

including Community Health Care—where thousands of my constituents can get access to high quality care with payment options that meet their specific needs. CHC alone serves 31,000 patients throughout the Quad Cities and manages 119,000 unique visits per year. By 2012 the CHC team will be serving 40,000 patients annually. Under George's leadership, CHC has dramatically expanded their services by opening new outpatient clinics, enhancing relationships with regional hospitals physician groups, and adding multiple dental suites to meet the incredible need for childhood and adult dental care.

Madam Speaker, I advocate for our federal community health centers because people like George Barton and the CHC team get results. They dramatically improve health and wellness in our communities and are invaluable to solving one of the most critical issues facing our country today—access to health care. Please join me in thanking George and this team for their service.

RWANDAN GENOCIDE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I've spent my entire career advocating for victims, for those that have suffered at the hands of perpetrators both as a former judge in Texas and as founder and co-chair of the Victims' Rights Caucus. It grieves me that people resort to violence and commit such atrocities to their fellow neighbor. On April 6, 1994 and for the next three months our world learned an important lesson—violence is not the answer, nor is watching and doing nothing.

Sixteen years ago, beginning on April 6, 1994 more than 800,000 persons were killed in the Rwandan genocide, many being Tutsis.

A shot-down plane of Rwandan President Juvenal Habyarimana, a Hutu, and his death sparked the beginnings of the genocide because the very next day, April 7, 1994, the Rwandan Armed Forces (FAR) and the interahamwe went out and slaughtered thousands of people by setting up roadblocks and then going house to house killing Tutsis and moderate Hutus. The slaying went on for the next 100 days.

On June 22, 1994 the U.S. used the word "genocide" only after the Security Council deployed French forces in South West Rwanda. On February 19, 1995 Western countries committed to sending \$600 million in aid, with \$60 million coming from the United States. Rwanda bears a deep and grave loss from this tragedy, and the international community has come around them to support, encourage and comfort.

Much was said during this conflict, but little was done. We can do better. We must do better.

We send our sympathies out to the loved ones who died in the Rwandan genocide. We know that they are still greatly missed even sixteen years later. May we remember this time when so many lost their lives, and may we do better in interceding during future conflicts. Let us always take a stand against violence.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
MS. CHRISTINE MILES

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Ms. Christine Miles of Berea, Ohio, a remarkable woman who has dedicated her life to her dual passions of music and helping children. Ms. Miles has worked on my staff for 14 years, but she has been my friend for almost 40 years. She brings joy into the lives of thousands of young men and women through her work as a music therapist and her role in creating and managing the 10th Congressional District Art Contest, which she has organized for 14 consecutive years.

Ms. Miles is simply one of the most interesting people you could ever hope to meet. She has a deep passion for cooking and gardening. Her home is a calming oasis of history, warmth and love. She has dedicated her life to the arts and to service to her community. An alumna of Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music, Ms. Miles has been honored for her devotion to music as a performer, a teacher and as a music therapist for children.

Ms. Miles was elected to the Berea City Council in 1972 and in 1976, she became a special aid to U.S. Congressman Ron Mottl. She was the first woman to Chair the Ohio Democratic Delegation to a presidential convention where she was a delegate for Jimmy Carter. She served as President Carter's deputy co-coordinator for his Ohio Campaign. She later served on the National Advisory Board on Ambassadorial Appointments. She has also served as a Member of the Advisory Committee on the Arts at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Ms. Christine Miles, a strong supporter of the arts who has made Northeast Ohio a more beautiful place to live through her work, her consistent dedication to the well being of children, and her very presence. Thank you, Chris.

IN RECOGNITION OF GEORGE
THOMLINSON

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, allow me to recognize and pay tribute to Mr. George Thomlinson who recently received the Spirit of Service award from the Warrensburg Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This annual award recognizes a member of the community who shows an outstanding commitment to service and volunteerism.

Although Mr. Thomlinson has worked for 31 years as an insurance agent with Farmers Insurance Group in Sedalia, Missouri, volunteering remains his true calling. Since 1995, Mr. Thomlinson has been involved with the Sedalia-Pettis County United Way. As president and campaign chair, Mr. Thomlinson helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars

for charitable organizations in Pettis County, and he currently serves on the board as first vice president.

Over the years, he has also served as president of the Liberty Center Association for the Arts, a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, and a board member of the Sedalia Rotary Club. For 2 years, he was president of the Sedalia Area Chamber of Commerce, and he was awarded the "Volunteer of the Year" award in 2002 for his service with the Chamber.

Though his commitments are wide and diverse, few have meant more to Mr. Thomlinson than his work with Ducks Unlimited, an organization that has conserved, restored, and protected over 12 million acres of habitat in North America. After serving as the Missouri State chairman for 3 years, this year he will be nominated to become a regional vice president.

Madam Speaker, let me take this means to recognize Mr. Thomlinson for his tireless service to our community and for the impeccable example he and his wife Holly have set for their daughter Vanessa and us all.

IMPLEMENTING MANAGEMENT FOR PERFORMANCE AND RE- LATED REFORMS TO OBTAIN VALUE IN EVERY ACQUISITION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5013) to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for performance management of the defense acquisition system, and for other purposes:

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 5013, the IMPROVE Acquisition Act of 2010, which will implement reforms that reduce waste within the Department of Defense, DOD. This important legislation will help ensure that our government's second largest department acts efficiently and effectively in its pursuit of our national security.

I thank Chairman SKELTON for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I also thank the sponsor of this legislation, Congressman ROBERT ANDREWS, for his dedication to enacting substantive government reform that protects taxpayers and makes our Federal Government work more efficiently on behalf of the American people.

Mr. Chair, in 2009, the DOD's budget was \$680 billion, the second largest budget of all executive branch departments. The American taxpayer deserves our best effort to ensure that this money is spent efficiently, effectively, and in areas of the most need. H.R. 5013 will aid in this effort by ensuring the DOD gets the maximum value possible from its acquisitions. The bill will require that the DOD set performance standards and goals for all acquisitions. It then requires all acquisitions to be subjected to regular assessments to ensure that these goals are being met.

This legislation also directs the Secretary of Defense to manage and develop a highly skilled workforce that ensures that the DOD