

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MELISSA BEAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Ms. BEAN. Madam Speaker, due to an illness in my immediate family, I was unable to cast votes October 20 thru 23, 2009. If I had been present I would have cast the following votes:

Rollcall 790—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3763: “Yes.”

Rollcall 791—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3319: “Yes.”

Rollcall 792—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and agree to H. Res. 558: “Yes.”

Rollcall 793—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and agree to S. 1793: “Yes.”

Rollcall 794—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and agree to H. Res. 811: “Yes.”

Rollcall 795—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and agree to H. Res. 837: “Yes.”

Rollcall 796—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and agree to H. Res. 660: “Yes.”

Rollcall 797—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and agree to S. Con. Res 43: “Yes.”

Rollcall 798—H. Res. 846: On ordering the previous question Agreed to: “Yes.”

Rollcall 799—H. Res. 846: Providing for consideration of H.R. 3585: On agreeing to the resolution: “Yes.”

Rollcall 800—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and agree to H. Res. 797: “Yes.”

Rollcall 801—On Broun Amendment to H.R. 3585: “No.”

Rollcall 802—On Kaptur Amendment to H.R. 3585: “Yes.”

Rollcall 803—On Klein Amendment to H.R. 3585: “Yes.”

Rollcall 804—On Titus-Teague-Cohen Amendment to H.R. 3585: “Yes.”

Rollcall 805—On Heinrich Amendment to H.R. 3585: “Yes.”

Rollcall 806—On Himes Amendment to H.R. 3585: “Yes.”

Rollcall 807—On Passage of H.R. 3585: “Yes.”

Rollcall 808—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and agree to H. Res. 175: “Yes.”

Rollcall 809—H. Res. 853: On ordering the previous question: “Yes.”

Rollcall 810—H. Res. 853: Providing Consideration for H.R. 3619: “Yes.”

Rollcall 811—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and agree to H. Res. 836: “Yes.”

Rollcall 812—On Kratovil Amendment to H.R. 3619: “Yes.”

Rollcall 813—On Passage of H.R. 3619: “Yes.”

CONGRESSMAN BROWN RECOGNIZES THE EFFORTS OF MR. RONNIE SANTOS, THE EAST COOPER PILOTS ASSOCIATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM SEA TURTLE HOSPITAL

#### HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the efforts of one of my constituents. After hearing the story of three endangered sea turtles struck by the sudden freezing coastal waters in New England, Mr. Ronnie Santos, who is proud member of the East Cooper Pilots Association, volunteered his time and resources to conduct an Angel Flight in his own personal aircraft to rescue the sea turtles and bring them back to the South Carolina Aquarium Sea Turtle Hospital in Charleston where they will be cared for.

I would like to commend Mr. Santos for leading by example and I thank him and all the hardworking staff and volunteers at the South Carolina Aquarium Sea Turtle Hospital in Charleston for putting in the long hours and doing the sometimes thankless work. Thank you for all that you do, you are all truly a symbol of what makes coastal South Carolina such a special place.

### UNITED STATES SUBMARINE FORCE

#### HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H. Res. 773 that expresses respect for the United States Submarine Force. I rise to commemorate the service of the USS NARWHAL (SS 167) for her outstanding service. USS NARWHAL served our country for nearly fifteen years.

NARWHAL was one of five submarines docked for overhaul at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Gunners from the NARWHAL were in action that resulted in the destruction of two torpedo planes. NARWHAL suffered no damage.

Due to the size and unique design of the NARWHAL she was selected to carry out unconventional missions that led to the defeat of Imperial Japan. NARWHAL served in humanitarian and special operations roles in the campaign against Imperial Japan.

On May 11th, 1943 NARWHAL and NAUTILUS launched Army Scouts to regain control of the Aleutian Islands in Alaska. On July 15th, 1943 NARWHAL shelled the airfield on Matsuwa Island in northern Japan allowing LAPON, PERMIT and PLUNGER to escape from the waters of the Japanese Home Islands. NARWHAL played a vital role in assist-

ing the Filipino resistance to the Imperial Japanese Army. In 1943 NARWHAL transported hundreds of tons of ammunition and stores. On one voyage NARWHAL evacuated eight women, two children and a baby from the Philippines to Darwin, Australia. In 1944 NARWHAL continued to provide vital supplies in support of the liberation of the Philippines.

Submarine Sailors such as my childhood mentor, Coburn Kelley, served valiantly on boats like the NARWHAL. Coburn Kelley enlisted on December 23, 1941. He served 22 months on NARWHAL where he was qualified in submarine warfare and served on five war patrols.

I rise today to recognize the courage and sacrifice of our nation's Submarine Sailors who protected the liberties and freedoms of the United States during World War II. I am honored to keep alive their memory on this day November 4, 2009.

### THE OVER-THE-COUNTER DERIVATIVES MARKETS ACT OF 2009

#### HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, I have cosponsored H.R. 3795, the Over-the-Counter Derivatives Market Act of 2009. I believe the bill is a step in the right direction, but I would prefer even greater restrictions on over-the-counter derivatives.

CONGRATULATING DON BRANDT ON BEING NAMED THE SOLAR ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION'S UTILITY CEO OF THE YEAR

#### HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Don Brandt, who was recently named Utility CEO of the Year by the Solar Electric Power Association. This award honors Don's exemplary leadership and the outstanding progress the Arizona Public Service Company has made under his guidance.

Don has spent more than 25 years in the electric power industry, most recently as the Chairman and CEO of APS's parent company, Pinnacle West Capital Corporation. Under his leadership, APS has undertaken significant solar initiatives including the construction of Solana, which will be the world's largest solar plant near Gila Bend, Arizona. At the same, APS has committed to invest \$500 million to develop 100 megawatts of utility-owned solar generation, and created the Community Power Project, a pilot program to install solar panels on customer homes with no upfront cost. Don

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also partnered with the National Park Service to power the Grand Canyon Visitors Center with solar panels.

According to Solar Electric Power Association Executive Director Julia Hamm, "Don Brandt has positioned APS to take full advantage of Arizona's most abundant natural resource, the sun. APS is creating viable business models around solar energy that not only push the envelope but also push our industry forward."

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Don Brandt's contributions to making Arizona the solar capital of the world, and congratulating him on this prestigious award.

#### HONORING CHEYENNE TITUS

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Cheyenne Titus, a very special young lady who has earned a spot on the National USA Karate Team. I join with Cheyenne's family and friends in expressing best wishes on her significant achievement. I commend Cheyenne on attaining such a high honor and wish her the best of luck as she competes in the World Karate Championships in Dublin, Ireland, this October.

Gaining recognition for this remarkable achievement reflects both Cheyenne's hard work and dedication. As a member of the stand-alone Missouri team, as well as the team with the largest number of students to be selected from a single school, Cheyenne should be proud of her accomplishments. She is a member of a celebrated team and has represented the state of Missouri well. With such drive and determination I am certain Cheyenne will be a strong contribution to the national team.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully request you join with me in commending Cheyenne Titus for her success with Sensei Mark Long's Shotokan Karate team and for her effort put forth in achieving this prestigious goal.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3854, SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING AND INVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

### HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 29, 2009*

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this rule and the underlying bill H.R. 3854, the Small Business Financing and Investment Act. I would like to thank Chairwoman VELÁZQUEZ and my colleagues on the Small Business Committee for bringing us a comprehensive well thought-out bill. I would also like to acknowledge and thank my friend from Oregon, Representative SCHRADER for introducing this legislation and working hard on such an important issue.

Madam Speaker, while there are positive economic indicators and reasons to believe that we are on a path of recovery, this fragile,

budding recovery could be stalled if we do not provide our small businesses with the tools to maintain their operations, begin to expand and create new jobs, and restore consumer confidence.

H.R. 3854 will significantly improve access to credit and capital for small businesses at each stage of growth and in any economic climate. An update of the SBA's portfolio of lending and investment programs is 10 years overdue, and the current recession makes the task of helping more small firms, grow, prosper, and save and create jobs even more vital.

As we speak, once frozen credit markets are beginning to thaw, and the Small Business Financing and Investment Act will prove to be a welcome heat gun. This bill will improve credit conditions for small businesses and stabilize small business lending markets, improving the availability of capital for small firms. This includes increasing the guaranty on 7(a) loans to 90 percent, waiving fees on 7(a) and CDC loans, and improving the Business Stabilization Loans by increasing the loan amounts to \$50,000.

By raising SBA loan guarantees and reducing risk for lenders, this bill allows banks to make lending more accessible to small firms early next year. By helping small firms purchase new equipment and inventory, the bill will help stimulate the economy and help reduce overall unemployment. As an added benefit, an increase in lending activity will also improve the health of our banking industry.

Through this bill, bankers will be able to recapitalize—through their efforts of supporting business—instead of seeking Federal bailouts. Recognizing the benefit to their industry, H.R. 3854 has received the endorsement of American Bankers Association.

This bill will benefit businesses nationwide. It makes permanent the Rural Lender Outreach Program, Community Express, and Veteran Participation Loan Program. Each of these programs share a common goal of assisting borrowers who have not accessed SBA programs or who have traditionally had limited access to capital.

On behalf of my constituents in Colorado, I would like to particularly thank the Chairwoman and Committee for their work on drafting Subtitle B—expanded investment in small business renewable energy, and title VII (seven)—the small business early-stage investment program. The spirit of entrepreneurship in my district is only matched by our commitment and talent to lead in the renewable energy economy. These programs encourage new businesses to start; encourage all businesses to recognize cost saving through energy conservation; and promote new firms to develop and market renewable energy resources. And they are all strongly supported by the people of Colorado's second Congressional district.

Without discounting the struggles of those who have lost their jobs, it should be noted that Colorado enjoys one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation at seven percent. This, in part, is due to the diversity of my state's economy, the predominance of small businesses, and the efforts by state and local governments to foster entrepreneurship across all industries.

Nationwide, small businesses create 64 percent of new jobs. This bill is expected to support \$44 billion in small business lending every year, and will help save or create 1.3 million

jobs each year. Small firms comprise 99.7 percent of all employer companies; this bill is more than an investment in small businesses, it is an investment in American job growth.

Madam Speaker, oftentimes, the psychology of recovery is as important as the funds spent to drive it. By passing this legislation, this Congress makes a plain statement that we have great confidence in our fellow Americans to help each other get back to work.

We state that with a little help local bankers and local merchants can come together to stock shelves and pay salaries. We tell our businesses that we will provide the tools to weather the remainder of the storm; we use traditional market mechanisms to do it; and we back our confidence with the full faith and credit of the United States government. This is a powerful message and I am proud to lend my voice to this cause.

Once again I recognize the efforts of Chairwoman VELÁZQUEZ and the Small Business Committee on job growth and I thank Representative SCHRADER introducing this legislation that we will have the opportunity to vote on today. I strongly support this rule and ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this rule and the underlying bill.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks included in the conference report accompanying H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act:

Requesting Member: Rep. FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02)

Bill Number: HR 3183

Account: Army Corps Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Penn Square East, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Description of Request: Request an earmark of \$90,000 to continue a Congressionally authorized study and design of a shore protection project for the Wildwoods. The project's formal name is N.J. Shore Protection, Hereford Inlet to Cape May Inlet, N.J.

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Description of Request: Request an earmark of \$90,000 to continue a Congressionally authorized study and design of methods to provide long term renourishment of the N.J. shoreline. The project's formal name is N.J. Shoreline Alternative Long Term Nourishment, N.J.

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL  
MINER'S DAY RESOLUTION**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, as we, in the Congress, continue to debate the course of energy in America; as we consider the science of efficiency, the effects of power generation on the environment, and the impact of energy supply on the economy and on national security, I believe we also need to remember some very fundamental things.

We need, for example, to pay acute attention to the effects that the decisions we make in Washington will have on the men and women, the families, and the communities back home who have, for generations, provided the natural energy resources that fuel America.

Today I am proud to introduce—along with my colleagues from West Virginia, Representatives ALAN B. MOLLOHAN and SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO—a resolution honoring America's miners.

