On H.R. 4173, The Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009, on Motion to Recommit with Instructions, I would have voted no.

On H.R. 4173, The Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009, on passage, I would have voted yes.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDY SUMNER

HON. TRAVIS W. CHILDERS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Mr. CHILDERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today with deep sadness by the passing away of a great leader and native Mississippian, Mayor Judy Sumner. Mayor Sumner, 58, died Saturday, January 9, 2010, at her home.

During her mayoral tenure, she guided the town toward resolution of a debt crisis with the Internal Revenue Service and a host of other creditors while helping to coordinate celebrations of Como's musical and ethnic heritage and its Main Street business revival.

Mayor Sumner was a devoted wife to Mike Sumner and mother to her four children, Courtney Collins, Wendy Bailey, Sassene Dyer and Nick Sumner. Madam Speaker, with distinct honor and pride, I along with the citizens of Como, Mississippi, sadly mourn the death of such an inspirational leader and Mississippian. I want to personally thank her for all her contributions. Her memory will live on.

TRIBUTE TO THE ST. FRANCIS PARISH SCHOOL

HON. KEVIN McCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Mr. McCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a well-respected parochial school in my community. St. Francis Parish School, located in Bakersfield, California is celebrating 100 years of education this upcoming April.

The St. Francis Parish School has a unique history. Started by the Sisters of Mercy in 1910, the school consisted of two classrooms in the basement of a church. After sixteen years of various makeshift learning environments, an actual school structure was constructed, and in 1940 the St. Francis High School was created which gave the two schools a combined K–12 presence. In 1943, the Sisters of Mercy were unable to staff a high school and lower school, so they delegated the Dominican sisters of the Congregation of St. Thomas of Aquinas, Diocese of Seattle to take over the St. Francis students. The present location of St. Francis Parish School was opened in 1952, and the Dominican Sisters continued to run the school until 1978. After changing hands once more in 1978 to a different sister group, the school is presently operated by lay teachers and one Mercy Sister. It is fitting that the staff has come full circle to include this one Mercy Sister.

Today, St. Francis Parish School has a preschool through eighth grade platform that serves 586 students. The school's curriculum has grown to add computer technology, and grades 2–8 have smart boards, internet capability, and sound systems in every classroom. Growing with demand, the school has evolved to include Spanish, art, and music. Additional teachers have been added to St. Francis' staff to teach these new curriculums, and yearly textbook updates occur in every class in order to maximize the school's educating potential.

Most importantly, St. Francis Parish School pushes its students to be lifelong active leaders and responsible citizens. Every age group is required to do community service through both class service projects and quarterly school service projects. An array of community service organizations welcome the school's generosity such as the American Heart Association, the Cancer Society, Mercy Beyond Borders, the Homeless Center, Catholic Charities, Mercy Hospital, Lion's Club, SPCA, the Valley Achievement Center, Alpha Canine, and St. Faustina's. For 100 years, St. Francis Parish School has instilled high leadership, faith, and service qualities throughout its students.

St. Francis Parish School is a keystone of our educational community that measures success in its loyalty from generations of students. I thank St. Francis for its 100 years of service to the people of Bakersfield and wish them the very best in its next 100 years.

A TRIBUTE TO LUCY GLENN TAYLOR

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a distinguished lady of Kentucky, Lucy Glenn Taylor. A third generation funeral home director and community leader, Lucy lived her life by the philosophy "always be kind to others," a motto which translated into her daily life.

Lucy dedicated her life to others starting at a young age. During World War II Lucy organized and managed funeral services while members of her family were in military service. Many have said that she even helped move caskets from time to time.

Lucy went on to become the director of her family's funeral home in 1978 and it was her notorious kind demeanor that inspired her children to continue the family business. Lucy always took the time to get to know those who used her family's services and was a well-loved and respected member of the community.

Once named the First Lady of the Year by Beta Sigma Phi International Service Sorority, Lucy took on several leadership roles within her community. She was a member of the Pilot Club for 50 years, during which she once served as president, and served on the board of directors for the Elizabeth Munday Center and Kentucky Wesleyan College. Among other organizations, Lucy was involved with the Junior League of Owensboro, Wendell Foster Bazaar, the Isaac Shelby Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was also a member and former president of the Franklin School PTA.

Always poised yet genuine, those who had the privilege of meeting Lucy Glenn Taylor never forgot her. Lucy never intended to draw attention to her acts of kindness. To the contrary, she would quietly extend a hand to those in need.

Sadly, on Monday, January 4, 2010, Lucy Glenn Taylor passed away in her home at the age of 88. I join with her family, friends, and confidants in mourning her loss. Although we may have lost one of the Commonwealth's most loyal friends, Lucy's legacy will continue through the countless number of people whose lives she touched.

GARY NICHOLS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to recognize Gary W. Nichols for his outstanding service to his country, and to congratulate him on receiving his honorary high school diploma from North Kansas City High School in North Kansas City, Missouri.

Gary dropped out of high school in 1954 to join the United States Navy. He would have been a member of the graduating class of 1956. Gary was a career serviceman from 1954–1974 and served on several destroyers and carriers during the Vietnam War. He attained the Rank of E–5.

Gary has earned the gratitude and respect of his fellow veterans and fellow citizens of Kansas City, Missouri. He has served as the Post Commander as well as the District 3 Commander for the American Legion. His life's dedication and hard work should serve as an example to the rest of us on how we can better serve each other and our great nation.

Gary is originally from Kingsville, MO, but he now lives in Kansas City with his wife Shirley, where he is the proud father of seven children and step-children, 22 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Gary W. Nichols on the occasion of receiving his honorary high school diploma on January 30, 2010. I would also like to thank North Kansas City High School for providing Gary with the degree he would have received had he not left school to fight for his nation. I know Gary's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to his country and wishing him happiness and good health in his future endeavors.

COMMENDING HAMILTON STEPHENS WINTERS

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend a distinguished student, Hamilton Stephens Winters, on his achievement of Eagle Scout, awarded January 9, 2010.

For nine years, Hamilton has been active in scouts. Prior to completing Cub Scouts in 2006, Hamilton received the Arrow of Light