

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MS. MARSHA PAINTER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Ms. Marsha Painter. Ms. Painter served her constituency faithfully and justly during her tenure as the Ellicott Town Assessor.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Ms. Painter served her term with her head held high and a smile on her face the entire way. I have no doubt that her kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

We are truly blessed to have such strong individuals with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Ms. Painter is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to her today.

SUMMERVILLE INSURANCE AGENCY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Jim Summerville and the Summerville Insurance Agency on their 100th anniversary. Three generations of the Summerville family have worked hard to provide financial security to the people and businesses of Chillicothe and the surrounding area. J.F. (Floyd) & Alta Summerville started the agency traveling through the county providing insurance services to their clients on horse and buggy. Jim's father, Clifford, joined the practice in 1947 and Jim later joined in 1972.

The dedication of family members and staff who have stayed with the company throughout their lives is a great testament to the service that Summerville Insurance Agency provides. Joan Ganske, a licensed agent and office manager, has been with SIA for 20 years. Joan's great uncle, Hugh Tudor, served as secretary and was instrumental in getting Farmers Mutual started in 1891. Joan's grandfather, Jas. A. Lewis, served as president for many years. Summerville Insurance Agency also has an office in Polo, Missouri, run by Mitzi Brassea, a licensed agent and office manager for 32 years. Jim has now been a licensed agent for 38 years, and he and his wife Karen Kay have four children and seven grandchildren.

Jim is very active in the community, having served as a member of many organizations. Some of Jim's various memberships include the Missouri Association of Insurance Agents,

the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, and the First Presbyterian Church. Jim was also a member of the VFW, EAA, and a Sergeant in the U.S. Army and University of Missouri alum. Jim's awards and honors include serving as President of the Missouri Association of Professional Insurance Agents from 1985–1986, the Paul Harris Fellow Award 1998, Chillicothe Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year Award in 2002, and the Missouri State Vietnam Veteran Medal 2007.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in applauding Summerville Insurance Agency's dedication and service to the people of Livingston County, Missouri. I know Jim's colleagues, family and friends join with me in thanking him for his commitment to others, and wishing Summerville Insurance Agency 100 more years of greatness to come.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BEAUMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Beaumont Elementary School in Vista, California and congratulate them on their 50th year of educational service.

Beaumont Elementary School has continually responded to the needs of our communities, families, and students by promoting the principles of a quality and challenging curriculum. Through Beaumont's devoted teaching staff, students receive instruction utilizing the best, up-to-date materials and curriculum available along with hands-on learning opportunities.

The school recently celebrated by turning their annual fair into a community celebration. The event was bustling with hundreds of visitors and alumni reunited to mark the 50-year anniversary of the school.

I would like to commend Beaumont Elementary School's leadership and its teachers for their consistent dedication and for inspiring their students to pursue a well-rounded, lifelong education. Madam Speaker, I applaud Beaumont Elementary School and its students, parents, alumni, teachers, and administrators for their ongoing contributions to the education of future generations.

HONORING JOE W. HATFIELD'S IN- DUCTION INTO THE WEST VIR- GINIA AFFORDABLE HOUSING HALL OF FAME

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Ms. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joe W. Hatfield, Executive Director of

the West Virginia Housing Development Fund, who is very deservedly being inducted into the 2010 West Virginia Affordable Housing Hall of Fame.

Joe has worked for the West Virginia Housing Development Fund since 1968, serving as its Executive Director since 1980. Joe has expanded the agency during that time to reach all 55 counties of the State with affordable housing programs, economic development initiatives and supportive housing services for West Virginians affected by flooding.

Realizing that one size does not fit all in the world of mortgage finance, Joe has created numerous mortgage programs that serve residents of all incomes. Joe has made it a goal to work with banks and housing partners all over the State so that borrowers in rural, harder to serve areas also have access to affordable housing programs.

Since its inception in 1970, the Housing Development Fund has sold more than \$3 billion in tax-exempt bonds to finance more than 104,000 housing units. Under Joe's leadership, the Housing Development Fund has consistently been rated as one of the strongest in the Nation. As a testament to responsible lending, the West Virginia Housing Development Fund did not experience the great tide of foreclosures over the past two years as other loan servicers in this critical economic time.

Joe is a member of the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council, West Virginia Jobs Investment Trust, past Chairman of the West Virginia Disaster Recovery Board, West Virginia Homeless Task Force, the West Virginia Affordable Housing Trust, The West Virginia Housing Policy Advisory Committee and is a past Board Member of the National Council of State Housing Finance Agencies, who honored him in 1996 with its Housing Leadership Award at its Annual convention. Based on his experience and success, Joe is considered an icon among his peers in the housing industry.

Joe is a West Virginian through and through. He is a native of Newtown in Mingo County, West Virginia, and a graduate of Concord College in Athens, WV. Joe is married to Barbara and is the father of three children and eight grandchildren.

It is easy to understand why Joe is being honored by the West Virginia Affordable Housing Hall of Fame. Congratulations, Joe on this honor which is long overdue. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to providing safe, decent, affordable housing to West Virginians.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MOUNT SAINT MARY COLLEGE

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. HINCHEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mount Saint Mary College, located in

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Newburgh, New York as it celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding. Rooted in the Dominican tradition of education, the Dominican Sisters of Newburgh demonstrated uncommon vision and tremendous leadership in establishing this institution of higher learning overlooking the Hudson River and its historic Highlands. Consistent with its Judeo-Christian heritage, Mount Saint Mary College has provided rigorous and high quality educational instruction for the past five decades to generations of students in the Hudson Valley region. I am delighted to add my voice to those commemorating and marking this significant milestone, and I am proud to recognize Mount Saint Mary College on this very historic occasion.

Founded in 1959, Mount Saint Mary College has remained faithful and committed to its motto, *Doce Me Veritatem* (Teach Me the Truth) by fostering in its students a lifelong passion for learning and imparting the knowledge and values that enable these women and men to succeed and contribute significantly to our society. The Mount offers 50 undergraduate degree programs and three graduate degree programs, and has successfully prepared and graduated many thousands of men and women in a wide range of fields, including education, nursing, and business.

Mount Saint Mary College continues to play a significant and tremendously positive role in its local community and the surrounding region. The faculty, staff, and students of the Mount generously offer and share their expertise and skills to benefit the local community. In addition, the Mount also contributes to and strengthens the region's economy as it also prepares the well-educated men and women needed to fill the ranks of our region's businesses, schools, non-profit organizations and local governments.

Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate and salute Mount Saint Mary College for its 50 years of committed and distinguished service to our region. I am grateful to Father Kevin E. Mackin, the board of directors, the staff, students, and supporters of this critical institution of higher learning for their ongoing leadership and dedicated efforts to sustain and strive to continuously improve the Mount, which I am confident will remain a cornerstone of our region for many generations to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SIX
SCOUTS OF PACK 98 WHO ARE
RECIPIENTS OF THE ARROW OF
LIGHT SCOUTING AWARD

HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. BOSWELL. Madam Speaker, on the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, I rise to recognize six exceptional young men in my district who are involved in the Cub Scouting program from Johnston, Iowa. Carter Lundgren, Hunter Norris, Liam Sullivan, Jordan Kirkman, Jarred Dannels, and Jonah Blondino are Webelos Scouts in Pack 98, chartered to the Urban Heights Evangelical Church in Urbandale, IA. Later this month, they will cross over into Boy Scouting as newly minted scouts and recipients of Cub Scouting's highest honor, the Arrow of Light award. The Boy Scouting pro-

gram, incorporated in America in 1910, and Chartered by Act of Congress in 1916, aims to encourage boys' growth of moral strength and character, participatory citizenship, and mental and physical fitness. I had the honor of working with these boys this fall to help install several flower beds that they donated to their home school, Horizon Elementary School, located in Johnston, Iowa.

These young men are active in their community; Carter Lundgren has performed with the Des Moines Metro Opera, is a Qualifier for the Iowa Games in bowling, and a Member of the Kingdom Hoops Basketball Team. Hunter Norris has been very active in the Des Moines area youth bowling league as well as a participant in the Johnston Little League. Jordan Kirkman is an accomplished coronet player in the Horizon Elementary school band. Liam Sullivan has been an ELP (Extended Learning Program) student in math and reading, as well as a participant in Horizon Elementary's Math Olympiads team. He is an avid ice hockey player in the Des Moines Youth Hockey Association, and was a member of a bronze medalist team in youth hockey for the Iowa Games in 2007. Mr. Sullivan is also a relative of Bertrand Hollis Snell, a Representative from New York who honorably served in this body from the 64th through 75th Congress, and who supported the original charter of the Boy Scouts of America. Jared Dannels is a member of the Horizon Elementary band as trombonist and was invited into the ELP (Extended Learning Program) for math and the Math Olympiads team. He also has participated in Johnston Little League. Jonah Blondino plays the saxophone in the Timber Ridge Elementary school band, and is an avid Little League player in the Des Moines area.

I extend my hearty congratulations to these young men as fine examples of their community and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING THE EXPERIENCE
CORPS PROGRAM

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Experience Corps Program of South East Texas on 15 years of improving the academic and life outcomes of our area's neediest young students. The remarkable Experience Corps engages older Americans to serve as literacy tutors in elementary schools; and they have had a tremendous impact.

Experience Corps® South East Texas, initially known as Seniors for Schools, was one of the original five Experience Corps pilot projects across the country. It began as a demonstration grant in 1995–96 in two Port Arthur elementary schools with 17 members; and has grown locally to 67 members serving all seven PA elementary schools, 6 schools in Beaumont, and another in Vidor. They have served in excess of 2,875 students in these schools, and have always and continue to be the only tutoring program of their kind in the State of Texas.

We are lucky to have such a program in our schools—not only because of the vitality and

sense of family and community that these volunteers bring, but also the significant academic gains they have enabled. In 2006 Experience Corps® South East Texas, Port Arthur was part of a national, gold standard evaluation conducted by Washington University in St. Louis which revealed that students in the Experience Corps program made 60% greater gains in reading comprehension and word attack skills than similar students who were not in the program. Very, very few literacy interventions have shown these kinds of results.

The Principal of DeQueen Elementary School calls these volunteers, "a dynamic, vibrant, knowledgeable, vivacious, caring group of people." I could not agree more. In fact, they are an inspiration to their peers and neighbors, and proof that the aging population has tremendous time, talent, skill, and a desire to share it all with younger generations. Experience Corps is a perfect match for these individuals.

On May 13, Experience Corps South East Texas will celebrate 15 consecutive and successful years of service, and I am honored to call these motivated and caring adults my constituents. They have provided a meaningful and engaging opportunity for senior citizens to serve one on one with students in need, and a consistent tutoring program with measurable results for elementary students. I commend them for their terrific work over these past 15 years and hope they can continue to serve our students and community for many years to come.

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

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

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:

Mr. KIND. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of H.R. 5013, the IMPROVE Acquisition Act of 2010.

Our country must return to the days of fiscal responsibility, and to do this we must look at Defense spending. The Pentagon is famous for its overspending and its misuse of tax dollars. In a time when the country is in an economic crisis, we must move forward with reforms that would help eliminate wasteful spending.

The IMPROVE Acquisition Act of 2010 seeks to create a better management system for the Pentagon's purchases. By changing the way the Pentagon buys equipment and contracts for services, we are establishing more efficient practices that will decrease government spending.

The efforts of the Defense Department to acquire goods is often complex, and it results in problems such as inefficient operations, waste, and often a lack of enforcement with regulations and laws. This is not a new problem. In fact, President Lincoln's Secretary of

War resigned during the civil war because of problems with contracting. The country cannot afford to continue down this path. This needs to change, and the IMPROVE Acquisition Act is a step in the right direction.

At the beginning of the 111th Congress we passed the Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009, which helped to make improvements to the acquisition process. With the passage of H.R. 5013, we will take another step toward fiscal responsibility. It is time that we start making decisions that will help to guarantee that our children inherit a better country. By being fiscally responsible and passing H.R. 5013, we take a step forward in preserving the future for our children while making necessary reforms to the Department of Defense.

HONORING ROBIN ROGERS-DALE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Robin Rogers-Dale upon being named as a 2010 Common Threads honoree. Mrs. Rogers-Dale will be honored by California State University, Fresno at the 2010 Common Threads Award luncheon to be held on Friday, April 16, 2010.

Growing up as the fifth generation on the family farm, Mrs. Rogers-Dale learned about agriculture, work ethic, family values, family traditions and how to drive a tractor. Her love of the land and outdoors was instilled by her father and her passion for volunteer service came from her mother. Mrs. Rogers-Dale graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Upon completing her degree, she moved to Sanger, California, to volunteer with the local chapter of the California Women for Agriculture. She assisted the group by hanging Medfly traps during a Medfly outbreak in the region. Her volunteer work led to a full-time job with the Fresno County Department of Agriculture. Mrs. Rogers-Dale has been working for the county for twenty-seven years. Today, she is an Ag Standards Specialist, and works with producers and packing houses to ensure compliance with agriculture chemical application regulations and certifications.