The government has long recognized that it has an obligation to do all that it can to ensure that our coal miners have safe, healthy workplaces. But I contend that we also have an obligation to do all we can to ensure that our miners simply have work.

America has grown strong through the labor of coal miners. Their work has provided, light, warmth, and economic security for generations of growing American families. It has fueled the steel furnaces that built our great cities and our military might. And the labor of miners has made reality of the creative imaginings of America's most inventive minds.

These hard-working, selfless, earnest men and women, their livelihoods, their way of life, and the future of their families and their communities are at stake. Mining can be difficult, dangerous work, but mining is also a noble, honest profession, and miners and their families are proud of the work they do for America, as well they should be.

We can mine and use coal more safely, more cleanly, and more efficiently. And we will. Our future depends upon it.

So, Madam Speaker, I introduce this resolution to support the goals and ideals of a National Miner's Day that will commemorate the work and the sacrifice of miners past and present. But I do so, as well, as a demonstration of support for the jobs of miners future.

## HONORING ZACK GRAHAM

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

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Madam Speaker, I respectfully request you join with me in commending Zack Graham for his success with Sensei Mark Long's Shotokan Karate team and for his effort put forth in achieving this prestigious goal.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I want to state for the record that yesterday I missed the six rollcall votes of the day. Unfortunately I missed these votes because I was detained in my district.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 835, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended—H.R. 3949—Veterans' Small Business Assistance and Servicemembers Protection Act of 2009.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 836, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—H. Res. 398—Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift's success.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 837, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—H. Res. 866—Expressing support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week to encourage public participation in a nationwide project that collects and preserves the stories of the men and women who served our nation in times of war and conflict.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 838, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—H. Res. 867—Calling on the President and the Secretary of State to oppose unequivocally any endorsement or further consideration of the "Report of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict" in multilateral fora.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 839, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—H.R. 3157—To name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Alexandria, Minnesota, as the "Max J. Beilke Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic."

Lastly, had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 840, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 736—Honoring President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on "Dedication Day", November 19, 2009.

## THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009

**HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Reauthorization Act of 2009. This legislation is a companion to S. 76, which was introduced earlier this year by Senator DANIEL K. INOUE.

Native Hawaiians, like American Indians and Alaska Natives, are an indigenous, native people. The Native Hawaiian Health Care Act of 1988, 42 U.S.C. 11701 et seq., provided the authority for the establishment of a range of programs and services designed to improve the health care status of the native people of Hawaii. While Native Hawaiian health care programs have been continuously funded since 1988, they have not been reauthorized since 1992. The bill I introduce today will reauthorize the Native Hawaiian Health Care Act through 2014.

Native Hawaiians have the highest cancer mortality rates in the State of Hawaii—216.8 out of every 100,000 male residents and 191.6 out of every 100,000 female residents. These cancer rates are 21 percent higher than for the total state male population—179.0 out of every 100,000 residents—and 64 percent higher than that for the total state female population—117.0 per 100,000. With respect to breast cancer, Native Hawaiians have the highest mortality rates in the State of Hawaii and nationally Native Hawaiians have the third highest mortality rates.

The death rate from heart disease for Native Hawaiians is 68 percent higher than that for the entire population of the State of Hawaii. The death rate from hypertension is 84 percent higher and the death rate from stroke is 20 percent higher for Native Hawaiians than for the general population of the State of Hawaii.

Congress has previously recognized the unique and historical relationship between the United States and the indigenous people of Hawaii. I urge my colleagues continued support for the health and well-being of Native Hawaiians.

Mahalo (thank you).

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DEVIN NUNES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, on the legislative day of Tuesday, November 3, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: rollcall 835—"yea"; rollcall 836—"yea"; rollcall 837—"yea"; rollcall 838—"yea"; rollcall 839—"yea"; rollcall 840—"yea."

HONORING JESSICA GRAHAM

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jessica Graham, a very special young lady who has earned a spot on the National USA Karate Team. I join with Jessica's family and friends in expressing best wishes on her significant achievement. I commend Jessica on attaining such a high honor and wish her the best of luck as she competes in the World Karate Championships in Dublin, Ireland, this October.

Gaining recognition for this remarkable achievement reflects both Jessica's hard work and dedication. As a member of the stand-alone Missouri team, as well as the team with the largest number of students to be selected from a single school, Jessica should be proud of her accomplishments. She is a member of a celebrated team and has represented the state of Missouri well. With such drive and determination I am certain Jessica will be a strong contribution to the national team.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully request you join with me in commending Jessica Graham for her success with Sensei Mark Long's Shotokan Karate team and for her effort put forth in achieving this prestigious goal.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately Monday night, November 2, 2009, and the morning of November 3, 2009 I was unable to cast my votes on H.R. 1168, H. Res. 291, S. 509, H.R. 3949, H. Res. 398, and H. Res. 866 due to a scheduled town hall meeting in Cerro Gordo, Illinois.

Had I been present for Rollcall No. 832, on suspending the Rules and passing H.R. 1168, the Veterans Retraining Act of 2009, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for Rollcall No. 833, on suspending the Rules and passing H. Res. 291, Recognizing the crucial role of assistance dogs in helping wounded veterans live more independent lives, expressing gratitude to The Tower of Hope, and supporting the goals and ideals of creating a Tower of Hope Day, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for Rollcall No. 834, on suspending the Rules and passing S. 509, to authorize a major medical facility project at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington, and for other purposes, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for Rollcall No. 835, on suspending the Rules and passing H.R. 3949, Veterans' Small Business Assistance and Servicemembers Protection Act of 2009, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for Rollcall No. 836, on suspending the Rules and passing H. Res. 398, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift's success, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for Rollcall No. 837, on suspending the Rules and passing H. Res.

866, Expressing support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week to encourage public participation in a nationwide project that collects and preserves the stories of the men and women who served our Nation in times of war and conflict, I would have voted "aye."

It is my fervent hope that my absence in no way be interpreted as a lack of support and enthusiasm for these important issues and undertakings. Congress' schedule in recent days has been subject to sometimes unpredictable additions and subtractions of days. As the original schedule had established an adjournment date of Oct. 30, 2009, I felt safe in scheduling a town hall meeting the evening of Monday, Nov. 2, for the purpose of meeting with and hearing from my constituents—the voters and citizens who are critical in guiding my votes and my conscience on the important issues we all face.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
LABOR PIONEER AND CIVIL  
RIGHTS LEADER WILLIE JAMES

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memoriam of my dear friend, Labor Pioneer and Civil Rights Leader Willie James, who departed this life peacefully on Friday, October 30th, 2009. This strong spirited and God-fearing man dedicated his entire life to uplifting the hopes and dreams of African Americans and people in the Labor Movement and we are all consumed by his passing. In February of 1996, Willie James made labor history, when he became the first African American elected to serve as President of the Transport Workers Union, Local 100.

A native New Yorker, Willie James was born in Harlem Hospital on April 28, 1936 to the late Charles James and Geneva Nelson Surrency. From 1954 through 1957, Willie served his country in the United States Air Force as a proud member of the 80th Supply Squadron, Depot Special, and received the Good Conduct Medal for his demonstration of honor, efficiency and fidelity with great distinction. While in the service, he and a few other airmen formed a doo-wop vocal group that covered songs by the Platters and other groups. Willie was an accomplished Baritone and often told how the group was so good that people in Morocco thought they were the real Platters. After serving in the Air Force he returned to Harlem finding work as a shipping clerk.

Later in life he developed an attraction for exotic plants and beautiful flowers and in 1964, God blessed him with his own beautiful rose when he met and married Rosabelle. Their marriage lasted 41 years when she departed this life in 2005. Shortly after marriage he became a New York City Police Officer and in 1967 he began his career with the Transport Workers Union, TWU, Local 100 under the Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority, MABSTOA.

He started with a metal-plating company where he was assigned to a unit with workers who were perceived as derelict workers beset by alcohol and laziness. Not looking down

upon anyone but seeing the opportunity to help others; he discovered his masterful skill of organizing workers. He told the workers that if they worked with him he would make a case to the management to get them higher wages. After a series of meetings and negotiations with the bosses he won them a raise, and developed a promotional ladder for himself.

He rose through the ranks of TWU Local 100 and held a series of positions: MABSTOA DIVISION II Bus Operator; Division II Recording Secretary; Vice Chairman and Chairman at Amsterdam Garage; the Executive Board's Director of Education and Training; and Financial Secretary Treasurer. As he continued climbing the ladder of TWU he recalled how he continuously endured blatant racism.

Defying the odds in 1996, as the first African American elected to serve as President of the Transport Workers Union Local 100 Willie set the mark that raised the bar for all of us. Willie continued to climb the ranks in the TWU and in the labor movement. Serving as Vice President of the New York AFL-CIO; Vice President of the New York City Central Labor Council and Vice President of the International Transport Workers Union.

In addition to his sufficient contributions to the labor movement Willie James was a senior executive for The Municipal Credit Union serving in a variety of roles. From 1983-1992, he served as Upgrade Training Director; from 1992-1994, he served as Treasurer; from 1994-2000, he served as President; from 2007-2009, he served as Acting Chairman; and in May 2009, Willie served as the Chairman. The Municipal Credit Union is one of the oldest and largest Credit Unions in the State of New York with more than 300,000 members and \$1.3 Billion dollars in assets.

In the struggle for Civil and Human Rights, Willie James, a Prince Hall Master Mason of Joppa 55 and founding Member of the Society of Afro-American Transit Employees, SAATE, furthered his accomplishments and dedication to helping others by serving on the Executive Board Committee of the New York Branch of the NAACP; Executive Board Member of the Black Trade Union Leadership Committee; Executive Board of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionist; Member of the 100 Black Men of America, Incorporated; and Member of the Board of 500 MEN Empowerment.

Willie was also deeply involved in many civic and community organizations. He was an ordained Deacon at Mount Hermon Baptist Church in the Bronx, New York; and a very active Member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Harlem, New York. He served as a Deacon at Rockland Baptist Church in Pomona, New York until his death.

Willie James firmly believed that when the opportunity presents itself, one should selflessly help somebody without expecting something in return. He often quoted, "Just ask the person who you are helping to pass the baton of love and concern to others in this race of life." Willie loved to sing and at every labor march and rally he used his mighty baritone voice to sing out against injustices and inequality; for fair wages and jobs; and Human Rights for all. I will always remember the songs of freedom and struggle that belled from the heart of this moral man.

Willie and his late wife Rosabelle leaves to cherish their memory: His sister, Janet Surrency Monroe; two children, Charles James and Daisy Moyd; three grandsons,

Everett, Damon and Kiel; eleven great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Madam Speaker, As a result of Willie James service to our Nation, he leaves a multitude of colleagues, constituents, benefactors, and laborers to continue the work he had manifested in his life for their prosperity and for future generations to come. Though Willie is no longer with us, we will continue to keep his memory alive in our hearts and minds, and continue to honor his legacy with our advocacy for the issues he cared about the most.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol for one vote on Thursday, October 29, 2009.

However, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on H. Res. 729, designating a "National Firefighters Memorial Day" to honor and celebrate the firefighters of the United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Monday, November 2, 2009, I was unable to be present for the last two series of recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 832 (on passage of the bill H.R. 1168, as amended), "yea" on rollcall vote No. 833 (on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 291), and "yea" on rollcall vote No. 834 (on passage of the bill S. 509).

HONORING KYLE TODD

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Todd, a very special young man who has earned a spot on the National USA Karate Team. I join with Kyle's family and friends in expressing best wishes on his significant achievement. I commend Kyle on attaining such a high honor and wish him the best of luck as he competes in the World Karate Championships in Dublin, Ireland, this October.

Gaining recognition for this remarkable achievement reflects both Kyle's hard work and dedication. As a member of the stand-alone Missouri team, as well as the team with the largest number of students to be selected from a single school, Kyle should be proud of his accomplishments. He is a member of a celebrated team and has represented the

state of Missouri well. With such drive and determination I am certain Kyle will be a strong contribution to the national team.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully request you join with me in commending Kyle Todd for his success with Sensei Mark Long's Shotokan Karate team and for his effort put forth in achieving this prestigious goal.

