute to local veterans for their service to our nation.

For their efforts, American Legion Post 44 has been awarded the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge's highest honor, the George

Washington Honor Medal. In addition, Mr. St. John, Mr. Fabbri, and Mr. Shaw were awarded the Medal of Honor by the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. In 2007, Mr. St. John was inducted into the Connecticut American Legion Hall of Fame as part of its inaugural class.

Last Saturday, as on the 240 Saturdays prior, one flag was retired and another was raised in Bantam. We celebrate and remember the lives of not only the 2 veterans honored at the ceremony, but all those who have participated over the years.

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH D. EARLY IN RECOGNITION OF HIS ROLE IN LAUNCHING THE LIFE SCIENCE INDUSTRY IN WORCESTER, MA

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my hometown of Worcester, Massachusetts on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the life sciences industry as a major economic force within the city and the entire region. Due to scheduled votes here in the House of Representatives, I regret that I am unable to attend tonight's celebration of this occasion which has been organized by the Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives (MBI) and will be hosted by Abbot Laboratories in Worcester's Biotechnology Park. I am personally grateful to Kevin O'Sullivan and the leadership of MBI for ensuring this important milestone did not pass without properly recognizing the many individuals who had the foresight to realize the limitless potential of this fledgling industry and who in turn planted a flag in the heart of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts announcing to the world that biotechnology will be the future of our proud city. I particularly want to acknowledge the extraordinary contributions of my friend Governor Michael Dukakis and the late William Short to this effort which now, a quarter century later, has spawned thousands of jobs and remarkable advances in healthcare right in Worcester, Massachusetts.

I am, however, especially pleased that my predecessor, friend and colleague, Congressman Joseph D. Early, is also being honored tonight for the absolutely pivotal role he played in the creation of Worcester's biotechnology cluster. In his own quiet but effective way, Congressman Early relentlessly championed federal funding on the House Appropriations Committee for both the biotech park and for medical research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Before anyone else, Congressman Early understood that the local economy of his beloved city was in need of a transformation from a rich heritage of heavy manufacturing towards a new 21st century industry that would produce the next generation of highly skilled jobs. His prescient vision and dogged determination forced Worcester to confront a harsh reality at that time; the city's future prosperity was directly dependent upon the ability to marry the immense intellectual capital at the University of Massachusetts

Medical School and the city's other fine colleges and universities with its renowned tradition of industrial innovation. Due in large part to Congressman Early's leadership, that marriage took the shape of Worcester's Biotechnology Park and its success today is part of his unrivaled legacy of service to his district and the untold number of constituents who have benefited from his advocacy.

Madam Speaker, all of us in elected office hope one day to be remembered not so much for the votes we have taken or the speeches we have given but for the very real, tangible and enduring examples of our public service. In that spirit, Congressman Joe Early's fingerprints are all over Worcester's Biotechnology Park and the rapidly expanding life science industry our city now enjoys. In as much as Congressman Early is a household name in Worcester, he remains a revered figure to those crusading pioneers at the National Institutes of Health who still remember and desperately miss his fierce commitment to federal funding for medical research.

As he modestly accepts the honor bestowed upon him tonight, I want Congressman Early to personally know how much I truly admire him for the contributions he has made to the life sciences in Worcester and around the world. He inspires me to work all that much harder to support and promote biotechnology in Worcester and I will forever be grateful for the example he has given me.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, last week and earlier this week I missed several rollcall votes and I wish to state for the record how I would have voted had I been present: rollcall No. 812—"yes"; rollcall No. 813—"yes"; rollcall No. 814—"yes"; rollcall No. 815—"yes".

HONORING FRIENDS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Friends of Children With Special Needs (FCSN), a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing support, friendship, and life skills training to developmentally disabled individuals and their families. Formed in 1996, FCSN is based in Fremont, California.

FCSN offers special needs children an accepting, educational, and fun environment. The organization provides resources and information for families with special needs children and advocates for full-inclusion educational systems that allow special needs children to interact with their peers. FCSN also educates family members, friends, and students to promote better understanding of developmental disabilities.

The organization assists thousands of special needs individuals each year. In 2006, FCSN opened the Dream Center in Fremont, California, which now serves over 250 children and adults with autism, Down's syndrome, and cerebral palsy. In May 2008, FCSN began offering programs in San Jose to support the South Bay community. There are plans to transform the South Bay Center into another fully operative Dream Center in 2010. These centers allow FCSN to provide additional services, such as job training, therapeutic modalities and day programs.

FCSN's mission is to "help children with special needs and their families find hope, love, respect, and support through integrated community involvement." I applaud everyone who has come together to support the continuing success of Friends of Children With Special Needs as they strive to meet these goals.

CONGRATULATING THE CLOPTON HIGH SCHOOL LADY HAWKS SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Clopton High School Lady Hawks Softball team for winning the Class 1A Missouri State Championship on October 24th.