Mrs. Rogers-Dale has been an active member of the Fresno-Kings Counties Cattle-Women for the past twenty years, where she has served in various leadership positions over the years, including scholarship chair, President, 1998–2000, Board of Directors and Secretary, 1985–present. She was instrumental in developing a scholarship fundraiser program with that organization. Mrs. Rogers-Dale has been involved with California CattleWomen since 1994 and has served as the central director and state nominating chair. She is a volunteer judge at the Big Fresno Fair and is a regular participant in the Fresno County Farm and Nutrition Day and Kings County Farm Day. Mrs. Rogers-Dale also assists with the Westside Ag Tourney, Ducks Unlimited and the Clovis Rodeo Blood Drive.

Mrs. Rogers-Dale is a generous member of the First Baptist Church of Reedley, the California Rangeland Trust, Sanger 4–H, Hanford Future Farmers of America, Sanger Community Church and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

For her volunteerism and generosity Mrs. Rogers-Dale was named “Cowbelle of the Year” in 1998. She and her husband, Ken, live in Reedley, California with their eight-year-old son.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Robin Rogers-Dale upon her achievements. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Rogers-Dale many years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 243, H. Res. 1307—Honoring the National Science Foundation for 60 years of service to the Nation, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

RECOGNIZING “TEAM KRISTA” IN THE RACE FOR HOPE AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF KRISTA THOMPSON OF MASON NECK, VA.

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Krista Thompson of Mason Neck, Virginia.

Krista Thompson was an honor roll student at South County Secondary School in Fairfax County, Virginia. She was a member of the symphonic orchestra, lettered in swimming, and participated in tennis and field hockey. During the summer, Krista was a lifeguard at Pohick Bay Regional Park and enjoyed family trips to Maine with her parents, Steve and Kathie, and her brothers, Jason and Jeffrey. Krista was a teenager with a strong support system and a drive to succeed.

While all who knew Krista were aware of her many talents and qualities, most did not know that Krista was suffering from a very serious disease. Although Krista had been diagnosed with brain cancer at age thirteen, she did not make the disease a part of her identity. During the four years that she lived with cancer, Krista never failed to be a full participant in all that life offered. Even during the last week of her too short life, she went hiking, volunteered at the elementary school where her mother taught, and spent time with her family. Krista lost her battle with brain cancer on October 28, 2008, but her memory lives on in the hearts of her friends and family.

In 2005, in a show of solidarity, Susan Hamon formed a team to participate in the Race for Hope. The team, then known as “Krista’s Red Sox,” raised money for the National Brain Tumor Society and Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure. For the sixth year, “Team Krista” will be participating in the Race for Hope. This year, “Team Krista” has raised nearly forty thousand dollars. Perhaps more impressive and a true tribute to the affection that so many feel for Krista and her family, the team has more supporters than all but one other team; 286 people have joined the 2010 “Team Krista.”

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join the members of “Team Krista” in their support for a cure for brain cancer. I would like to extend my best wishes to Krista’s friends and family. Her memory inspires others diagnosed with brain cancer to preserve their priorities and cherish personal relationships in the face of adversity.

HONORING DAVID CLARK

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, David Clark, who has announced his retirement after serving at the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for over 34 years.

Mr. Clark joined the faculty of IFSI in 1976, rising to deputy director in 1998 where he has served ever since. Throughout his time at IFSI he has trained tens of thousands of firefighters throughout Illinois and the nation and has conducted groundbreaking research in firefighter life safety issues. His dedication, expertise, and passion have impacted so many firefighters throughout his time at IFSI, and his impact on the field of firefighting will be sorely missed.

A member of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force since 2000, a volunteer firefighter for 20 years, and a member of the United States Army, David Clark has served his community, state, and nation selflessly, and I rise to thank him for that service and wish him the best in his retirement.

HERMAN MILHOLLAND

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the great work of one of my fellow Texans, Herman Milholland.

Herman Milholland is a truly special victim advocate who has served at the local, state and national levels. Since 1984 he has devoted his career to improving rights and services for victims of crime. In California, he directed a staff of over 125 people located in 43 offices—including law enforcement, prosecutors, courts and hospitals—in providing direct victim advocacy, support and services to victims and survivors throughout the Los Angeles District Attorney’s office. Since 2000, he has served as Director of the Texas Crime Victim Compensation Program, Director of the Statewide Automated Victim Notification Program, and since 2002, as Director/Chief of the Crime Victim Services Division of the Office of the Texas Attorney General.

Mr. Milholland is recognized as a strong leader in our nation’s crime assistance field. Whether his efforts are focused on an individual victim in need of help or on a national initiative, he is a dedicated and committed advocate for crime victims.

In the crime victim assistance field, there is a great need for basic skills development in

organizational development and management. Because Herman Milholland has “walked the walk” as a program developer, manager and administrator, he has been able to provide greatly needed guidance to programs and individuals across the nation who seek to improve the overall management of victim assistance agencies.

Mr. Milholland has also created a crucial “niche” in the victim assistance field by focusing on the future of the field. He has devoted the past few years to developing important and greatly needed resources that address succession planning, mentoring, and guidelines for managing the new workforce-issues that, cumulatively, will strengthen individuals, organizations and the field as a whole.

His colleagues can attest to his ongoing willingness to volunteer for many activities at the local, state and national levels that seek to improve overall crime victim assistance. He is often called upon to serve on countless committees and boards, and to serve as a volunteer facilitator for many projects that require a leader with outstanding organization and communications skills. He always rises to the occasion.

Mr. Milholland is “retiring” in the fall of 2010. I highlight “retiring,” because I know that his life-long devotion to crime victim assistance will not cease when his official career ends.

On April 14, 2010, I was proud to honor Herman Milholland at the Congressional Victims’ Caucus Awards ceremony, where he was presented with the Ed Stout Memorial Award for Outstanding Victim Advocacy. The award honors a professional whose efforts directly benefit crime victims and survivors. Herman Milholland is more than deserving of this award. I commend him for his outstanding contributions to the field of victim advocacy.

HONORING THE NATIONAL
SCIENCE FOUNDATION

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1307, which honors the National Science Foundation for 60 years of service to the United States. This important measure recognizes the National Science Foundation for its continued leadership in promoting groundbreaking research and educational opportunities in the fields of science, engineering, and mathematics—fields that are critical to the United States ability to compete in an increasingly technical global economy.

I would like to thank Chairman GORDON for sponsoring this resolution and for his leadership in bringing it to the floor.

Since its inception by Congress in 1950, the National Science Foundation has used grants to support the fields of science, engineering, and mathematics. In doing so, it has strengthened our economy and improved quality of life for Americans. Each year the National Science Foundation supports a network of over 200,000 individual scientists, engineers, students, and educators at over 2,000 colleges and universities, schools, nonprofits, science centers and museums, and small businesses.