OPPOSING ANY ENDORSEMENT OR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS FACT FINDING MISSION ON THE GAZA CONFLICT

SPEECH OF

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2009*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 867, which calls on the President and the Secretary of State to oppose unequivocally any endorsement or further consideration of the Report of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict, commonly referred to as the Goldstone Report.

President of the Human Rights Council established the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict with the mandate "to investigate all violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law that might have been committed during military operations that were conducted in the Gaza Strip."

The report accused Israel of "war crimes" and "crimes against humanity", while downplaying evidence of Hamas' real war crimes and largely dismissing Israel's extraordinary efforts to minimize civilian casualties.

In a turbulent part of the world, we can count on the friendship of Israel because we share the important values of freedom of religion, speech and thought—values that aren't universally shared across the Middle East.

And yet when Israel responds to defend itself, it is singled out unfairly at the United Nations and elsewhere for special condemnation and criticism. It is our responsibility, as a friend and ally to Israel, to stand up for their rights and denounce those that unreasonably target Israel for reproach. While Israel is not perfect, we must be ever watchful and steadfast because there is an unfortunate double standard.

Israel showed extraordinary restraint in response to terrorism and daily rocket attacks emanating from fanatical Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip, and yet until Israel responded militarily, the UN and the world looked away. I can think of no country in the world that would have shown such restraint in the face of direct attacks on their civilians.

Hamas launched 7,000 rocket and mortar attacks on Israeli cities between the pullout from Gaza in 2005 and 2009—Hamas' military doctrine makes no distinction between non-combatants and military targets.

During the ground fighting in Gaza, Hamas used mosques, schools and hospitals as military sites and employed civilians as human shields—clear violations of the law of war.

Unintentional civilian deaths Israel caused during the Gaza conflict are condemned as war crimes; the intentional Hamas attacks on Israeli civilians are swept under the rug.

There can be no moral equivalency made between Hamas and Israel, and this report's biased conclusion makes it clear, once again, that the United Nations Human Rights Council is a farce.

FORMER EGYPTIAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE DR. AYMAN NOUR DENIED TRAVEL TO U.S.

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues the following statement released by former Egyptian presidential candidate and political prisoner Dr. Ayman Nour who was restricted from traveling to the United States by Egyptian authorities.

On November 3, 2009, the Egyptian public prosecutor issued an administrative decision preventing me from traveling to the U.S. and to other countries in the Middle East and Europe. My visit to the U.S. was scheduled for November 6, 2009.

The decision by the public prosecutor came as a shock, and is unjustified, especially in light of the recent permit I was granted for a visit to the European Parliament in April 2009. During that visit, I met with various European leaders and underwent substantial medical examinations. I was forced to postpone other necessary physical examinations because I could not obtain a visa for the UK from Belgium.

The public prosecutor's decision conflicts with Egyptian Constitution, Article 52, which stipulates that, "it is not acceptable to prohibit a citizen from staying somewhere or to be forced to stay somewhere." Article 52 states that "citizens have the right to permanent or temporary immigration abroad." Adding to this is the absence of objective reasons given by the authorities that would have prevented me from practicing my right. In other words, there is no probability that I will escape while I am abroad, and I do not owe money to any entity, which means that restricting is uncalled for and unnecessary. The double standard in my case is evident in the fact that the public prosecutor permitted others with real legal obstacles, similar to those described above to travel abroad in the past.

The public prosecutor justified his politically motivated restriction by referring to the fact that I was released from prison on February 18, 2009 for medical reasons, while my official release date had been set for July 22, 2009. This decision was based on claim 12886/63Q dated April 21, 2009, which allowed me to obtain an automatic curtailment of my sentence according to Article 86 of Prisons Bylaw 79/1961. The fact that I was granted an exit permit on March 15, 2009 for my Europe visit mentioned above, is further indication that the current travel restriction is unwarranted.

I would like to present the following facts: (1) The public prosecutor's decision is only one example in a series of aggression, abuses, and insistence of the political regime to deprive me of my basic human rights, including the following:

a. The right to work and earn a living as an attorney. The temporary governmental committee which ran the Association Bar canceled my membership in April 2009. I was the only individual to receive this cancellation despite the fact that there were dozen of similar cases.

b. The right to sell my assets. The notary public offices were instructed to prevent me from registering any contracts unless I provide documents proving my release. To date I have been unsuccessful in obtaining a legal declaration of my release from any governmental authority. Likewise, they subsequently prevented me from opening a bank account. These restrictions not only affect my professional life, but intrude upon my personal life, including the ability to sustain my family and to seek the necessary medical attention I require after incurring serious injuries during my four years in prison.

c. The right to healthcare coverage. As a registered journalist, I should enjoy the benefit of health insurance coverage through the Supreme Council of Journalism and Press Syndicate. This has also been restricted to me, as the syndicate was instructed to freeze my salary and prevent me from my legal right to receive medical treatment.

d. The right to appear in court to claim my civil rights. I have been prevented from appearing before several courts to make any claims for my basic civil rights.

e. The right to file claims of defamation. The public prosecutor prevented me from filing the claims of defamation to the criminal court. I subsequently published these claims in the media. More than two thousand of these claims have been frozen, which encourages more illegal moral attacks against me.

f. The right to re-open my case in light of new evidence proving my innocence. The public prosecutor has failed to grant my request to review my claim in light of the newly acquired evidence of my innocence. This evidence would serve to acquit me from the original verdict by the Court of Administrative Justice, which took criminal proceedings against me on January 29, 2005.

g. The right to speak to the state-owned media. I am currently restricted from responding to claims broadcast against me in the state-owned media. The public prosecutor did not consider my claims to respond to the claims against me in the state-owned media.

h. The right to establish an NGO or join any social organization or group. At the instruction of the State Security forces, I have been deprived from establishing any non-governmental organization or from joining any social or sport clubs. They threatened one of the clubs that granted me an honorary membership and forced them to remove me.

i. The right to privacy. I am monitored at all hours of the day by government security forces. Recently, I have embarked on a "knock-on-the-door" campaign to meet citizens throughout Egypt. During these events, government security personnel followed me continuously. In addition, my phone calls remain illegally tapped.

j. The right to actively participate in politics. I have been restricted from practicing my political and partisan rights. This decision is being held up by an outdated 1937 Supreme Constitutional Court ruling, which subsequently has been discontinued by newer rulings from the same court which provides persons in my similar situation to receive the right to participate in politics, even after serving prison time.

It is evident to the public that such abuses arose in response to my political stances in an attempt to control my political and personal life. The authorities claim they are doing right by me in releasing me for health reasons on February 18, 2009, only very few months before the legal release. It is plain to see that this early release is in line with their goal of suffocating me politically and depriving me of my basic human rights.

(2) Regarding my trip to the U.S. and other countries, the following facts should be stated:

a. I received an invitation from the Coalition of Egyptian Organizations in the U.S. to speak to Egyptians and Egyptian Americans living in various states. The same coalition invited Gamal Mubarak, Omar Suliman, Amr Mousa, Ahmed Zweil, Mohamed Elbaradie, and a number of other public figures.

b. The aforementioned invitation met my earnest desire to meet with Egyptian communities abroad and to discuss their problems and issues of interest. I also received some other invitations from other organizations and entities including the following:

Council on Foreign Relations, National Endowment for Democracy, various think tanks, American universities, U.S. congressmen and political figures, Egyptian communities in three major states, U.S. media representatives.

c. The invitations do not include any meetings with representatives of the U.S. Administration. I have already announced that the main purpose of my visit is not to conduct high-profile meetings. I plan to focus solely on meetings with the Egyptian and American citizens and U.S. public representatives. This visit was motivated by my belief in communicating with the global community to advocate our political and partisan views. Other political figures from Egypt made similar visits recently, including Gamal Mubarak, who visited the U.S. several times, and Chief of Parliament, Fathi Sorour, who is set to meet today with Egyptians in the U.S.; the same day I received the government decision preventing my travel plans.

d. My request for travel was submitted to the public prosecutor three months ago, to which I received no response. I subsequently re-submitted the same request several times until he finally got back to me with demands for more details about the invitations I received from the U.S., as well as information about the medical examinations I plan on undergoing. After several back-and-forth messages dealing with requests for translation of documents' authenticity and such, it was clear that the public prosecutor was insisting on delaying procedures. This situation concluded with a negative response today in answer to my 3-month long request for travel permission.

In conclusion, we would like to thank the various organizations and groups which invited me to visit the U.S. Because of the unfortunate decision by the Egyptian public prosecutor, I am forced to remain in the country at this time. I will continue with my plan to address the Egyptian and American community via video conference. I would like to thank in particular the Coalition of Egyptian Organizations in the U.S. and its leaders, among which include: Cameel Halim, Saad Eddin Ibrahim, Dina Guirgus, and Omar Afifi, all who exerted tremendous effort to organize the proposed events in the U.S. and worked closely with colleagues here in Cairo to make the necessary arrangements for my potential visit to the U.S.

The Egyptian public prosecutor's decision to prevent me from traveling abroad compels us to work even more fervently overcoming the legal obstacles we face. We are not canceling the visit to the U.S., but consider this only a postponement for another date, which we are tentatively scheduling for 2010.

We call upon the Egyptian and international community, as well as to human rights organizations worldwide to condemn the aforementioned abuses, which are an assassination to my civil rights and human rights, and are more painful and damaging than the physical suffering I yet experience. My treatment in Egypt is in direct contradiction to the international conventions signed by Egypt, most importantly, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

We assert that insistence on violating our rights will increase our belief in the right of Egyptians to democratic and nonviolent reform. We will work diligently on putting an end to the unjust and unacceptable situation of civil and human rights in Egypt. We will continue to fight against the inheritance of our country to despotic rule, and against the deprivation of our people from practicing their rights.

HONORING MATT CARPENTER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matt Carpenter, a very special young man who has earned a spot on the National USA Karate Team. I join with Matt's family and friends in expressing best wishes on his significant achievement. I commend Matt on attaining such a high honor and wish him the best of luck as he competes in the World Karate Championships in Dublin, Ireland, this October.

Gaining recognition for this remarkable achievement reflects both Matt's hard work and dedication. As a member of the stand-alone Missouri team, as well as the team with the largest number of students to be selected from a single school, Matt should be proud of his accomplishments. He is a member of a celebrated team and has represented the state of Missouri well. With such drive and determination I am certain Matt will be a strong contribution to the national team.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully request you join with me in commending Matt Carpenter for his success with Sensei Mark Long's Shotokan Karate team and for his effort put forth in achieving this prestigious goal.

RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 28, 2009*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 783, Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the vast contributions of Latino Americans to the strength and culture of the United States. The rich history of the United States is strengthened by the important contributions of Latinos, who have played major roles in building this country and making it a better place.

From the Revolutionary War to the conflicts we are fighting overseas today, Latinos have proudly served this country and willingly sacrificed their lives for the preservation of our great nation. In addition to serving in the armed forces, Latinos have helped our country take great steps forward in the fields of medicine and science and have contributed greatly to the advancement of business, education, civil rights, and politics.

I am proud to represent the First District of Connecticut, whose cultural fabric has been

greatly enriched by the Latino community. I am especially proud of the accomplishments of SAMA, the Spanish American Merchants Association, a Connecticut nonprofit with more than 300 members that provides technical assistance, educational programs and loan programs for small businesses in the community. SAMA's Empresario Latino Development Center is the small business premier provider of educational resources, material, and training in English/Spanish for entrepreneurs in the State of Connecticut.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and ask that we continue to celebrate the many contributions of Latinos to our nation in the months to come.

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COMMENDING CARL, MARTIN AND  
TED RESNICK OF HUNTERDON  
COUNTY

**HON. LEONARD LANCE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend three outstanding citizens in my Seventh Congressional District—Carl, Ted and Martin Resnick of Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

On Wednesday, November 11 these three outstanding individuals will receive the 2009 Distinguished Citizen Award from the Central New Jersey Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

All three of these men are receiving this prestigious award for their commitment to the Boy Scouts in Hunterdon County and their strong commitment to the entire Hunterdon County community. Whether it be their involvement in local sports teams, clubs, service organizations, wildlife refuge efforts, the arts, or area first responders, the Resnick family has made significant contributions to our community.

