

work related to voting, employment, housing, predatory lending, bankruptcy, civil rights and criminal law enforcement, international law compliance, and civil rights in immigration policy. She authored large portions of the Committee staff's report "Reining in the Imperial Presidency: Lessons and Recommendations Relating to the Presidency of George W. Bush" and supervised the drafting and editing of the Committee's bipartisan amici brief in Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1 v. Eric H. Holder (2009).

On behalf of the Judiciary Committee, its staff, and this distinguished body, I would like to thank LaShawn for her service and for her unwavering commitment to protecting and advancing civil rights and liberties for all Americans. We are losing a dear colleague, mentor, and friend—her generosity, optimism, professionalism, and warmth shall be sorely missed. We wish her the best of luck and extend to her our deepest gratitude.

HONORING MR. ROD MORGAN ON BECOMING THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE INDIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Rod Morgan, a remarkable jurist from Indiana's 7th Congressional District, who recently became the first African American to serve as president of the Indiana State Bar Association. I applaud Mr. Morgan for this monumental achievement.

Currently a partner at Bingham McHale LLP in Indianapolis, Mr. Rod Morgan's legal career has been vast and varied. His career has touched upon nearly every aspect of jurisprudence from serving as an Army Judge Advocate General, to acting as a legal advisor to numerous military and political leaders, to teaching law and writing scholarly papers. Mr. Morgan is also an active member of the community, serving on numerous boards and associations, recently serving as president of the Indianapolis Black Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Partnership for Affordable Housing. His election as president of the Indiana State Bar Association marks yet another milestone in an exemplary career.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Rod Morgan and wishing him the best of luck in his latest endeavor.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF ELIZABETH JOYCE COSSER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Elizabeth Joyce Cosser, lovingly known as "Nan" treasured grandmother of my wife, Elizabeth, and dearest mother and matriarch.

Mrs. Cosser was born in 1923 and spent her childhood in the beautiful, rolling farmlands of Nottinghamshire and later South Downs,

England. Nan's unyielding love for the natural world, great joy of learning, deep commitment to family and sense of service to others was deeply rooted in her childhood. Moreover, Nan was raised to believe that girls were just as worthy as boys, and her fierce independence, courage and outspokenness shone throughout her life—and began during an era when women's rights and opportunities were still non-existent. A trailblazer in so many ways—Nan was a feminist and environmentalist before those words existed in the world's consciousness.

As a young woman, Nan ventured out on her own, eventually leaving home to become a nurse. During WWII, Nan's family home—stead, Blackcap Farm, was destroyed by Canadian Troops who leveled the countryside with rounds and mortars during training maneuvers. At that same time, Nan worked as a nurse, tending to wounded soldiers amidst air raids and heaving bombing, in Brighton and the East End. After the war, Nan continued her chosen vocation of nursing, specializing in delivering babies. She became a community midwife, and delivered 1,265 babies, including Elizabeth, her namesake and granddaughter.

Nan coveted nature, and was on the forefront of the green movement and animal rights causes. In her spare time, Nan planted trees—thousands of trees. To this day, thick groves of chestnut, oak, buckeye and hazelnut trees grow along the country paths in Belhus Woods in Essex—all planted by Nan.

Nan taught by example, instilling in her children and grandchild a true love and respect for the earth and for each other. Beyond her love of gardening, Nan spent time with family on numerous outdoor adventures. She guided her grandchildren through the countryside, gathering berries which she later transformed into pies, jams, wine and even vodka. Her artistic talents and interests were extensive and varied; Nan excelled at painting, embroidery, knitting and pottery, and her adventurous spirit led her to journey to places around the world—researching the history of the culture wherever she went.

Nan combined her love of history and art, creating beautiful works depicting momentous eras and individuals in world history. Nan's keen interest in England's royal lineage led her to embark on an extensive project in which she researched every king and queen in England, dating back 1,000 years. Her research then inspired her to create an incredible series of pottery busts reflecting, in detail, the likeness and aura of royalty dating back one thousand years!

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Elizabeth Joyce "Nan" Cosser, whose kind and generous heart drew others to her. Nan's strength, integrity, and love for the world and its inhabitants, will forever live within the hearts of all us who knew and loved her well, and will forever reflect from the branches and leaves of the towering oak and chestnut trees along the English countryside—forever connecting us all in the cycle of life.

TOWN HALL BY MAIL SURVEY RESULTS FOR FLORIDA'S 10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, Our nation is faced with more major issues, and is more divided over how we should handle those issues, than at any time I have served in Congress.