As a former member of the Science and Technology Committee, I understand the importance of science in advancing and protecting our nation. More importantly, as the chairwoman of the Homeland Security Committee’s Subcommittee on Emergency Communication, Preparedness, and Response, I commend the National Science Foundation for its National Hazards Reduction Program, Approaches to Combat Terrorism Program, and other research activities that have predicted and reduced the risk of both natural and man-made disasters.

In or near my congressional district are multiple major critical infrastructure sites, including the Port of Long Beach, the Alameda Corridor, and the Gerald Desmond Bridge. This critical infrastructure is a vital part of the good movement throughout the nation. However, due to the high volume of cargo that travels through them daily, these infrastructure sites also represent real national security risks. Thus, I am particularly attuned to the importance of the National Science Foundation’s efforts to engineer secure infrastructure and design programs that help identify and reduce national security threats.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that the National Science Foundation is a driving force and a pioneer in the field science, engineering, and mathematics. I applaud the National Science Foundation for continuing to lead the nation by example in building a new generation of leaders in these fields, strengthening our economy, and protecting our citizens.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1307.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, today I missed rollcall vote number 243 on H. Res. 1307, rollcall vote number 244 on H. Res. 1213, and rollcall vote number 245 on H. Res. 1132. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye” on each of these rollcall votes.

CELEBRATING JEWISH AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, this May, I am honored to join my friends in the Jewish community in celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month, and to recognize the contributions made to our country by Jewish Americans.

With a culture that places a strong value on education and community, Jewish Americans have enriched our society and contributed to the economic and cultural vitality of our Nation, especially in California’s 15th District. My community in Silicon Valley, particularly the high tech industry, has benefited greatly from the contributions and innovation of Jewish Americans.

Jewish Americans are leading entrepreneurs in renewable energy development and high-

tech research in my district, and they are also leaders in engaging our youth. For the past 2 years, I have worked with Chabad of San Jose to provide funding for their Prevention, Resource, Information and Drug Education (PRIDE) Project, which provides at-risk youth with the tools necessary to prevent them from getting involved with drugs and alcohol. Organizations like Chabad of San Jose, and many other non-profits led by Jewish Americans, are working to make our district a better, safer, and healthier place.

Jewish immigrants came to our country, hoping to fulfill their dreams by participating in the American promise of socioeconomic mobility, democracy, and cultural acceptance. The stories of their successes in our country are greatly inspiring.

I am privileged to represent a civically engaged community of Jewish Americans, a community I have always been close to. My district’s Jewish American community stands as a shining example of what makes Silicon Valley a global leader, and it is an honor to have the opportunity to celebrate the contributions they have made to our country.

SUPPORT OF THE R&D TAX
CREDIT IN H.R. 4213

HON. TIM HOLDEN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. HOLDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the inclusion of the Research & Development tax credit in H.R. 4213, the American Workers, State, and Business Relief Act of 2010. The R&D tax credit is extremely important in providing funding to manufacturers and businesses for my district, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the entire country. The tax credit allows businesses, large and small, to develop new products and technology and in the process it creates millions of jobs. It has been renewed every year since its inception in 1986 and the current administration has proposed that the tax credit be made permanent.

In the current economic climate, it is more important than ever for businesses to explore every avenue of tax savings, especially ones that reward innovativeness and creativity in our manufacturers. H.R. 4213 has already passed the House and the Senate. Before it is reconciled and enacted into law, I again offer my support for the inclusion of the R&D tax credit.

ON THE INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN TO IMMEDIATELY ADDRESS THE GROWING PROBLEM OF ABDUCTION TO AND RETENTION OF UNITED STATES CITIZEN MINOR CHILDREN IN JAPAN, TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO RETURN THESE CHILDREN TO THEIR CUSTODIAL PARENT OR TO THE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION FOR A CUSTODY DETERMINATION IN THE UNITED STATES, TO PROVIDE LEFT-BEHIND PARENTS IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO THEIR CHILDREN, AND TO ADOPT WITHOUT DELAY THE 1980 HAGUE CONVENTION ON THE CIVIL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, the United States and Japan have a strong and critical alliance that is vitally important to both of our countries, to the Asia-Pacific region, and to the world. It is based on shared interests and values and our common support for political and economic freedoms, human rights, and international law. Japan now participates in our Pacific Partnership Initiative bringing humanitarian civic assistance to countries in Southeast Asia. Japan is second to none in supporting President Barack Obama's vision of a "world without nuclear weapons" and advocating for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. Japan also supports our mission in Afghanistan and has recently doubled its civilian aid to the country providing much needed funds for job training, agriculture support, infrastructure and security training.

But as a friend of Japan and the Japanese people, I am compelled to bring to their attention by resolution a concern involving 269 American children who have been abducted to and/or wrongfully retained in Japan since 1994. These American children are in Japan as a result of kidnapping by a parent with Japanese citizenship following the dissolution of their relationship to the American citizen parent. Research shows that abducted children are at risk of serious emotional and psychological problems and have been found to experience anxiety, eating problems, nightmares, mood swings, sleep disturbances, aggressive behavior, resentment, guilt and fearfulness, and as adults may struggle with identity issues, their own personal relationships and parenting.

Despite a shared concern within the international community, the Japanese government has yet to accede to the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction or create any other mechanism to resolve international child abductions. Japan's existing family law system neither recognizes joint custody nor actively enforces parental access agreements for either its own citizens or foreigners. Most troubling, the existing legal system relies exclusively on the voluntary cooperation of the parent or guardian who has abducted the child. American parents must

beg to see their abducted children and have no legal recourse if the taking parent denies them access.

Consequently, American parents are calling on the U.S. Government to urgently intervene and quickly find a diplomatic solution.

I ask for my colleague's support on a bipartisan resolution supported by Rep. CHRISTOPHER SMITH, Rep. MAURICE HINCHEY, Rep. GARY MILLER, and Rep. MARSHA BLACKBURN, calling on the Japanese government to address the growing problem of abduction and retention of American children in Japan. The resolution calls for Japanese officials to work closely with the United States to return these children to their custodial parent or to the original jurisdiction for a custody determination in the United States, and to provide left-behind parents immediate access to their children. Finally, the resolution calls for Japan to adopt without delay the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. The well-being of these children should be an issue where agreement can be reached and distraught parents are reunited with their children. I call on the Government of Japan to work closely with the U.S. Government to resolve current cases and establish an efficient mechanism to resolve future potential cases of abduction.

Cosponsors of this legislation introduced by the Rep. JAMES P. MORAN:

The Honorable CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH.

The Honorable MAURICE D. HINCHEY.

The Honorable GARY G. MILLER.

The Honorable MARSHA BLACKBURN.

INTRODUCTION OF THE STUDENT VISA SECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Student Visa Security Improvement Act, legislation that will strengthen the screening of those seeking student visas and enhance the monitoring of foreign students in the United States.