As a lifelong resident of Hunterdon County, I have known Carl, Ted and Martin Resnick and their family for most of my life. In addition to owning the Flemington Department Store—which is a family-owned business—the Resnick family has been active members of the Hunterdon County community for more than 50 years.

In addition to his role at the Flemington Department Store, Carl Resnick is a strong advocate for blood donor programs and has donated more than eight gallons of blood to help others. Ted Resnick may be best known for his 40-year involvement in the Hunterdon County wrestling program where he still volunteers as a coach, mentor, referee and supporter. Martin Resnick has been very active in community affairs such as organizing a collection center for relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina victims.

Because of their hard work and devotion to the entire Hunterdon County community, I am pleased to join the Central New Jersey Council Boy Scouts of America in commending Carl, Martin and Ted Resnick. I am also pleased to share their good efforts and contributions with my colleagues in the United States Congress and with the American people.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO BERTHA  
RICHARDSON

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, on November 2, the family and friends of Mrs. Bertha Richardson gathered together to celebrate Mrs. Richardson's 100th birthday. I am pleased to extend belated birthday greetings to Mrs. Richardson. Mrs. Richardson is a life-long resident of Rosharon, Texas, which is in my congressional district. As the matriarch of her extended family, Mrs. Richardson continues to her relatives, and all members of her community, with the gifts of her faith and wisdom. I urge all my colleagues to join me in sending our best wishes to Bertha Richardson on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

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HONORING SAM CROCKER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sam Crocker, a very special young man who has earned a spot on the National USA Karate Team. I join with Sam's family and friends in expressing best wishes on his significant achievement. I commend Sam on attaining such a high honor and wish him the best of luck as he competes in the World Karate Championships in Dublin, Ireland, this October.

Gaining recognition for this remarkable achievement reflects both Sam's hard work and dedication. As a member of the stand-alone Missouri team, as well as the team with the largest number of students to be selected from a single school, Sam should be proud of his accomplishments. He is a member of a celebrated team and has represented the state of Missouri well. With such drive and determination I am certain Sam will be a strong contribution to the national team.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully request you join with me in commending Sam Crocker for his success with Sensei Mark Long's Shotokan Karate team and for his effort put forth in achieving this prestigious goal.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TOM PRICE**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 835, 836, 837, 838, 839 and 840 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all.

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TRIBUTE TO MARY SHAFER

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, today I wish to pay tribute to a beloved philanthropist

from my district and one of the most selfless and kindhearted persons I have ever known.

Mary Shafer recently passed away after battling breast cancer for 14 years. During that prolonged fight she never lost her faith in God and tirelessly continued her charity work.

With her husband Bo—who served as the President of Kiwanis International from 2000–2001—Mary traveled all over the World helping the indigent. Her compassion and service had no boundaries. Bo and Mary believed their work with Kiwanis was a privilege, not a duty, and they left an immeasurable mark on more people than can be counted.

Mary's most passionate cause was providing clean drinking water to people in developing countries. Many people admirably serve their community or donate money to charity, but it takes a very special and resilient person to perform such challenging work in some of the World's most impoverished places.

Closer to home, Mary also served numerous other causes and served on or chaired the boards of many agencies like the Volunteer Mission Center, the United Way, and the Florence Crittenton Agency.

Bo recently told the Knoxville News Sentinel following Mary's passing that he was head-over-heels in love with her, and, "We never had an argument. Her goal in life was to keep a smile on my face, and my goal in life was to keep a smile on her face."

Mary was very active in the Second Presbyterian Church in Knoxville and a devout Christian. According to her family, her last words were, "Thank you, Lord Jesus. I had a great time."

Even in the face of such a lengthy and difficult illness, Mary thanked her creator for all the blessings in her life. For Mary, He had a special purpose, and although the Lord decided to call her home, she will not be forgotten by all those she knew and comforted.

Madam Speaker, the passing of Mary Shafer is a tremendous loss for my district, her husband, Bo, and her countless family and friends. I call her service and faith in God to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD and thank her for being a shining example to us all.

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OPPOSING ANY ENDORSEMENT OR  
FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF  
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FACT FINDING MISSION  
ON THE GAZA CONFLICT

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2009*

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 867, a resolution standing against further action on the "Report of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict," also known as the "Goldstone Report."

From its inception, the Gaza report was rooted in an orchestrated campaign to delegitimize Israel. It was commissioned by the U.N. Human Rights Council, an institution obsessed with condemning Israel. In his response to the Goldstone Report, Michael Posner, the Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, noted that the

UNHRC has ordered more reports and held more special sessions on Israel than another country in the world. The Council has also passed more resolutions against Israel than for all 191 other U.N. members combined and Israel is the only country that is a permanent agenda item at Council meetings.

Those who seek to elevate the Goldstone Report recommendations are advancing a campaign to demonize Israel's soldiers, denounce its democratic institutions, and undermine efforts to move the peace process forward. They feed into a disturbing new wave of anti-Israel discrimination including Arab League efforts to invigorate the Arab boycott against Israel and a recent Bahraini parliament vote to make it illegal for the Kingdom's citizens to have contact with Israelis.

Some opponents of this resolution have suggested that its motivation is to bury the incidents and allegations recorded in the report. This assessment is grossly wrong. Israel is already investigating and prosecuting reported incidents in Gaza and the United States has encouraged the government to expand and intensify its efforts. The integrity of the Israeli military and the Israeli judicial system requires that all credible allegations are thoroughly examined.

What is buried by the Goldstone Report is the suffering Palestinians in Gaza experience every day as hostages to an extremist terror campaign fought by Hamas and fueled by Iran. What is largely ignored is the deliberate efforts of Hamas to launch attacks from civilian areas and the extraordinary efforts Israel took to avoid civilian casualties.

Others have suggested that Israel's cooperation with the "fact finding mission" could have avoided its biased outcome. The reality is that the mission was fated by a sweeping mandate, the inclusion of a judge with admitted prejudice against Israel, and reliance on testimony by individuals largely chosen and at times intimidated by Hamas officials.

As a result, the report calls for the International Criminal Court to consider charges against Israeli military leaders and politicians and supports universal jurisdiction for countries to bring charges against Israeli soldiers and diplomats wherever they travel. Yet, Hamas leaders and the terrorist state sponsors who sparked the Gaza conflict with thousands of rockets face no sanction at all.

While President Obama works to achieve a breakthrough in the peace process, continued action on the Goldstone Report only pushes the parties farther apart. As Israel begins to implement unprecedented policies to constrain future settlement growth, the virulent atmosphere generated by the Goldstone Report can only serve to poison hope for progress.

I strongly urge my colleagues to vote for H. Res. 867. I commend the Obama administration for its continued work to oppose any endorsement or further consideration of the report and its recommendations.

HONORING SARAH GRAHAM

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sarah Graham, a very

special young lady who has earned a spot on the National USA Karate Team. I join with Sarah's family and friends in expressing best wishes on her significant achievement. I commend Sarah on attaining such a high honor and wish her the best of luck as she competes in the World Karate Championships in Dublin, Ireland, this October.

Gaining recognition for this remarkable achievement reflects both Sarah's hard work and dedication. As a member of the stand-alone Missouri team, as well as the team with the largest number of students to be selected from a single school, Sarah should be proud of her accomplishments. She is a member of a celebrated team and has represented the state of Missouri well. With such drive and determination I am certain Sarah will be a strong contribution to the national team.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully request you join with me in commending Sarah Graham for her success with Sensei Mark Long's Shotokan Karate team and for her effort put forth in achieving this prestigious goal.

#### HISTORY OF EASTERN AIRLINES

**HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the history of the former Eastern Airlines and its loyal employees. As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Aviation, this matter is of particular importance to me. I recently met with one of my constituents; Mr. Robert G. Fuhrman of Fayetteville, Georgia, who is a former Eastern pilot; Bob recounted the history of the company and its employees' fight to maintain its reputation for leadership in the airline industry. Additionally, Bob presented me with a copy of his manuscript as well as a number of correspondences to elected officials detailing his experiences, both good and bad, at Eastern Airlines. I have brought these experiences and documents to the attention of the House Aviation Subcommittee so that the Members of the Subcommittee would be aware of the history of Eastern Airlines as well as fulfill my constituent's First Amendment right as outlined in our U.S. Constitution to petition his government for a redress of grievances.

I would like to recount some of the history of Eastern Airlines which had such a profound impact on my home state of Georgia as a hub at Hartsfield—Jackson, Atlanta International Airport.

Eastern Air Transport first emerged on the heels of the Great Depression, operating primarily as an airmail carrier. As air travel grew during the 1950s and 60s, Eastern proved to be a leader in both aviation technology and industry practices. It was the first airline to turn a profit from commercial transportation and the first to successfully implement a shuttle service.

Along with its reputation for excellence in flight, Eastern became respected for its civic and philanthropic contributions. Eddie Rickenbacker, the company's founder and World War I flying ace, oversaw Eastern's participation in U.S. war efforts. In World War II, Eastern

served the United States Military by establishing military support flights connecting Florida, Pennsylvania, and Texas. This project eventually led to the creation of the airline's own Military Transport Division. The families of Eastern airlines shared both the drive for success and sense of responsibility its early founder established. Between 1985 and 1986, employees and their families sponsored three "mercy flights" to Ethiopia and the Sudan.

Despite the company's early success and innovation, Eastern began to experience financial difficulty. After years of losses, a series of labor disagreements, and the slow accumulation of debt, Eastern filed for bankruptcy in March of 1989. However, the strategic move was not enough to salvage the company, as it was unable to keep up with the expanding market and the demand for cheaper fares. Eastern Airlines finally closed its doors in 1991. While the airline is no longer in operation, the advances its management and employees contributed to the industry are still used by major carriers today. It is of great importance to me that Eastern Airlines and its employees such as my constituent Robert Fuhrman are remembered by the U.S. Congress in a positive light for their contributions to air travel.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE PHILADELPHIA TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER

**HON. ROBERT A. BRADY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Philadelphia Tribune, the oldest, continuously published African American owned newspaper in the nation. For 125 years the Tribune has chronicled the African American story while also being an important part of that story.

The Tribune was founded in 1884 by Christopher Perry, only 19 years after the end of the U.S. Civil War. Perry, born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1856, moved to Philadelphia at the age of 17, intent on starting a newspaper. He said, "For my people to make progress, they must have a newspaper through which they can speak against injustice."

Perry published the first edition of the Tribune Weekly when he was 28. This one-page, one-man operation newspaper debuted the same year African American inventor Lewis Lattimer began working for Thomas Edison, Booker T. Washington founded the Tuskegee Institute, and Harriet Tubman was still alive. After Perry died in 1921, the leadership of the newspaper passed to his son-in-law, E. Washington Rhodes.

From 1922 to 1970, Mr. Rhodes was at the helm of the newspaper as publisher. Appointed by President Calvin Coolidge, Mr. Rhodes served as an assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District, the first African American to do so. Additionally, Mr. Rhodes served as president of the National Bar Association, was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1938, and was president of the National Publishers Association (NNPA), a national trade organization of African American owned newspapers.

Committed to the newspaper's mission, the Tribune has been led over the past decades

by Eustace Gay, John Saunders, Alfred Morris and Waverly Easley. Today under the leadership of Chairman Walter Livingston, Jr. and President/CEO Robert Bogle, the Tribune newspaper continues to expand and has been the recipient of numerous national awards including the NNPA's John B. Russwurm Award for "Best Newspaper in America" Award and the A. Phillip Randolph "Messenger Award."

President Bogle stresses that after 125 years the mission of the Philadelphia Tribune has not wavered. "For 125 years the Tribune has been the voice of those who would have been voiceless." For that reason, Madame Speaker, I salute the proud history, advocacy, and courage of the Philadelphia Tribune. The Tribune is an historic trailblazer whose light continues to lead on the path to justice and equality for the voiceless, and I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring them.