The young women and their coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout the regular season and bringing home the 1A Softball Championship to their school and community.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Clopton Lady Hawks for a job well done.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, the First United Church of Christ was founded in 1859, and

Whereas, the church will celebrate its 150th anniversary with an All Saints Day service filled with celebration and music, and

Whereas, New Philadelphia Christians met as early as 1857 without a minister until they declared Rev. John Rettig to be their first minister in 1859, and

Whereas, the group merged with the German Reformed church to form the German Evangelical Reformed Church in 1886; now, therefore, be it

Resolved That along with the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend the First United Church of Christ for 150 years of service to the community and their continued dedication to cooperation and learning.

S. 1793, THE RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of S. 1793, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009. This program is a last resort in providing life-saving care to the more than 500,000 Americans currently living with HIV/AIDS. Named after Ryan White, who courageously fought this illness and helped bring to the forefront a national dialogue about HIV/AIDS, this program helps the most vulnerable receive the treatment and support they need to maintain a high quality of life. While we race to find a cure, the Ryan White Act provides access to doctors, drugs, counseling and the care many people living with HIV/AIDS would otherwise not receive.

In my home State of Connecticut, there are over 10,000 reported cases of people living with HIV/AIDS. A disproportionate amount of these cases occur in low-income areas of the State where people are less likely to have the ability to access HIV/AIDS treatment. In Hartford alone, the largest city in my district, there are over 2,000 reported cases. For many of my constituents, the Ryan White Act is vitally important.

Because of the Ryan White Act, the most vulnerable of those living with HIV/AIDS have access to important services like housing, food, substance abuse treatment, and medical care that are shown to help people make safe choices and live constructive lives. Of those that are served by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program, 33 percent do not have health insurance and 56 percent are underinsured. In a country with as much wealth and advances in medical technology as ours, it would be unconscionable to allow the most vulnerable to go without essential care. This legislation is a clear example of action we can take that will truly make a positive difference. I am proud to support the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009, which will bring hope to so many lives.

TRIBUTE TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S RECIPIENTS OF OPERATION RECOGNITION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a group of individ-

uals—heroes—who are receiving the recognition and honor they deserve for their service to our country. Operation Recognition is operated by the Riverside County Office of Education with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veterans' Services. The program awards high school diplomas to veterans who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, or due to internment in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps.

A recognition ceremony will be held on November 11, 2009, for the following individuals who received their high school diplomas through Operation Recognition:

Robert Wayne Archer, Vincent O. Arellano, Linzy Ray Banks, Frank L. Bernich, Charles E. Billups, Floyd J. Birch, Camillo Razo Calderon, Arthur A. Carvalho, Leon Chagolla, James Franklin Colvin, Harry W. Cutting, Raymond Ortiz Guerrero, Eugene B. Guilbert, Sr., Richard Louis Haller, Charles R. Hazen, Jr., Randall N. Klauk, Rodney Scott Lloyd, Robert Magan, Salvador Soria Murillo, Ronald Edward Pearson, Harry Peterson, Hubert Pierce, Si Porter, Edward A. Sandoval, Harold E. Six, Sr., Garey Dale Smith, Jerry E. Tidwell, Roger Jay Williams, and Eldon Ray Wilson.

Our country owes a debt of gratitude to all the above recipients for their service and sacrifice. I salute all the above individuals and congratulate them on receiving their high school diploma.

CONGRATULATING ST. LUKE'S QUAKERTOWN HOSPITAL

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Edward Nawrocki, Richard Anderson, and all of the hardworking staff of St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital on their achievements as part of the Premier healthcare alliance's groundbreaking QUEST: High-Performing Hospitals collaborative.

St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital has been recognized as one of the 32 national hospitals to reach the top levels of performance in the areas preventing mortality, reducing costs, and improving the delivery of evidence-based care delivery. In reaching this level of performance, they are truly putting patients first and setting the standard for clinical excellence.

St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital is helping improve the quality care not only in Quakertown, Pennsylvania, but nationwide. As a group, QUEST hospitals across the country have saved over 8,000 lives, reduced costs by

\$577 million, and provided 24,818 additional patients with all evidence-based appropriate care. According to an analysis of these Year 1 results, if all hospitals were to achieve the improvements found among the QUEST participants, they could save an estimated 52,760 lives and \$1.16 billion in costs. In addition, 27,771 more patients could receive all recommended care.

I am pleased that the residents of my district are being served by a top-performing hospital and congratulate them on their outstanding accomplishments in improving patient care.

TRIBUTE TO THE JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY MARCHING BAND, THE MARCHING SOUTHERNERS

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the actions of the Jacksonville State University Marching Band, the Marching Southerners.

During halftime of every football game this season, the Marching Southerners, under the direction of Kenneth Bodiford, the Director of Bands, perform a patriotic musical and visual tribute to our veterans, entitled "Of Thee I Sing". The performance is a special presentation to all veterans in honor of the many sacrifices that our brave men and women make during time of war.

The Marching Southerners first took to the field in the fall of 1956 and have been defining the future of marching band ever since. Comprised of students from all over our great nation, the Southerners perform for thousands each season—sending chills up the spine and tears down the face.

With class and excellence, the Southerners extend "The friendliest campus in the South" wherever they go, both on and off the field.