These issues include matters of national security, financial security, economic security, and the future of our health care system. Last November, I asked residents of the 10th Congressional District I have the privilege to represent to share their thoughts with me on these and many other pressing issues. To date, more than 31,500 have responded to my survey which included 26 questions on a wide range of legislative matters. In addition, almost half of those who responded provided some very helpful additional comments about other matters of interest to them. In order to certify the accuracy of the results, I had an outside firm tabulate the surveys before returning them to me to review the comments.

Madam Speaker, following my remarks, I will include for the benefit of my colleagues the complete results of my Town Hall by Mail survey. As we return for the Second Session of this 111th Congress and begin debate on these many difficult issues, I think they will find these results of special interest.

CONGRESSMAN BILL YOUNG TOWN HALL BY MAIL

- Which of the following do you feel to be the most pressing federal issue?
 - Federal Deficit, 17.33%
 - Job Creation, 16.02%
 - A Growing Federal Government, 15.14%
 - Health Care, 14.52%
 - National Security, 11.21%
 - Energy Independence, 8.83%
 - Immigration, 7.79%
 - Other, 3.61%
 - No Response, 2.86%
 - Housing, 2.69%
- Are you satisfied with your current health care coverage?
 - Yes, 73.09%
 - No, 20.40%
 - Not currently covered, 4.77%
 - No Response, 1.73%
- From what you have read about the pending health care legislation before Congress, do you believe this legislation would improve the quality of your health care coverage?
 - Yes, 15.85%
 - No, 70.71%
 - Unsure, 11.72%
 - No Response, 1.71%
- From what you know about the health care reform legislation pending before Congress, would you support or oppose this legislation?
 - Support, 22.42%
 - Oppose, 65.81%
 - Unsure, 10.22%
 - No Response, 1.55%
- Should health care reform include a government-run public option?
 - Yes, 28.49%
 - No, 60.44%
 - Unsure, 8.88%
 - No Response, 2.19%
- Do you believe that any health care reform legislation should specifically prohibit

federal funding for illegal immigrants to receive health care coverage?

Yes, 81.17%
No, 11.12%
Unsure, 5.99%
No Response, 1.71%

7. Should Congress raise taxes to pay for health care reform legislation?

Yes, 16.47%
No, 74.73%
Unsure, 7.04%
No Response, 1.76%

8. Should Congress pay for health care reform legislation by cutting Medicare by \$500 billion as proposed in the House bills?

Yes, 7.48%
No, 83.32%
Unsure, 7.44%
No Response, 1.76%

9. Should Congress require individuals to purchase health care insurance or face a tax penalty?

Yes, 17.02%
No, 73.54%
Unsure, 7.77%
No Response, 1.68%

10. Do you believe that the \$787 billion economic stimulus spending bill approved by Congress earlier this year has created jobs?

Yes, 15.32%
No, 73.67%
Unsure, 9.48%
No Response, 1.53%

11. Given the continued increase in unemployment, should Congress enact a second stimulus spending bill this year?

Yes, 13.31%
No, 72.66%
Unsure, 12.36%
No Response, 1.67%

12. Should the President approve the recommendation of General Stanley McChrystal to deploy some 40,000 more troops to Afghanistan?

Yes, 49.60%
No, 32.53%
Unsure, 16.04%
No Response, 1.83%

13. Would you be willing to pay higher fuel and energy prices to reduce the production of greenhouse gases?

Yes, 23.59%
No, 64.03%
Unsure, 10.52%
No Response, 1.86%

14. Should Congress be required to post major legislation online at least 72 hours before it's voted on in the House or Senate?

Yes, 85.08%
No, 5.90%
Unsure, 7.16%
No Response, 1.86%

15. Should Congress extend the \$8,000 federal first-time homebuyer's tax credit (the credit is set to expire on November 30, 2009)?

Yes, 48.66%
No, 41.21%
Unsure, 8.34%
No Response, 1.79%

16. Should Congress consider passage of a second Cash for Clunkers program?

Yes, 13.43%
No, 78.75%
Unsure, 6.27%
No Response, 1.56%

17. Should Congress provide additional bailout funds for U.S. automakers and financial institutions?

Yes, 2.88%
No, 90.71%
Unsure, 4.82%
No Response, 1.58%

18. The federal National Debt is currently over \$11.9 trillion and is projected to increase by more than \$9 trillion over the next ten years. To balance our account, Congress should:

Reduce government spending and eliminate programs, 83.30%

Increase taxes to pay for existing government programs, 13.43%

No Response, 3.27%

19. Should the federal government be required by law to have a balanced budget, as the Florida state government and most other states are required to do?