HONORING WILLIAM W. CHAPMAN  
II UPON BEING NAMED AN HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor retired National Guard Command Sergeant Major William W. Chapman II of Willington, Connecticut. I rise to recognize his being named an Honorary Grand Marshal, one of the most prestigious salutes to a veteran in the United States.

Sergeant Major Chapman has served over 35 years in the Marine Corps, Army Reserve, and Connecticut Army National Guard. He joined the military at age 17 because he felt the need to serve his country. During the Vietnam War, Chapman served as a Marine in Japan, the Philippines, and Taiwan. He was deployed after 9/11 as part of Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Iraqi Freedom serving for some of this time in Tikrit, Iraq. He recently retired from the Connecticut Army National Guard, and is the recipient of a Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Meritorious Service Medal, and three Army Commendation Medals. He was named Connecticut Army National Guard Honor Soldier of the year in May 2008. Chapman is a former Captain and trainer with the Connecticut Department of Correction, DOC, having retired after two decades of civilian service in 2002. He is also a member of the DOC Military Peer Support Program, which assists employees and their families during deployments.

Chapman will be featured in the 10th annual Connecticut Veterans Day Parade in Hartford on November 8. Over 4,000 people will march that afternoon near the Connecticut State Capitol to honor our nation's servicemen and women.

Chapman's dedication and sacrifices as a U.S. soldier and public servant will be remembered for years to come. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me, and the people of Connecticut in thanking Sergeant Major Chapman for his distinguished service to our country and wishing him the best in his new endeavors.

HONORING SIDNEY SHIELDS

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sidney Shields, a very special young lady who has earned a spot on the National USA Karate Team. I join with Sidney's family and friends in expressing best wishes on her significant achievement. I commend Sidney on attaining such a high honor and wish her the best of luck as she competes in the World Karate Championships in Dublin, Ireland, this October.

Gaining recognition for this remarkable achievement reflects both Sidney's hard work and dedication. As a member of the stand-alone Missouri team, as well as the team with the largest number of students to be selected from a single school, Sidney should be proud of her accomplishments. She is a member of a celebrated team and has represented the state of Missouri well. With such drive and determination I am certain Sidney will be a strong contribution to the national team.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully request you join with me in commending Sidney Shields for her success with Sensei Mark Long's Shotokan Karate team and for her effort put forth in achieving this prestigious goal.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EAST TAWAS LIONS CLUB

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Lions Club of East Tawas, Michigan as it celebrates its 50th anniversary in the community. Throughout its history, the Lions Club has worked with city, county and State government to improve the lives of residents in East Tawas and its surrounding areas.

Chartered May 1959, the East Tawas Lions Club has undertaken efforts from day one to support sight projects locally and beyond. Each year, the group takes to the streets for the annual White Cane Drive fundraiser to benefit blind and sight-impaired individuals, as well as organizations that provide for the various needs of the blind and sight-impaired. The Club has also participated in joint state projects including Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Michigan Eye Bank for the past 50 years.

The East Tawas Lions Club has worked to improve the health and well-being of the community by building and installing wheelchair ramps for those in need. The Club has also helped to provide hearing aids to individuals with financial difficulties.

Recognizing the importance of education, the Club invests in East Tawas youth, providing scholarships to help graduating seniors attend college. The Club has also helped raise money to build dugouts for local baseball diamonds and for construction of the Dewey Durant Park pavilion.

The East Tawas Lions Club promotes community spirit, and has hosted a wide range of

events throughout the years, including golf tournaments, softball tournaments, cross-country races and winter ski races on the Corsair Trails. This year, the Club served smoked whitefish and beef jerky—two staple foods of northern Michigan—at the community's winter festival.

Madam Speaker, the East Tawas Lions Club has been a leader in community and humanitarian service since 1959. It has worked tirelessly to provide support and resources to those in need by embodying the Lions motto: We Serve! I ask Madam Speaker, that you, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives, join me in thanking the members of the East Tawas Lions Club for their generous service and recognizing the Club on its 50th anniversary.

IN HONOR OF CLIFFORD A.  
SCHULMAN

**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor South Florida philanthropist, business leader and prominent attorney, Cliff Schulman.

Mr. Schulman has 37 years of wide-ranging legal experience in the environmental and land use field from both the government and private sectors.

He is well known for his involvement in the community and commitment to charitable causes. He is Chairman of the Board of the Aventura Marketing Council and serves on the Boards of the "I Have a Dream" Foundation and the Anchors Away Foundation, a program that provides specially designed sailboats for use by mentally and physically challenged children in the Miami-Dade public school system. He is also a member of the United Way of Miami-Dade Alexis de Tocqueville Society and a founder of Mt. Sinai Medical Center.

In 2004, Mr. Schulman received the Anti-Defamation League's "Torch of Freedom" award and was recently named "Impact Legal Leader" by South Florida Business Leader Magazine, a distinction for individuals who have contributed significantly to their industry, as well as active participants in civic or philanthropic groups in the community.

This month, the South Florida Shomrim Society Jewish Fraternal Order of Law Enforcement Officers is honoring him as "Person of the Year". This distinction is presented to Mr. Schulman for supporting the welfare of the local community and improving the public image of all persons engaged in public safety.

He is listed in Legal 500 US, Best Lawyers in America and Florida Trend Magazine's "Legal Elite." Additionally, Mr. Schulman serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Miami Law School's Masters Program.

I am proud to have Mr. Schulman as a constituent and honor his distinguished career and leadership in the South Florida community.

HONORING ROBERT "BOB"  
BARNUM OF EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Robert "Bob" Barnum, who is being honored as the 2009 Lumberman of the Year by the Ingomar Club of Eureka. For over six decades, Mr. Barnum has presided over the family timber holdings and been a leader in the timber industry of northern California.

A Humboldt County native and fourth generation Eureka, Bob was born to Charles R. Barnum Sr. and Helen Wells Barnum in 1927. Bob began working in the forests in the summer of 1944, where he learned to cruise timber, survey boundaries and mark cutting lines. He enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley in 1945 and graduated in 1949. He attended the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York. He married Patricia Boyle of New Jersey in 1949. Bob and Pat have five children, Patricia, Charles, Bill, Cathleen and Jane, as well as eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Bob assumed management of the family timber business in 1953. He added to the family's timber properties and formed Barnum Timber Company in 1985. He was a founding director of Forest Landowners of California, an officer and director of many industry associations, including the Redwood Region Conservation Council and the California Forestry Association. He was appointed to the California State Board of Forestry in 1972, helping to oversee the implantation of California's landmark forest practices legislation.

A lifelong Republican, Bob has proudly represented the region at the Republican National Convention in 1976, 1980 and 1984. His commitment to the preservation of our political liberty is worthy of appreciation and recognition.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize the contributions of Robert "Bob" Barnum to the community and to the industry which he loves, and for being honored as the 2009 Lumberman of the Year.

HONORING TRAVIS BUTTON

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Travis Button, a very special young man who has earned a spot on the National USA Karate Team. I join with Travis' family and friends in expressing best wishes on his significant achievement. I commend Travis on attaining such a high honor and wish him the best of luck as he competes in the World Karate Championships in Dublin, Ireland, this October.

Gaining recognition for this remarkable achievement reflects both Travis' hard work and dedication. As a member of the stand-alone Missouri team, as well as the team with the largest number of students to be selected from a single school, Travis should be proud of his accomplishments. He is a member of a

celebrated team and has represented the state of Missouri well. With such drive and determination I am certain Travis will be a strong contribution to the national team.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully request you join with me in commending Travis Button for his success with Sensei Mark Long's Shotokan Karate team and for his effort put forth in achieving this prestigious goal.

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN H. MAHLE

**HON. ERIK PAULSEN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate and pay tribute to a great American, Stephen H. Mahle, a man who achieved great personal and professional success through courage, dedication and an unwavering commitment to improving the human condition.

Steve Mahle received his bachelor of arts degree in physics from Beloit College in 1967 and his master's degree in physics from Pennsylvania State University in 1969. He served in the U.S. Army, where he held the rank of Captain while serving as a research scientist at NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston.

In 1972, Steve Mahle began what would become a highly successful 37-year career with Medtronic, Inc. where he held numerous leadership positions, including serving as president of Cardiac Rhythm Disease Management, CRDM.

Steve played a key leadership role in many important milestones in cardiac rhythm disease innovation. He was the product development manager on the first Medtronic pacemaker programmer, and was instrumental in developing the world's first rate responsive single chamber pacemaker, which revolutionized and advanced cardiac pacing technology.

He expanded Medtronic's international presence and was an integral part of growing the implantable cardioverter defibrillator business in the late 1990s. He is credited with creating cardiac resynchronization therapies that address heart failure, as well as establishing CareLink, a patient management system, that now serves more than a quarter of a million patients in the United States. Under his leadership the CRDM business grew from \$500 million to just under \$5 billion.

Madam Speaker let us join his friends, family, and colleagues in congratulating Stephen H. Mahle on his many accomplishments, and wish him well as he begins his retirement from a lifetime of leadership and innovation, and starts the next chapter in his life where he will undoubtedly continue his own personal mission to "make a difference in the lives of people throughout the world."

H.R. 4016, THE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ACT OF 2009

**HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, today I introduce legislation to reauthorize the Depart-

ment of Transportation's (DOT's) hazardous materials safety program. The authorization for the program expired on September 30, 2008. According to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), the agency within DOT that is tasked with the safe movement of nearly 1.2 million daily shipments of hazardous materials in the United States, over the past decade, there have been 170,527 incidents involving the transportation of hazardous materials, resulting in 137 fatalities and 2,857 injuries. However, according to an internal analysis conducted by PHMSA, dated May 11, 2007, 60 to 90 percent of all incidents involving the transportation of hazardous materials that occurred from 2004 through 2006 were not reported by regulated entities to PHMSA. PHMSA, however, has done nothing to address the under-reporting of incidents.

When Congress created PHMSA in 2004, the law included, at my request, a mandate that the agency shall consider the assignment and maintenance of safety as the highest priority. Unfortunately, PHMSA has lost sight of its safety mission.

Over the past several months, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has conducted an in-depth investigation of PHMSA's hazardous materials safety program. Our preliminary findings, which were released on September 10, 2009, coupled with the preliminary findings of the DOT Office of Inspector General, which also conducted an audit of PHMSA's hazardous materials safety program, revealed some alarming problems.

We uncovered significant problems with PHMSA's special permits and approvals programs, which exempt regulated entities from hazardous materials regulations. PHMSA routinely grants these exemptions without making the findings required by its own regulations.

We also found that PHMSA has virtually no process for data collection, analysis, and reporting. Most of PHMSA's database is incomplete or contains errors. If PHMSA cannot read its own data, how can it determine what its priorities should be? In addition, PHMSA has failed time and time again to address significant safety concerns that have been raised by its own enforcement personnel, the DOT Office of Inspector General, and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). The NTSB has issued safety recommendation after safety recommendation to ensure the safety of transporting lithium cells and batteries on board aircraft. The NTSB has also issued safety recommendations on eliminating the transportation of hazardous materials in external product piping of loading lines underneath cargo tank motor vehicles, known as wet lines. Yet, PHMSA has failed to address these important safety recommendations.

The safe transportation of lithium cells and batteries is an important issue and a rapidly increasing safety risk, as more and more technology relies on the use of various types of lithium cells and batteries. The batteries are widely used in personal electronic devices, such as cell phones and laptops. In 2008, more than 3.3 billion lithium cells and batteries were transported worldwide, representing an 83 percent increase since 2005. Since 1996, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the NTSB have identified more than 100 incidents involving lithium and other batteries on board aircraft where batteries have overheated, caught-fire, or exploded. Since 1999,

the NTSB has had concerns with the unacceptable risks posed by lithium batteries. This legislation requires the Administrator of PHMSA, in coordination with the FAA, to issue a regulation for the safe transportation of lithium cells and batteries. This regulation will include, among other things, requirements for: proper identification of lithium cells and batteries on board aircraft, packaging performance requirements, and other safety measures.