I fully support allowing foreign students and exchange visitors to enter our country for legitimate academic and cultural purposes. However, recent media reports have disclosed schools that have helped individuals fraudulently obtain student visas or failed to report students that did not attend class. Several 9/11 terrorists overstayed their student visas and details are emerging that the suspected Times Square bomber, Faisal Shahzad, first entered the United States on a student visa.

I am concerned that there are insufficient controls to ensure that those receiving student and exchange visas are properly vetted before being granted admission to the United States. Once they are here, we must ensure they are appropriately monitored. That is why I have introduced the Student Visa Security Improvement Act.

This bill will require Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) personnel stationed at high-risk visa issuing posts overseas to review student and exchange visa applications and conduct interviews with applicants before they are granted a visa. These ICE agents

bring enhanced security and law enforcement experience that will better ensure that prospective foreign students are not security risks.

This bill also will require that foreign students are active participants in the programs in which they are enrolled and are observed at least once every 30 days during an academic term or every 60 days outside an academic term. In addition, the bill requires that changes impacting a student's nonimmigrant status, such as switching to a more sensitive academic major or transferring to another institution, will be reported to the Department of Homeland Security in a more timely manner. These improvements will reduce the opportunity for potential terrorists to use student visas as a back door into the country for the purpose of carrying out terrorist attacks, as happened on 9/11.

Madam Speaker, I greatly value the contributions that foreign students and exchange visitors make to our nation and its cultural diversity. I believe that these bright young people are critically-important public diplomacy tools for our country. But we must ensure they are coming here for the right reasons. The Student Visa Security Improvement Act will enhance homeland security and ensure the integrity of the Student and Exchange Visitor Program. I urge our colleagues to support it.

RECOGNIZING MOUNT CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, the National High School Mock Trial Competition is the premier national law related academic tournament for high school students. Mock trial programs are designed to give students an inside perspective on the legal system, providing them with an understanding of the mechanism through which society chooses to resolve many of its disputes.

Participation in a performance-based, hands-on program of this nature provides students with a practical knowledge about how our legal system operates and who the major players are in that system. Mock trial programs help develop young citizens who can sustain and build our nation by making a reasoned and informed commitment to democracy.

Students of Mount Carmel High School have earned the right to represent the Northern Mariana Islands in this year's national competition in Philadelphia. They will compete with teams from around the country.

Mount Carmel students have a tradition of excellence in oratory. The school represented the Northern Mariana Islands in the National We the People program two years in a row. Mr. Ryan Ortizo, one of the members of this year's competition in Philadelphia just won first place in the CNMI Attorney General's Cup competition.

One has to admire and be proud of the dedication of the students and the commitment of the teaching staff at Mount Carmel School for instilling the passion for debate and public speaking year after year.

Proudly representing the Northern Mariana Islands in this year's National Mock Trial Competitions, are: Geza Baka III, Maria Balajadia, Kevin Bautista, Hazel Doctor, Ryan Ortizo, Keno San Pablo, Janela Revilla, Anastasia Schweiger, and the team's advisor Lourdes T. Mendiola, their attorney coaches Edward Buckingham and Joseph Tajjeron, and their teacher coaches, Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero and Rosiky F. Camacho.

BRIGADIER GENERAL FRANCISCO
PATIÑO FONSECA

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, before I was elected to the U.S. Congress, I served as a criminal court judge for over two decades in Houston, Texas. I've seen up close and personally how drugs destroy lives, drive up crime rates and tear families apart. So when I heard about the good progress in the fight against drugs in Colombia, I decided to come down and see it for myself.

When I hiked in the jungles and flew over the coca fields about a month ago, I was accompanied by Brigadier General Francisco Patiño Fonseca. I discovered one of the main reasons for Colombia's recent success battling the scourge of drugs is his strong, relentless zeal to capture the bad guys.

A native of Bogota and a 1981 police school graduate, Gen. Patiño has dedicated his life to law enforcement. He has done everything from working for the Tisquesusa Police Department to serving as the Police Attaché at the Embassy of Colombia in Spain.

Gen. Patiño has been decorated some 58 times in his extensive service. With that kind of dedication and experience, he serves the Colombian people well in his role as the Director of Counternarcotics for the Colombian National Police (DIRAN).

And as Director, Gen. Patiño has placed a new focus on human intelligence—bringing in more intelligence officers and tripling the intelligence budget. He is also committed to making sure his courageous team of officers have the best training in the world. The DIRAN training regimen is so well-respected around the world that in recent years over 80 students from twelve countries have attended its International Jungla course. The DIRAN mobile training teams have responded to training requests from Afghanistan, Mexico, and Ecuador.

Their training is paying off. Working hand in hand with American support, the Colombian Public Forces seized more cocaine, heroin, and chemicals used to make cocaine in 2009 than ever before. DIRAN accounts for less than five percent of the Colombian National Police force but has been responsible for the seizures of 66 percent of the cocaine, 90 percent of the heroin, 86 percent of the cocaine precursor chemicals and 63 percent of the drug labs by the entire police force.

The war on drugs in the United States is inextricably linked to the war on drugs in Colombia. It is no secret that it is mostly American dollars that buy Colombian-grown drugs. As a Member of the U.S. Congress, I want to thank Gen. Patiño, his officers and the good people

of Colombia for their tremendous dedication to fighting the drug cartels and working with the people of the United States. After observing the distinguished leadership of Gen. Patiño and his officers, I am more confident than ever that this is a war we can win together.

ORANGE GROVE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL CELEBRATES 50 YEARS
OF SERVING CHILDREN IN SEMI-
NOLE, FLORIDA

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, Orange Grove Elementary School, in Seminole, Florida, which I have the privilege to represent, tomorrow will celebrate 50 years of serving Pinellas County students.

The school opened in 1960 in nearby Madeira Beach where classes were held until the school building was erected at its present site in 1961. That six-room school house expanded to 12 rooms 10 years later and became one of Pinellas County's first air conditioned schools.

The school was named Orange Grove because at the time, Seminole was surrounded by orange groves. Although the groves are gone now, the staff motto remains, "Orange Grove Elementary—Where We Have the Pick of the Crop!"

From the school's first principal, Margaret Abbott, to its current principal, Nanette Grasso, Orange Grove has remained a student-focused school whose mission statement is "to establish a safe learning environment which supports a love of learning, respect, responsibility, honesty and motivation in our students, so that we can reach their personal and academic potential."

In this day and age when the focus of a school goes well beyond academics, Orange Grove Elementary also stands as a model for encouraging students to develop early habits for a healthy lifestyle.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of this milestone 50th anniversary celebration, I took the liberty of having a flag flown over the Capitol today for presentation to Ms. Grasso, the students, the teachers and the staff at Orange Grove Elementary in honor of the school's enduring commitment to providing the best possible education for its students and the most nurturing environment for learning.