Yes, 79.64%
No, 9.18%
Unsure, 9.38%
No Response, 1.81%

20. Which do you believe would do more to create jobs and stimulate the American economy?

Increased government spending and new government programs, 13.21%

Reducing taxes on private business (the U.S. business tax rate is the 29th highest of the world's 30 largest economies), 81.37%

No Response, 5.43%

21. The Federal Reserve had refused to disclose to the Congress which companies have been given trillions of dollars in bailout money. Should the Fed be subject to a full and complete audit of its actions?

Yes, 94.54%
No, 1.71%
Unsure, 2.24%
No Response, 1.51%

22. Should suspected terrorists be transferred from the prisons at Guantanamo Bay to federal prisons in the United States?

Yes, 20.62%
No, 67.22%
Unsure, 8.21%
No Response, 3.95%

23. Should amnesty for those here illegally be included in immigration reform?

Yes, 12.23%
No, 74.12%
Unsure, 9.69%
No Response, 3.96%

24. The measure of the cost-of-living for Social Security recipients is predicted to increase from 2010 to 2011, yet recipients are not likely to receive a cost-of-living adjustment the next year. Should Social Security recipients receive an increase in their benefits for 2012?

Yes, 74.86%
No, 10.60%
Unsure, 10.70%
No Response, 3.84%

25. Should the U.S. continue pursuing a missile defense shield in Europe?

Yes, 51.27%
No, 27.68%
Unsure, 17.19%
No Response, 3.86%

26. Should economic sanctions continue against Iran?

Yes, 78.87%
No, 7.27%
Unsure, 10.07%
No Response, 3.78%

IN TRIBUTE TO SHARON SCHULTZE

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and contributions of my Senior Legislative Assistant, Sharon Schultz.

On Monday, January 11, 2010, Sharon retired after seventeen years of service in my Washington Congressional office. In and of themselves, these years are enough to qualify her for special recognition, but she also served as my Assistant for four years when I

was a member of the San Diego Board of Education, as my Council Representative for five years when I was a member of the San Diego City Council, and in numerous roles in many of my campaigns, including Finance Director for two of my Congressional Campaigns. When one of my early campaigns showed practically a zero in donations for an entire summer month of fundraising, I called on her, and the contributors returned. Throughout the years, she has been my go-to person when I need something done and done right.

Upon reflection, I believe that her most important contribution has been to provide a consistent and friendly voice to the people we are serving, knowing many by name. She gives them what they are asking for—either the answers they need or information about who can help if we are not the right office to call. A visitor or caller never goes away without assistance.

Sharon's work over the years has included legislation that addresses people's needs: education, gay and lesbian, health, labor, Native American, senior citizen and Social Security, religion, art, welfare, women, and veterans issues. She was my sole staff person for the House of Representatives Veterans' Affairs Committee (VA) for fourteen years. She has met with constituents and lobbyists, answered mail, prepared my statements for the VA and the House and talking points for speaking engagements, prepared bills for introduction in the House, and written press releases. In fact, she has done almost everything in my office, from the duties of staff assistant to executive assistant to administrative assistant, as needed—just not systems administration.

She has taken a keen interest in how micro-credit and microenterprise can help many people in our country, travelling to Bangladesh to learn about the Grameen Bank in Dhaka, founded by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus.

She has helped me prepare for many of the awards and recognitions I have received, for example, the 2009 Gusi Peace Prize I was recently awarded in the Philippines and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award I received from the National Education Association in 2003. Her supporting role in my work on the issues important to my Filipino constituents was critical to my selection as a recipient of the Legion of Honor, the highest civilian award given by the Philippines, presented by then-President Fidel Ramos.

Sharon has also prepared the nominations I have made throughout the years for winning entries, for example in the Victory Against Hunger Award sponsored by the Congressional Hunger Center, the Private Sector Small Business Award from the Asian American Business Roundtable, the Congressional Angels in Adoption Awards from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, the Ethics Award from the San Diego Human Dignity Foundation, and my nominations for the White House Conference on Aging. For each of the seventeen years we have been in Washington, she has been the DC staff person in charge of trip arrangements to Washington for the winning students in the annual Congressional Arts Competition. She has greeted our Congressional Pages and has handled the ticket requests for Presidential inaugurations.

She has joined with me in many of our accomplishments. She was with me when we