The legislation also mandates implementation of an NTSB recommendation first issued over 10 years ago regarding wet lines. Currently, 30 to 50 gallons of flammable materials, such as fuel, can be transported in unprotected loading lines beneath cargo tank trucks. Over the past 10 years, there have been 184 incidents in which these wet lines were damaged or ruptured. H.R. 4016 prohibits the transportation of certain flammable liquids in the external product piping of cargo tank motor vehicles on newly manufactured vehicles within two years of the date of enactment, and for all existing vehicles beginning in 2021.

H.R. 4016 also includes several requirements to strengthen emergency response capabilities. The ability of first responders to adequately identify and respond to a hazardous material substance release is critical. The bill enhances training for emergency responders and requires that responders are provided a higher level of training, known as Operations Level training. The bill also requires the Secretary of Transportation to develop minimum standards for those who provide hazardous materials emergency response information services. This provision will guarantee that these services are staffed on a 24-hour basis to ensure that, day and night, our emergency response capability is not jeopardized.

The legislation makes significant safety enhancements to the "special permits and approvals" process. H.R. 4016 requires that, prior to granting any special permit or approval, the Secretary shall make a determination that a person is fit, willing, and able to conduct the authorized activity. In part, this provision requires PHMSA to perform a fitness review of any person who requests an exemption from regulation to ensure that the applicant's safety record, accident and incident history are reviewed before any special permit is authorized. Currently, PHMSA reviews thousands of applications for special permits and approvals each year, with no review of an applicant's safety record. The bill will ensure that any person requesting an exemption from the regulations have a safe record, a compliant record, and a good reason for needing an exemption from the regulations.

PHMSA is tasked with an enormous safety mission, yet it currently has only 35 investigators (plus seven supervisors) for the entire nation. H.R. 4016, authorizes 30 new inspectors for the program—almost doubling the number of inspectors. This bill also strengthens the inspection program by requiring the Secretary to carry out a new hazardous material enforcement program to develop uniform standards for inspectors and investigators; to train hazardous materials inspectors and investigators on how to collect, analyze, and publish findings from accidents and incidents; and to train hazardous materials inspectors on how to identify noncompliance with hazmat regula-

tions and take the appropriate kind of enforcement action.

The safe transport of hazardous materials is critical and affects the entire nation. H.R. 4016, the "Hazardous Material Transportation Safety Act of 2009," will increase the hazardous materials safety program, strengthen emergency response capabilities, and increase enforcement of hazardous materials laws and regulations.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4016, the "Hazardous Material Transportation Safety Act of 2009."

**OPPOSING ANY ENDORSEMENT OR  
FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF  
REPORT OF THE UNITED NA-  
TIONS FACT FINDING MISSION  
ON THE GAZA CONFLICT**

SPEECH OF

**HON. RON KLEIN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2009*

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H. Res. 867, a resolution that calls on the Secretary of State and the President to unequivocally oppose further consideration of the Goldstone Report in international arenas. This resolution sends a clear message to the international community: the Goldstone report does nothing to advance peace and security in the Middle East. Rather, it serves to reinforce the deep mistrust that pervades the region and excuses the actions of terrorist groups and their state sponsors.

The Goldstone report ignores the facts. The terrorist threat surrounding Israel's defensive operations in Gaza required a decisive response, and any sovereign nation would have—and should have—done what Israel did. In fact, Richard Goldstone himself said, "If this was a court of law, there would have been nothing proven."

The Goldstone report disregards what it means to fight against terrorists who use human shields and have no regard for human life. The findings and conclusion of the report have ominous consequences for the United States and other countries who seek to prevent terrorist threats from taking root around the world. We cannot allow the Goldstone report to set a precedent—the stakes are too high.

This report was not guided by a commitment to human rights, but rather motivated by a bias against Israel. Now is the time for the United Nations to immediately turn its attention to the very real human rights violators around the world. Human rights victims are pleading for the world's attention. I would urge U.N. member states to devote time and thought to the realities of human rights around the world—not Israel. Israel, with strong democratic and judicial institutions, can make any necessary determinations about how to move forward from here.

I would like to thank Chairman BERMAN and Ranking Member ROS-LEHTINEN for their leadership in authoring this resolution and bringing it to the floor. This is a true example of the importance of bipartisanship because the U.S.-Israel relationship is stronger when we work across party lines.

I would urge my colleagues to support the resolution.

HONORING TYLER TITUS

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler Titus, a very special young man who has earned a spot on the National USA Karate Team. I join with Tyler's family and friends in expressing best wishes on his significant achievement. I commend Tyler on attaining such a high honor and wish him the best of luck as he competes in the World Karate Championships in Dublin, Ireland, this October.

Gaining recognition for this remarkable achievement reflects both Tyler's hard work and dedication. As a member of the stand-alone Missouri team, as well as the team with the largest number of students to be selected from a single school, Tyler should be proud of his accomplishments. He is a member of a celebrated team and has represented the state of Missouri well. With such drive and determination I am certain Tyler will be a strong contribution to the national team.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully request you join with me in commending Tyler Titus for his success with Sensei Mark Long's Shotokan Karate team and for his effort put forth in achieving this prestigious goal.

**RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT  
OF AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC IN-  
STRUCTOR LES CHAMBERS**

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Leslie R. Chambers, a Northwest Florida leader who is retiring after a lifetime of public service to his country and his community. Les spent his career serving others, and I am proud to honor his dedication and service.

Born on October 31, 1942, Les Chambers joined the Air Force in 1961 after graduating from high school. Following completion of training, he was first assigned to Laon Air Base, France. His Air Force career took him across the globe. Along the way he earned two associates degrees in applied science, then completed his bachelor's degree in management at the University of New Hampshire. He is also a graduate of the Aerospace Defense Command Noncommissioned Officer Academy, where he received the Commandant's Award, and a graduate of the USAF Senior NCO Academy.

Les retired in 1994 with over 33 years of faithful service to his country, 17 of which were spent overseas. His military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak-leaf clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak-leaf clusters. He was selected to serve his last three years as part of the "High Year of Tenure" program, a distinction reserved for less than one percent of the force.

After retiring from the Air Force, he settled in Valparaiso, Florida and began working for the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitation Services (HRS) as a Senior Counselor

for Children and Families. In 1997, he was selected as the "Social Worker of the Year" for the Department of HRS. Les then began his role as the Air Force Junior ROTC Aerospace Science Instructor at Fort Walton Beach High School in December of that year. Known simply as "Chief" to his students, Les retired on October 31, 2009. He will be truly missed.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize Les Chambers for his service to Northwest Florida and the United States of America. My wife Vicki and I wish all the best for Les and his family, including his wife, Ingeborg, and children, Angela, Michael, and Marcus, as they embark on this next journey in their lives.

## PATRIOT ACT REAUTHORIZATION

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is imperative that the USA PATRIOT Act be reauthorized fully and not weakened, as I believe H.R. 3845 will do. In the years following 9/11, there have been a number of major terrorist attacks around the world that have caused mass casualties on civilians. I think it is important to remember some of these events:

12 Oct 2002. Car bombing outside nightclub in Kuta, Indonesia. 202 dead.

26 Oct 2002. Hostage taking and attempted rescue in theater in Moscow, Russia. 170 dead.

16 May 2003. Suicide bombers attacked Western tourist areas in Casablanca, Morocco. 45 dead.

11 Mar 2004. Bombings of four trains in Madrid, Spain. 191 dead.

1–3 Sep 2004. Hostage taking at school in Beslan, Russia. 372 dead.

7 July 2005. Bombings of three subway trains and one bus in London, UK. 54 dead.

11 Jul 2006. Multiple bombings on commuter trains in Mumbai, India. 200 dead.

26–29 Nov 2008. Multiple shooting and grenade attacks in Mumbai, India. 174 dead.

Madam Speaker, thankfully, none of these horrific attacks occurred in the United States. I believe that part of the reason we have not suffered another terrorist attack is that our brave men and women in law enforcement have done a tremendous job of preventing further attacks. I do not believe Al Qaeda simply decided not to bother us anymore. We must not forget that many analysts warned after 9/11 that we needed to "learn to live" with terrorism. Well, thankfully, that reality never happened.

I believe that our law enforcement, armed with tools such as the PATRIOT Act, have prevented attacks and saved us from this type of suffering within the United States. We as Congress need to do all we can to give our men and women in law enforcement the tools they need to do their job, not weaken these tools.

## A TRIBUTE TO JACK L. RAY

### HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack L. Ray, who for over 28 years has served as a minister and elder of the Lehman Avenue Church of Christ in Bowling Green, KY.

Mr. Ray leaves a long legacy as an evangelist in the churches of Christ. Many generations have heard the teachings and sermons of Mr. Ray, and have read many of the lessons he has contributed to the publications of the churches of Christ.

In his more than 50 years of service, he has worked unselfishly to not only help other congregations grow in size and in faith, but has helped new congregations establish in Kentucky.

He is a blessing to many, including the youth in the church community, who he has helped lead, educate and nurture their faith. He is greatly loved and respected by the members of the Lehman Avenue Church of Christ, because of his dedication, strong faith and loving guidance.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Jack L. Ray for his more than 50 years of commitment and devotion. I wish him nothing but the best in his future endeavors as he continues to be a blessing to others.

## A TRIBUTE TO LESTER C. BROWN

### HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my friend, and a friend to Philadelphia, Lester C. Brown. After 18 years of service on the Philadelphia City Counsel, Mr. Brown is retiring as the Chief of Staff for Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell. Throughout his career, Mr. Brown has shown exceptional leadership in community service and tireless dedication to his constituents in need. For instance, he currently serves as the democratic leader of the 24th ward.

Mr. Brown was born in the 1920s in Savannah, Georgia, at a time when equality was just a distant dream for many Americans. Despite the hardships that the Jim Crow laws placed on African Americans, Lester developed the personal strength to overcome the adversities he faced. He began his career in journalism at the age of 16, when he became the first African American youth to host a radio show that aired on WTOG, a CBS affiliate. After moving to New York City, Mr. Brown became a reporter for Ban Black Audio News. His hard work and determination in a divided society eventually led him to become the first African American junior executive on Madison Avenue as an Assistant Advertising Production Manager for progressive Architecture Magazine.

From there, Mr. Brown moved to Philadelphia, where he became a successful newspaperman for WHAT radio. It is in the great city of Philadelphia that Mr. Brown began his influential career in community service as a youth organizer for the parents union in the

Philadelphia public schools. In the 1980s he became the Executive Director of Mantua Community Planners where he was able to better the lives of multiple families, including the donation of nine homes to the members of the Mantua community through the Remove Urban Blight program.

Currently serving as the Democratic Leader of the 24th ward, and faithfully worked under Lucien B. Blackwell and Councilwoman Jannie L. Blackwell, we are here to honor my friend, Lester C. Brown on the occasion of his retirement. Although he will be missed dearly, after 18 years of loyal service on the Council no one deserves this honor more than Mr. Brown.

Lester Brown's impressive career in the city of Philadelphia illustrates his commitment and drive to improve the lives of the city's residents. I would like to thank him for his tireless efforts, and I wish him well in the future.

## IN MEMORY OF SVEND AUKEN

### HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, today I honor the memory of Svend Auken, a dear friend of mine, a great statesman, and an international leader on environment and energy issues. He passed away this past August after a magnificently robust life of leadership. He served in the Danish Parliament from 1971 until his death, and was Minister for the Environment from 1993 to 1994, and Minister of Environment and Energy from 1994 to 2001. Earlier in his life, he spent time in my home State of Washington, studying for a year at Washington State University in 1961.

Whatever his position, he was always a determined advocate for clean energy and the environment. His leadership has been an inspiration for the world. Svend did not believe in the idea that preserving the environment required sacrificing economic growth. He believed that his Nation could prosper by protecting the environment, or as he put it, "doing well by doing good."