For half a century, Orange Grove has turned out generation after generation of our community's, our state's, and our Nation's leaders and I know that its proud and rich tradition will continue to turn out our Nation's future leaders for generations to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETE
McCLOSKEY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Pete McCloskey, a distinguished and charismatic former member of this house for

16 years, and a true American maverick who has been guided by a shining moral compass throughout his life. Former Congressman McCloskey pursues the truth no matter where it leads him.

In his over eight decades, Pete has accomplished more than will fit on this page. In one of his most recent endeavors, he ran against a fellow Republican, Richard Pombo, in the primary election—at age 78. While most members of his age group are retired, McCloskey continues to practice as a trial lawyer, works on his farm raising citrus and olive trees and creates mischief with his group, "Revolt of the Elders." He was a war hero in Korea and received a Navy Cross, a Silver Star and two Purple Heart for his service to this country.

In Congress he served the people of the San Francisco Peninsula and Silicon Valley from 1967–1983. He was vehemently opposed to the Vietnam War and ran for President against Richard Nixon in 1972. The following year, he was the first member of Congress to ask for President Nixon's impeachment. Mr. McCloskey is a principal at Cotchett, Pitre and McCarthy and has an extensive civil rights and environmental record. He received his B.A. from Stanford University and his J. D. from Stanford Law School.

Pete's environmental activism was ignited when Cuyahoga River in Ohio caught fire twice in 1969. Together with Gaylord Nelson, he co-chaired the first Earth Day in 1970. Three years later he coauthored the Endangered Species Act.

Madam Speaker, Pete McCloskey fights for justice with the same passion today as he did forty years ago. He is a personal hero of mine and an icon to all of us who thirst for courageous leaders in our country. It is fitting that the Peninsula Coalition is presenting him with its Lifetime Achievement award on May 6 in Burlingame.

SUPPORTING THE IDEALS OF
NATIONAL LAB DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1213, which recognizes the need to improve the performance of American students in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

In 2006, 4.5 percent of students in the United States graduated from college with a STEM-related diploma. By comparison, 33 percent of students in China graduated in the STEM field. The United States has been a global leader in technology and innovation for decades—but we will quickly fall behind unless our country encourages more young people to pursue STEM careers.

We must take an all hands on deck approach to improve our national STEM outlook. National Lab Day helps drive young students' curiosity for science and technology by encouraging hands-on projects in the classroom that prove the sciences are fun. We must work to ensure that high schoolers, particularly young women and at-risk students, take college prep courses in science and math that prepare them for future careers as scientists.

And we must stand by young scientists while they are in college to see that they graduate with a STEM diploma in hand.

Improving STEM opportunities both professionally and in the classroom has long been a priority for me, and I continue to be amazed by the type of work that is happening in my own district. For example, Polyera, a nanotech company in Skokie, Illinois, is working to develop polymer inks for organic photovoltaics, or printed solar cells. Imagine a company that's able to print off solar-powered cells just as easily as printing off a newspaper.

Nanotechnology is an absolutely incredible step forward, but what I get excited about, especially when I'm talking to the next generation of potential scientists, is that they are already thinking about the next big thing. A cure for cancer, putting an astronaut on Mars, or finding new sources of renewable energy—these are challenges that will be solved by today's STEM student.

There is a place for initiatives that motivate students to pursue STEM throughout their educational careers. With targeted action, like that encouraged by National Lab Day, we can remain global leaders in this vital field.

Again, I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 1213.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE SITUATION IN THAILAND BE SOLVED PEACEFULLY AND THROUGH DEMOCRATIC MEANS

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution recognizing the United States' longstanding ties with Thailand and our strong wish for a peaceful, democratic resolution to the country's ongoing political problems.

In an important development on Monday, Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva announced that he plans to hold new elections on November 14, 2010, based on a plan which calls on all parties to join together in upholding the monarchy, on the government to carry out economic and political reforms, and on the nation to create an independent committee to investigate casualties resulting from the clash of April 10, 2010.

Fortunately, the response from most quarters to the Prime Minister's suggestions has been positive. The plan and the elections offer a process that I believe can serve as the basis for an amicable end to the dispute. The resolution I am offering today is meant to encourage that process, to demonstrate America's commitment to Thailand and its people and to convey our sincere hope that Thailand returns to democracy, stability and the rule of law.

Thailand is one of United States' closest friends and most dependable allies. Ours is a partnership steeped in history. Indeed, the first treaty we concluded with an Asian nation was with Thailand in 1833, with the signing of the Treaty of Amity and Commerce between Siam and the United States. In 1954, we forged a military alliance, and in 2003 the United States

designated Thailand a major non-NATO ally. Thailand contributed troops and support for U.S. military operations in Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Thailand is also a major trading partner of the United States, a regional leader, a force for stability in Southeast Asia and a country with which we share common values and interests. We have always appreciated Thailand's many international contributions, and we respect and admire its unique culture.

Of course, only the Thai people can chart their way toward settlement of the conflict. As a close friend of Thailand, however, the United States should, I believe, offer its support and demonstrate its concern. This resolution does just that, encouraging all sides to address the country's political problems peacefully and democratically, based on the national reconciliation plan offered by the Prime Minister.

I might add that I introduced this resolution on "Chattrra Mongkhon." It is on this day that the country commemorates the ascension to the throne of His Majesty, King Bhumibol Adulyadej. It is a day when all Thai people pay their respects to His Majesty and wish him a long, healthy and happy life. I can think of no better way for this body to honor His Majesty and the people of Thailand than to voice support for peaceful reconciliation on this important day. I urge all my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution and moving it toward speedy adoption.

TRIBUTE TO OLATHE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DR. PAT ALL

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Pat All, who will retire as Olathe Superintendent of Schools at the end of this school year and who will be honored at a reception on May 18th at Olathe Northwest High School. My colleagues may have tired of hearing me brag about the excellent public schools in my congressional district. Olathe is one of the districts that set a very high standard for other schools in our area. Olathe does so even though the district has the special challenges of a very rapidly growing district, a diverse population, and a large number of special needs students. During my years in Congress, I have learned to rely on this smart, conscientious educator and her very wise perspective and advice.

Dr. All was chosen to lead the district in 2005, after working as an Olathe educator in various positions since 1979. Dr. All joined the Olathe School District in 1979 as assistant principal of Olathe High School, after 11 years of teaching English and social studies in another district. From 1981 to 1986, she served as principal of Oregon Trail Junior High School, and from 1986 to 1991 was principal of Olathe South High School. Both schools earned U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School recognition during her administration.