I commend the Marching Southerners and the community that supports them for producing and performing such a show. I wish them success in all their future endeavors and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring our fellow patriots.

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, October 29, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 3

11 a.m.
 Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
 To hold hearings to examine life in a Russian newsroom.
 1539, Longworth Building

2:30 p.m.
 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 To hold hearings to examine increasing health costs facing small businesses.
 SD-430

Intelligence
 To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.
 S-407, Capitol

NOVEMBER 4

10 a.m.
 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 Business meeting to resume consideration of S. 1649, to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, to prepare for attacks using weapons of mass destruction, S. 1862, to provide that certain Secret Service employees may elect to transition to coverage under the District of Columbia Police and Fire Fighter Retirement and Disability System, H.R. 553, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a strategy to prevent the over-classification of homeland security and other information and to promote the sharing of unclassified homeland security and other information, S. 1755, to direct the Department of Homeland Security to undertake a study on emergency communications, H.R. 730, to strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, S. 1825, to extend the authority for relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees, S. 1860, to permit each current member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 3 terms, H.R. 955, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10355 Northeast Valley Road in Rollingbay, Washington, as the "John

'Bud' Hawk Post Office", H.R. 1516, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 37926 Church Street in Dade City, Florida, as the "Sergeant Marcus Mathes Post Office", H.R. 1713, to name the South Central Agricultural Research Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture in Lane, Oklahoma, and the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 North Perry Street in Bennington, Oklahoma, in honor of former Congressman Wesley "Wes" Watkins, H.R. 2004, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4282 Beach Street in Akron, Michigan, as the "Akron Veterans Memorial Post Office", H.R. 2760, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1615 North Wilcox Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the "Johnny Grant Hollywood Post Office Building", H.R. 2972, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Edward Street in Erath, Louisiana, as the "Conrad DeRouen, Jr. Post Office", H.R. 3119, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 867 Stockton Street in San Francisco, California, as the "Lim Poon Lee Post Office", H.R. 3386, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1165 2nd Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa, as the "Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Memorial Post Office", H.R. 3547, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 936 South 250 East in Provo, Utah, as the "Rex E. Lee Post Office Building", and H.R. 2215, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Merriman Road in Garden City, Michigan, as the "John J. Shivnen Post Office Building".

SD-342
 Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the future of ocean governance, focusing on building our national ocean policy.
 SR-253

2 p.m.
 Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.
 SD-226

2:15 p.m.
 Indian Affairs
 To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal acknowledgment process.
 SD-628

2:30 p.m.
 Foreign Relations
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jide J. Zeitlin, of New York, to be Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, and to be Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State.
 SD-419

Energy and Natural Resources
 National Parks Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine S. 1369, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in the State of Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1405, to redesignate the Longfellow National Historic Site, Massachusetts, as the "Longfellow

House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site", S. 1413, to amend the Adams National Historical Park Act of 1998 to include the Quincy Homestead within the boundary of the Adams National Historical Park, S. 1767, to authorize a land exchange to acquire land for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, S. Res. 275, honoring the Minute Man National Historical Park on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, H.R. 2802, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, H.R. 3113, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Elk River in the State of West Virginia for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and H.R. 1287, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a partnership with the Porter County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission regarding the use of the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center as a visitor center for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

SD-366

NOVEMBER 5

10 a.m.
 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 To hold hearings to examine the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.
 SD-430

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine business formation and financial crime, focusing on finding a legislative solution.
 SD-342

Veterans' Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs and Indian Health Service cooperation.
 SR-418

2 p.m.
 Judiciary
 Crime and Drugs Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine reducing recidivism at the local level.
 SD-226

2:30 p.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 Water and Power Subcommittee
 To hold hearings to examine S. 1757, to provide for the prepayment of a repayment contract between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District, S. 1758, to provide for the allocation of costs to project power with respect to power development within the Diamond Fork System, and S. 1759, to authorize certain transfers of water in the Central Valley Project.
 SD-366

Intelligence
 To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.
 S-407, Capitol

NOVEMBER 10

10 a.m.
 Energy and Natural Resources
 To hold hearings to examine policy options for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
 SD-366

2:15 p.m.
 Foreign Relations
 Business meeting to consider S. 1524, to strengthen the capacity, transparency, and accountability of United States

foreign assistance programs to effectively adapt and respond to new challenges of the 21st century, S. 1739, to promote freedom of the press around the world, S. 1067, to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice, H. Con. Res. 36, calling on the President and the allies of the United States to raise in all appropriate bilateral and multilateral for a the case of Robert Levinson at every opportunity, urging Iran to fulfill their promises of

assistance to the family of Robert Levinson, and calling on Iran to share the results of its investigation into the disappearance of Robert Levinson with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the nominations of Jose W. Fernandez, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs, William E. Kennard, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, John F. Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, Michael C. Polt, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, and Cynthia Stroum, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, all of the Department of State, and James LaGarde Hudson, of the District of Columbia, to

be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

S-116, Capitol

NOVEMBER 18

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine easing the burdens through employment.

SR-418

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine managing Federal forests in response to climate change, focusing on natural resource adaptation and carbon sequestration.

SD-366