Due to his inspired leadership over more than three decades, Denmark introduced new policies and embarked on a national effort to produce more domestic energy and do it cleanly by focusing on energy efficiency, wind power and combined heat and power systems. Since then, Denmark has kept its energy use flat, while its economy has grown nearly 75 percent. Denmark was once entirely dependent on foreign energy, but is now a net exporter of energy. Denmark has aggressive energy efficiency standards for new buildings, and currently produces over 20 percent of its power from wind, and over half of its electricity and around 60 percent of its heat from combined heat and power. Denmark is now a world leader in both of these technologies. As our Nation embarks on its own quest to produce clean, domestic energy, grow our economy, and preserve the environment for our children and grandchildren, we would do well to follow Svend's lead and learn from his life. When we in America adopt a vision of clean energy, it will be in part because we have been inspired by Svend's leadership.

This Friday, the Danish community in Seattle will honor Svend's life at a memorial

service. As I remember my friend, I will remember his vitality, his sense of humor, his devotion to service, and most of all, his leadership and inspiration. We should all remember Svend Auken as a great citizen of the world.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "SAFE ROUTES TO HIGH SCHOOLS ACT OF 2009"

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, obesity rates for children between the ages of 12 and 19 have more than tripled in the past fifteen years, with 17.6 percent of high school age children now classified as obese. This has a profound impact on the long-term health of our nation, as 80 percent of obese children become obese adults, putting them at a higher risk for diabetes, hypertension, cancer, and other chronic health conditions, and placing an increased long-term burden on our healthcare system. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that children be active for at least 60 minutes five times a week, but statistics show that activity levels drop rapidly as students head into their high school years. Increasing opportunities for adolescents to be physically active will help combat the rise in teenage obesity.

We should provide students with safe, active ways to get to and from school and encourage healthy, active lifestyles and daily exercise at a time when they are seeking independence and cementing lifelong habits that will make them safer and healthier.

This is why I am introducing the Safe Routes to High Schools Act, a bill to expand the popular Safe Routes to Schools program to include high schools. The Safe Routes to Schools program has been extraordinarily successful, with over 4,500 programs across the country, but it currently does not cover high schools. High school students represent a population most likely to suffer from high rates of obesity and also most in need of flexible, independent, and low-cost transportation choices, especially in times of economic crisis. This simple policy change will allow an already successful program to serve the students who need it the most.

I hope that my colleagues will join me in supporting this legislation to ensure that children of all ages have safe ways to get to school burning calories instead of carbon.

RECOGNIZING SITRIN HEALTH CARE'S WHEELCHAIR CURLING TEAM

**HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sitrin Health Care's wheelchair curling team, which will represent the United States as Team USA at the 2010 Paralympic Games. Today marks the 100-day countdown to the games set to begin March 12, 2010 in Vancouver, B.C.

Sitrin's team has earned worldwide attention over the last few years, winning the bronze medal at the 2008 World Wheelchair Curling Championships in Switzerland and narrowly missing the bronze in the 2009 World Wheelchair Curling Championship held in Vancouver. In preparation for next year's competition, Team USA has been practicing at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, New York, and competing internationally in Norway and Scotland.

The team's impressive record of achievement owes to Sitrin's Success Through Adaptive Recreation and Sports (STARS) program, created in 2001 to provide individuals with physical disabilities opportunities to engage in a variety of sports on a recreational or competitive basis. In addition to curling, the STARS program includes adaptive golf, wheelchair basketball, adaptive paddling and wheelchair road racing. Sitrin, located in my district in New Hartford, New York, operates the wheelchair curling program in partnership with the Utica Curling Club in Whitesboro, New York.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sitrin's wheelchair curling team on its accomplishments to date, and in wishing the athletes luck in the upcoming Paralympic games. Sitrin's paralympians are an inspiration to athletes across our nation, and I look forward to following their success in Vancouver.

CALLING ON THE U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF SRI LANKA'S TAMIL INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 3, 2009*

Mr. McMAHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 711.

The Tamil people have been exposed to unspeakable tragedies by all sides in the most recent ethnic conflict.

Yet, the so-called end to the conflict in Sri Lanka has only brought more suffering and brutality to the Tamil people.

Housed in barrack-style IDP camps, without the option of release, these 300,000 refugees are repeatedly betrayed by Sri Lankan officials that claim to be protecting them from the LTTE, a terrorist organization who was uprooted this Spring.

Furthermore, stories of torture and injustice seep through the high barbed-wire walls surrounding these camps, despite limited access to outside NGOs and the media.

This is frightening and simply unacceptable. My message has always been clear: I will not stand for the atrocities being committed in Sri Lanka.

Through my work on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and the subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, I have worked with Chairman BERMAN to include a provision in the Foreign Relations Authorization Act to condemn the Sri Lankan government's inaction and to mandate a cultural exchange for the new generation of Sri Lankans to study tolerance in the United States.

For three long decades, Sri Lankans have been pitted against one another.

And, thousands of innocent lives have been lost.

It is time for a new direction in Sri Lanka.

It is time for a political solution and an integration of minorities in Sri Lanka.

Clearly, it is not enough to release a small number of refugees to host families or, for that matter, to farmland—as the government has reportedly been doing.

These people must immediately be allowed to return to their homes and to their daily lives.

A TRIBUTE TO JESSE W. GRIDER

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, 1 week from today, our Nation will honor our veterans and remember all those who have fallen in order for us to be free.

I rise today to honor one veteran in particular, Jesse W. Grider, a true patriot whose dedication to our Commonwealth and Nation is to be commended.

Mr. Grider enrolled in the National Guard in 1950 at the age of 17. Upon his return from the Korean war, Mr. Grider continued his dedication to his country and district by serving in the Glasgow Police Department, attaining the rank of sergeant.

In 1958, he was appointed a U.S. Deputy Marshal in the Western District of Kentucky, where he served as an instructor and trainer. At one point in his career, Mr. Grider had trained two-thirds of the deputy marshals in the United States.

After his work at the U.S. Marshal's Service in Washington, D.C., Mr. Grider returned to Kentucky in 1973 where he served as Chief Deputy Marshal before being appointed in 1975 as the U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Kentucky.

After his retirement as U.S. Marshal, Mr. Grider was appointed Clerk of the U.S. District Court in the Western District of Kentucky, where he served 17 years.

On Veteran's Day, friends, family and members of the Barren County and Glasgow communities will come together to recognize Mr. Grider's distinguished career. I join them in honoring Jesse W. Grider and thank him for his service and the great contributions he has made to our Nation and community.

CONGRATULATIONS, LT. COMMANDER JOHN R. LOGAN

**HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN**

OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the achievements of a Navy Lieutenant from my district, John R. Logan, who will be promoted to the rank of Lt. Commander in a ceremony that will be held this morning here in the Capitol Building. Presently serving as the Command Chaplain at the Marine Barracks here in Washington, D.C., Lt. Logan has been decorated with the Navy and

Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal.

A veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Lt. Logan was born in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. He received a B.A. in Theology from the Antillean Adventist University in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico in 1992. He was licensed by the North Caribbean Conference of Seventh Day Adventists and began pastoral duties on St. Croix and St. Maarten.

Lt. Logan graduated with his Master of Divinity Degree on August 8, 1998 from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Two years later, he received a Masters in Social Work from the University of Michigan, with a clinical emphasis in children and Youth in Marriage and Family in Society. He subsequently served as a youth pastor, mental health therapist and marriage and family therapist in Michigan.

As a soldier, Lt. Logan served as Flotilla Chaplain of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary before coming on active duty in 2001, serving aboard the USS *Belleau* and deploying on WESTPAC 2002 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. In January 2004, he was assigned as Squadron Chaplain to Marine Aircraft Group 16 and was later deployed to Al Asad, Iraq with MAG-16 Headquarters in support of Iraqi Freedom in May 2007. Earlier this year, he graduated from the U.S. Naval War College, Fleet Seminar Program, receiving a diploma from the College of Naval Command and Staff.

Madam Speaker, Lt. Logan, soon to become a Lt. Commander in the Navy has combined his call to serve others with distinguished service as a soldier, a counselor and a minister. He is one of our best, as he provides counsel to his fellows in the armed services and to civilians in need of his help. We are proud of his accomplishments and on behalf of my family, staff, and the people of the Virgin Islands I wish him well as he continues to serve his country and his community with distinction.

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HONORING PORTRAIT OF  
MAQUOKETA

**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Rose Frantzen, her husband Charles Morris, the Frantzen family, and the entire Maquoketa, Iowa community on the premier of Ms. Frantzen's Portrait of Maquoketa at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery. This work will be on display from November 2009 to July 2010.

Portrait of Maquoketa is a compilation of 180 individual oil portraits of Maquoketa residents painted between July 2005 and July 2006. Ms. Frantzen's exceptional skill is evident in each portrait, but the paintings are more striking when displayed together.

Ms. Frantzen describes Portrait of Maquoketa as "an unfiltered representation of this small Iowa community at this time in history." Unlike many portraits that are commissioned or collected by people with a distinct interest in art, Ms. Frantzen took a democratic approach to her work and opened her store

front studio to any Maquoketa who wished to pose for her. She painted children, adults, seniors and adolescents. During the sittings she conducted informal interviews and later made audio recordings of her neighbors' stories, ideas, and beliefs. Many of these recordings are part of the installation at the Portrait Gallery.

The individuals in Portrait of Maquoketa don't look distinctly Iowan. There are no clues in the paintings indicating they have any relationship to each other. Together, though, we recognize these individuals are also a community with a shared identity and future. In each portrait Ms. Frantzen expresses the dignity and beauty in her neighbors, and together her paintings proclaim the dignity and beauty of Maquoketa.

Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to visit the National Portrait Gallery to see Portrait of Maquoketa. It is an inspiring interpretation of American life.

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BRUCE VENTO PUBLIC SERVICE  
AWARD

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Park Trust Bruce Vento Public Service Award. This award was established in 2001 by the National Park Trust to honor the memory and legacy of Congressman Bruce Vento.

Congressman Vento was a relentless advocate for America's national parks and conservation heritage and my predecessor in representing the citizens of Minnesota's 4th Congressional District in the U.S. House. As Chair of the Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest, and Public Lands, Mr. Vento passed more park legislation than any previous chairman.

The National Park Trust is a public-private partnership dedicated to the protection of America's parklands. This year, the National Park Trust presented the award to California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger for his leadership in the protection of public lands in California and for his commitment to connecting children to the outdoors. I congratulate the Governor and commend the National Park Trust for its work in honoring the legacy of Congressman Vento.

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HONORING THE REV. LLOYD  
SAATJIAN

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the Reverend Lloyd Saatjian, who passed away on July 28, 2009. Reverend Saatjian was a beloved pastor, humanitarian, social justice advocate, and so much more. His genuine warmth was felt by all who met him, and had unique ability to connect with people.

Reverend Saatjian was appointed to lead the First United Methodist Church of Santa

Barbara in 1989 where he served as Pastor until his retirement several years ago. During his time as Pastor, he was an active member of the Greater Santa Barbara Area Clergy Association where he worked closely with leaders from other local faith communities on a wide range of projects and initiatives, including an annual interfaith Thanksgiving service. Hosted at First United Methodist Church, this wonderful event brought together community members from every faith to find common ground and give thanks. This event held special significance in 2001 when it helped facilitate an open dialogue between the local Muslim community during a time of such great unrest and misunderstanding.

He also forged a unique and inspirational partnership with the local Jewish community to help rebuild African American churches in the American South that had fallen victim to arson. Beginning 11 years ago, this partnership has sent hundreds of my constituents to small rural towns across the South to help those in need. These trips have not only built places of worship, but also lasting friendships with church and community members from all walks of life. This ongoing partnership is a shining testament to Reverend Saatjian's lifelong commitment to social justice and interfaith collaboration.

Reverend Saatjian was a cherished and valued member of the Santa Barbara community, and he will be truly missed.

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HONORING GERALD RICHARDSON,  
OGEMAW COUNTY VETERAN OF  
THE YEAR

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a constituent who has distinguished himself both in service to his country and to his community. Mr. Gerald Richardson has been named "Ogemaw County Veteran of the Year" by the Ogemaw County Veterans Alliance. It is an honor befitting the dedication and patriotism Mr. Richardson has demonstrated both in the U.S. Navy and in civilian life.