In 1991, she was named Director of Secondary Education, and in 1993, she became the Executive Director of Education and Technology. From 1995 to 2002, she was Assistant

Superintendent for General Administration, and in 2002 she was named Deputy Superintendent.

Dr. All has been recognized by a number of community organizations for her leadership and service. She was elected to the Olathe Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in 1991 and served as Chairman of the Board in 1994. She served as Chairman of the Convention and Visitors Bureau from 2001–03 and currently serves on the Olathe Medical Center Board of Trustees. She received the Educator Award from the City of Character Council in 2002, the Leadership Olathe Community Leadership Award in 1996, and the Olathe Chamber of Commerce Spirit Award in 1995.

All has a bachelor's degree in education, and master's and doctoral degrees in secondary school administration, all from the University of Kansas.

In announcing Dr. All's retirement, Rita Ashley, Olathe School District Board of Education president, said the board would move forward expeditiously to name a successor after an appropriate search, to ensure a smooth transition. "Dr. All has been a visionary leader in our district and our community for many years," Ashley said. "She has the rare ability to not only envision the future, but to assemble and inspire the team needed to implement the vision. She truly cares about our community's children, and has devoted her life to improving theirs. "I believe this school district and the community are fortunate to have someone of Dr. All's stature and integrity as our superintendent."

Madam Speaker, I want to add my congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Pat All, along with the hope that she enjoys a healthy and happy retirement for years to come, but stays active in the community affairs of our area and state.

CRYSTAL BELL AWARDS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend seven exceptional teachers from Northwest Indiana who have been recognized as outstanding educators by their peers for the 2009–2010 school year. These individuals are: Jan Lowery, John Gorbail, Brenda Richardson, Kerry Zajicek, Jeff Graves, Glendna Sanders, Shannon Anderson, and Betty O'Neill. For their outstanding efforts, these honorees will be presented with the Crystal Bell Award at a reception sponsored by the Indiana State Teachers Association. This prestigious event will take place at the Andorra Restaurant and Banquets in Schererville, Indiana, on Thursday, May 6, 2010.

Jan Lowery, this year's recipient of the Crystal Bell Award from the Crown Point School Corporation, is fondly known as the "geometry queen" of Crown Point High School. Jan is an outstanding educator and has a positive impact on her students and colleagues. Jan understands the importance of teaching each student according to their abilities and has developed a variety of teaching

methods in order to reach out to each individual student. Because of her careful attention to each student's individual needs, she is an exceptional educator.

John Gorball has had an outstanding teaching career spanning forty-one years and is this year's recipient of the Crystal Bell Award from the Hanover Community School Corporation. John has taught at Hanover Central for forty years and has served in many capacities during his tenure. He is the well-known band director at the school, and his passion for music has been a remarkable asset to the music education program. For many years, John also served as a basketball coach, which was another way for him to relate to his students. John understands that leading by example is imperative for a teacher, and he continues to be a positive role model for his students.

This year's recipient of the Crystal Bell Award from the School Town of Highland is Brenda Richardson. Brenda has taught family and consumer science at Highland High School since 1989. Throughout her tenure, Brenda has brought many new and innovative programs to Highland High School. Brenda spearheaded the Exploratory Teacher Program, which allows high school students to assist elementary teachers in working with reading and math groups. She also started the Random Acts of Kindness Club, which teaches students the importance and value of compassion by surprising others with a kind gesture. Through her positive outlook and strong belief in the development of character, Brenda is an outstanding role model for the students at Highland High School.

Kerry Zajicek is this year's recipient of the Crystal Bell Award from the Lake Central School Corporation. Kerry has been a teacher for thirty years and is currently teaching geometry and pre-calculus at Lake Central High School. Kerry continues to be a tremendous asset to Lake Central High School and is involved in numerous endeavors outside the classroom. He has volunteered much of his time to the Lake Central Theater Guild, providing support to the students and performing in many plays himself. He has also selflessly given much of his time to the Lake Central Teachers Association. Kerry is always ready to lend a helping hand, and for his constant, selfless, volunteerism within the Lake Central School Corporation, he is worthy of the highest praise.

Jeff Graves, this year's recipient of the Crystal Bell Award from the School Town of Munster, "lives and breathes chemistry." He has taught chemistry and AP chemistry at Munster High School for forty years. Jeff's success in teaching chemistry stems from his brilliant effort to develop methods that help students comprehend difficult concepts. His ability to maintain the interest of the students is to be commended. Additionally, Jeff put much time and effort into the initiation of the Chess Club and Bowling Club. Throughout his tenure, Jeff has been able to positively influence many students at Munster High School.

This year's recipient of the Crystal Bell Award from the North Newton School Corporation is Glenda Sanders, who has been a teacher with the corporation for fourteen years. Glenda is widely known for her energetic nature and her ability to create activities that fit the specific needs of each individual student in her classroom. In addition, she has played an instrumental role in the planning

and presenting of the Morocco Elementary School talent show and science fair. Glenda's positive outlook and enthusiasm allows her to continue to touch the lives of countless students within the North Newton School Corporation.

Shannon Anderson, a second grade teacher at Monnett Elementary School, is this year's recipient of the Crystal Bell Award from the Rensselear School Corporation. Shannon has been an extraordinary educator for the past fifteen years. She continues to go above and beyond to meet the needs of her students. For example, Shannon learned Spanish and Sign Language in order to meet the needs of certain students. She has also initiated many innovative programs including: Spanish Camp, Club Invention, Read-a-Thon, Math-a-Thon, the Eddie Eagle, and the Gun Safety Program, to name a few. For her unwavering dedication to her students she is truly an inspiration.

This year's recipient of the Crystal Bell Award from the Tri-Creek School Corporation is Betty O'Neill. Betty has been nurturing young minds for twenty years and is currently a fourth grade teacher at Oak Hill Elementary School. Betty continues to incorporate and educate her students about the community of Lowell. For example, Betty initiated a walking tour of the town for the students, and directed the writing and performance of a play about the town's history. Additionally, Betty has been a leading force behind the Response to Intervention Initiative in the Tri-Creek School Corporation and has worked diligently with students who are most in need. Because of her innovative teaching skills and her willingness to provide support to the Tri-Creek School Corporation, she is an extraordinary educator.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these outstanding educators on being named 2010 Crystal Bell Award winners. Their years of hard work have played a major role in shaping the minds and futures of Northwest Indiana's young people, and each recipient is truly an inspiration to us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor the legislative week of Monday, April 26, 2010.

For Monday, April 26, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 221 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 4543), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 222 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1103), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 223 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 4861).

For Tuesday, April 27, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 224 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1131), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 225 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5017), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 226 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5146).