Mr. Richardson was born January 4, 1930 in Centerline, Michigan to Carl and Pauline Richardson. Upon graduation from Hazel Park High School, Mr. Richardson went to work for Chrysler Corporation as an automatic screw machinist operator.

In January of 1951 Mr. Richardson went to serve his country, enlisting in the U.S. Navy. He attended basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois and was assigned to Little Creek Naval Air Station in Virginia. After one month in Virginia, Mr. Richardson received his assignment to the USS *Casa Grande* LSD where he performed duties as a machinist mate, second class.

While onboard the USS *Casa Grande* LSD Mr. Richardson served in many missions and exercises, including supply missions to Newfoundland and Greenland. He and his crewmates also performed amphibious training in various locations. In December 1954 Mr. Richardson received an honorable discharge and returned to Michigan.

Upon discharge from the U.S. Navy, Mr. Richardson went back to working for Chrysler,

where he remained employed until 1979 when he retired. After retiring, he moved to West Branch, Michigan where he resides today.

Mr. Richardson has continued to be involved in numerous civic activities of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3775, and previously served as the post's commander. It is for his involvement in the community that Mr. Richardson has been bestowed with this award—the highest honor the Ogemaw County Veterans Alliance can bestow upon a fellow veteran.

Gerald Richardson is a man who understands commitment and exemplifies the values of service and responsibility toward others. He stands as an example of what it means to be a true American hero, embodying traits of honor, courage and humility.

Madam Speaker, Gerald Richardson has served his country with bravery and dignity, and has continued to draw on these traits in service to Ogemaw County. He is an individual who has been recognized by his community and his fellow veterans as a leader and a model citizen. With that in mind Madam Speaker, I ask that you, and all of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, join me in saluting Gerald Richardson for his lifetime of service and in congratulating him on being awarded Ogemaw County Veteran of the Year.

CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF HISPANIC AMERICANS TO  
THE UNITED STATES

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 783, "Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month," and celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic-Americans to the strength and culture of the United States.

Through the centuries, millions of Hispanic men and women have traveled to the United States looking for the American dream and a better future for their families. They are today spread far and wide across the 50 States. Their arrival resulted in a remarkable mixture of Hispanic culture, traditions, music, food, and language with the American way of life. The Census Bureau reports that Hispanic Americans are the largest ethnic minority in our Nation today, representing 15 percent of the total population.

Hispanic Americans have created their own companies and businesses and are an integral part of the American workforce that keeps our economy moving forward. There are Hispanic Americans serving in the Senate and House of Representatives, but we must do more to increase these numbers and diversify Capitol Hill offices with better Hispanic representation. This year, Sonia Sotomayor, a Bronx native of Puerto Rican descent, became the first Latina to sit on the Supreme Court after being nominated by President Obama. Finally, we must pay respects to the over one million Hispanic veterans who have fought valiantly to defend this nation.

On both big and small scales, Hispanic Americans have left their mark, their heritage, and their contributions on this great country. Their music is heard through voices like Celia

Cruz, Marc Anthony, and Tito Puente. Their food is widely available in menus across the country. Their Spanish language we have grown accustomed to hearing, understanding, and loving.

Hispanic American heritage is culture, life and beauty. I urge all my colleagues to extend their support to celebrate a cultural heritage and contribution that makes us the country we are.

NATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS  
MEMORIAL DAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 28, 2009*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 729, a resolution honoring and celebrating this nation's firefighters with a "National Firefighters' Memorial Day." In today's economic climate, we cannot forget the irreplaceable services that firefighters and first responders perform in our communities, often receiving as compensation only the personal fulfillment of making a difference.

Take, for example, the volunteer fire department of Portland, Connecticut, a small town in the southern part of my district. The fire department in Portland was established in 1884 when a group of twenty-five members of the community recognized that a bucket brigade was insufficient to fight the blazes that were devastating their downtown. They decided they could not stand by idly while friends and neighbors lost their homes and businesses. Today, the Portland volunteer fire department boasts sixty members, and the original firehouse still stands on Portland's Main Street, a symbol of the central role that our first responders play in our communities.

The technology of firefighting has evolved significantly since the early days of the Portland volunteer fire department. I am proud to say that the fire department in Hartford is one of less than fifty departments, out of over 33,000 across the country, to earn the highest possible ranking for fire protection. This honor is no doubt a result of Hartford's position on the cutting edge of first responder technology. Hartford's fire department has been a trailblazer in using GIS mapping and GPS technology to make every first responder aware of hydrant locations, water main diameters, engine locations, and building footprints across the city, all to better serve Connecticut's capital city.

Firefighters in Connecticut's First District also serve the thousands of people who use Bradley Airport each day. The Connecticut Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, established in 1975, is located in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, near the airport. Its facilities, with classrooms, a dive rescue training pool, burn structures, a training yard, and airplane and tanker props for passenger extrication drills, provide a state-of-the-art campus to train and coordinate first responder efforts across the state. It is because of Connecticut's dedication to providing resources and support to its firefighters that we boast some of the best in the nation.

Connecticut's first district hosts thirty-seven fire houses, including Hartford's. Twenty-seven

of these, including Portland's, are completely volunteer operations. Even when the men and women who make up these fire houses aren't selflessly protecting the lives of their friends and neighbors, you can see them out in their communities. They are working day jobs, teaching young people and engendering their passion for fire safety through school visits and Explorer programs, and participating in carnivals, spaghetti suppers, and fundraisers to pay for the equipment and training they need to stay at the top of their profession. The services that firefighters and first responders provide are priceless. The very least we can do is honor our first responders with a "National Firefighters' Memorial Day," and recognize the crucial role they play in promoting our safety, security, and well-being.

HEALTH CARE

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, as Members of Congress, it is our duty to pass real health care reform this year.

Perhaps no state is in greater need of this reform than my home state of California.

Two hundred seventeen thousand people in my Congressional District go everyday without reform.

And for California as a whole—we have 13 million uninsured residents!

The people of California, and people across the United States need health care reform that:

Ends discrimination based on pre-existing conditions!

Ends dropped healthcare coverage because you get sick!

Ends co-pays for preventative care!

And ends skyrocketing costs for individuals and families!

The Republican alternative does none of these things!

It simply keeps the status quo! It costs more! And does nothing!

The 217,000 people living in my District without insurance cannot afford inaction any longer!

The 13 million people in California without insurance cannot live with the status quo!

The 15 hundred families in my District who went bankrupt because of health costs cannot afford the status quo!

Now is our opportunity to make history—and to move America forward!

We must not be short-sighted and focus only on politics and polls.

As we work for health care reform, I also urge my colleagues to pass a bill that does not include costly and discriminatory verification requirements like the SAVE requirements.

Our Nation cannot afford either the humanitarian or the fiscal costs of a health care immigration verification process.

As a Christian—my faith teaches me that we must love our fellow man, and care for them as if they were our brother or sister.

If a sick person is at the doctor's or the hospital—they need help!

They do not have time to wait for a lengthy background check to determine their citizenship status.

Can you imagine the medical errors we will have if we have to run an immigration status check every time someone who looks different needs medical care!

This can lead to a dangerous precedent of racial profiling! People may be denied life-saving care simply because of how they look!

From a fiscal perspective—numerous studies have shown us that immigration screenings cost our nation much more in tax dollars than they actually save.

SAVE requirements would become unfunded mandates that add to the administrative cost burden of our States!

In my home State of California—Los Angeles County spent \$28 million in 2008 to implement tougher verification standards on the Medi-Cal program!

I repeat—\$28 million!!

And how many undocumented immigrants did this \$28 million help to catch actually using Medi-Cal benefits? Zero!!!

Is this a cost-effective practice?! Or is this a burden on county governments?!

A mandatory verification requirement in this health bill would only add to the current cost burden of emergency rooms!

We should be working on policies that encourage people to go to clinics, where they can receive proper preventative and routine care.

SAVE electronic verification would push more and more people into the emergency room—where all of us will be left to pick up the tab!

Additional SAVE Program Verification also hinders access for the general public to health care.

This has certainly been the case since states have been required to verify legal status for Medicaid.

According to the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities—anywhere from 3 million to 5 million U.S. citizens have lost Medicaid coverage because they lacked the necessary paperwork (birth certificate or passport) to prove their citizenship.

By introducing mandatory electronic verification procedures—we are creating additional hurdles for Americans to access the care they need!

And what would be the cost in new liability suits?!

And think of our current situation with H1N1. Families need access to care immediately—to stop the spread of further outbreaks!

This would be chaos! It would burden our entire healthcare system with a costly and ineffective unfunded mandate.

From both a humanitarian and a fiscal point of view—we cannot afford mandatory electronic verification.

I am pleased the manager's amendment to this legislation does not include mandatory verification for people looking to access the health care exchange.

I urge my colleagues to remain vigilant on this issue—and work to stop any mandatory electronic verification requirements.

I am also pleased the larger bill includes the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

As a Member of the House Native American Caucus and the Natural Resources Committee—I have been a strong supporter of ending the health disparities that exist on our reservations.

I will close my statement by again stressing the importance of this historic moment!

We passed Social Security in 1935. We passed Medicare in 1965.

I urge my colleagues to stand with the American people and pass legislation in 2009

that will make quality, affordable health care a right for all Americans!

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to be present in the Capitol for votes on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

However, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on H.R. 3949, Veterans’ Small Business Assistance and Servicemembers Protection Act of 2009; “yea” on H. Res. 398, Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift’s success; “yea” on H. Res. 866, Expressing support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week to encourage public participation in a nationwide project that collects and preserves the stories of the men and women who served our Nation in times of war and conflict; yea on H. Res. 867, Calling on the President and the Secretary of State to oppose unequivocally any endorsement or further consideration of the “Report of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict” in multilateral for a; “yea” on H.R. 3157, To name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Alexandria, Minnesota, as the “Max J. Beilke Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic”; and “yea” on H. Res. 736, To name the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Alexandria, Minnesota, as the “Max J. Beilke Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic.”

## 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, November 5, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED  
NOVEMBER 6

9:30 a.m.

## Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for October 2009.

SD-106

## NOVEMBER 9

3 p.m.

Environment and Public Works  
Water and Wildlife Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 1816, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve and reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program, and S. 1311, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to expand and strengthen cooperative efforts to monitor, restore, and protect the resource productivity, water quality, and marine ecosystems of the Gulf of Mexico.

SD-406

## NOVEMBER 10

9 a.m.

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Paris on August 21, 1994, as Amended by the Protocol signed on December 8, 2004, signed January 13, 2009, at Paris, together with a related Memorandum of Understanding, signed January 13, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111-04), protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and New Zealand for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on December 1, 2008, at Washington (Treaty Doc. 111-03), convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Malta for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income,

signed on August 8, 2008, at Valletta (Treaty Doc. 111-01), treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-23), and international Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on November 3, 2001, and signed by the United States on November 1, 2002 (the "Treaty") (Treaty Doc. 110-19).

SD-419

9:30 a.m.

## Budget

To hold hearings to examine bipartisan process proposals for long-term fiscal stability.

SD-608

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Children and Families Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine H1N1 and paid sick days.

SD-430

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine policy options for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

SD-366

## Finance

To hold hearings to examine climate change legislation, focusing on considerations for future jobs.

SD-215

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Erroll G. Southers, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and Daniel I. Gordon, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

SD-342

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

## Housing, Transportation and Community Development Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine ending veterans' homelessness.

SD-538

## Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine strengthening our criminal justice system, focusing on extending the Innocence Protection Act.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

## Foreign Relations

To receive a briefing on Sudan.

SVC-217

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, Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, adopted at The Hague on November 23, 2007, and signed by the United States on that same date (Treaty Doc. 110-21), 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, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

S-116, Capitol

3 p.m.

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine protecting consumers from overdraft fees, focusing on the Fairness and Accountability in Receiving Overdraft Coverage Act.

SD-538

## NOVEMBER 17

10:30 a.m.

## Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the United States child nutrition programs, focusing on opportunities to fight hunger and improve child health.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

## Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the United States and the G-20, focusing on re-making the international economic architecture.

SD-419

## 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

## NOVEMBER 19

10 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine environmental stewardship policies related to offshore energy production.

SD-366