For Wednesday, April 28, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on Rollcall

vote No. 227 (on agreeing to the Hall (NY) amendment to H.R. 5013), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 228 (on agreeing to the Connolly amendment to H.R. 5013), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 229 (on motion to recommit H.R. 5013 with instructions), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 230 (on passage of H.R. 5013).

For Thursday, April 29, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "no" on Rollcall vote No. 231 (on ordering the previous question to H. Res. 1305), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 232 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1305, providing for consideration of H.R. 2499), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 233 (on motion to table the motion to reconsider the vote on H. Res. 1305), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 234 (on agreeing to the Foxx amendment to H.R. 2499), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 235 (on agreeing to the Gutierrez amendment to H.R. 2499), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 236 (on agreeing to the Gutierrez amendment to H.R. 2499), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 237 (on agreeing to the Burton (IN) amendment to H.R. 2499), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 238 (on agreeing to the Velázquez amendment to H.R. 2499), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 239 (on agreeing to the Velázquez amendment to H.R. 2499), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 240 (on agreeing to the Velázquez amendment to H.R. 2499), "aye" on Rollcall vote No. 241 (on motion to recommit H.R. 2499 with instructions), "no" on Rollcall vote No. 242 (on passage of H.R. 2499).

IN RECOGNITION OF ADRIENNE TISSIER

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor an outstanding leader and treasured friend Adrienne Tissier, a life-long resident of San Mateo County and a current member of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

Adrienne will be receiving a much deserved public service award from the Peninsula Coalition at its 6th Annual Honors dinner on May 6. She first assumed office in January 2005 after serving eight distinguished years as a councilmember in Daly City, including two terms as mayor. In four short years she has displayed keen leadership and consensus building skills that have benefited residents of the county. She created a nationally acclaimed, first of its kind program for the proper disposal of pharmaceuticals to prevent medication errors, drug abuses and environmental harm. She's developed outreach programs in which the California Highway Patrol works with older drivers. She created the annual county-wide Disaster Preparedness Day and co-chairs the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Adult Health Care Expansion.

She has been especially active in providing transportation and mobility options for senior citizens. She is the current vice-chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and she serves on the SamTrans Board of Directors. She is also the board liaison to the state Commission on aging and the state Commission on the Status of Women. Supervisor Tissier was instrumental in planning the Women's Criminal Justice Summit and the Livable Communities for Successful Aging conference.

She also set up a resources day in May of 2009 for residents concerned about the foreclosure crisis.

Madam Speaker, I have been fortunate to work with Adrienne on countless issues during my career of public service. Without question, her dedication to her work has been remarkable and this award she is to receive is fitting thanks for all those late nights and trips to Sacramento that she incurred in the name of improving daily life in San Mateo County.

IN RECOGNITION OF JANICE S.
BRAMWELL

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that Mrs. Janice S. Bramwell will be retiring as Regional Director for Experience Works, Inc., after more than 30 years of service. Mrs. Bramwell has helped countless individuals in our communities, and her commitment to service will be sorely missed.

As Regional Director, Mrs. Bramwell used her lifetime of experience as a social worker to bring exceptional service to low-income seniors in Missouri and Illinois. Experience Works, Inc., formerly Green Thumb, is a non-profit organization that helps this struggling population gain the skills and training they need to find gainful employment, a service that is especially needed in this difficult economic time. During her time with this organization she has been recognized for her excellence in budget management and the job retention rate of her clients.

Together with her husband Dewey and her daughter Melissa, Mrs. Bramwell is an active member of the community. She serves as a member of the Ozark Region Workforce Investment Board, the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Missouri Senior Employment Coordinating Committee.

Madam Speaker, I trust my fellow members of the House will join me recognizing Mrs. Janice S. Bramwell for her dedicated service to the State of Missouri.

REDESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AS THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 24, the "Marine Corps Identity" bill. This bipartisan legislation would change the name of the Department of the Navy to the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.

For over 200 years, the Marine Corps has fought side by side with the Navy. Yet, despite having served in every armed conflict in America's history, the Marines are not recognized at the department level. When the parents of fallen Marines receive a letter of condolence

from their country, the Marine Corps name does not even appear on the official letterhead. For too long, recognition of the United States Marine Corps has failed to match the remarkable sacrifice of its men and women.

By adding just three symbolic words, H.R. 24 will finally honor the Marine Corps as a co-equal branch of America's Armed Forces. For veterans in Minnesota and across the United States, and for our Marines currently serving overseas, I am proud to co-sponsor and vote to pass this important and overdue legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
JOHN NEWLAND MAFFITT

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. McINTYRE. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I rise and ask you to join me in recognizing one of North Carolina's great historical figures, Captain John Newland Maffitt. Captain Maffitt, a long-time resident of Wilmington, North Carolina, stands out as a distinguished member of the United States Navy. First as a naval surveyor, charting much of the Atlantic coastline, and then as a blockade runner for the Confederate Navy, gallantly carrying out his duty to his homeland, Captain Maffitt deserves to be recognized among the ranks of this nation's outstanding military officers.

Foreshadowing his great career, Captain Maffitt was born at sea on February 22, 1819. Adopted by his uncle, he grew up in and around Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he became known as a sharp-witted, cultivated young man. Under an appointment by President Jackson, Maffitt took the position of midshipman with the Navy in 1832, just three days after his thirteenth birthday, and immediately began his apprenticeship. After demonstrating courage and a devotion to his country and her Navy, Maffitt became an officer at the young age of nineteen.

Sailing around many parts of the world, Captain Maffitt continued to gain valuable experience. In 1848, he took command of his first ship, the U.S.S. *Gallatin*, as a survey officer with the Coast Survey. For roughly a decade, Captain Maffitt, while commanding various ships, surveyed and charted many sections of the Atlantic coast, ranging from New England to the Southeast, resulting in honorable recognition from the Charleston Chamber of Commerce. The knowledge that he developed of these areas would later serve him well in his naval duties with the Confederacy.

Captain Maffitt would eventually take command first of the U.S.S. *Dolphin* and then of the U.S.S. *Crusader*, leading his crew to intercept ships illegally participating in the Atlantic slave trade. Indeed, Maffitt was later recognized in the Wilmington Daily Journal on September 25th, 1863, which read, "it is a curious fact, for those who maintain that the civil war in America is founded upon the slave question, that [Maffitt] should be the very man who has distinguished himself actively against the slave trade."

When Southern states began to secede, Captain Maffitt continued his duties and protected Federal property along the Southern coast. However, as the Civil War continued,

Captain Maffitt's superiors grew concerned about his Southern background, which led Maffitt to resign his command in 1861. Wanting to put his services to use, he eventually took command of the C.S.S. *Savannah* of the Confederate Navy as a runner transporting rifles, cotton, and other goods around the Federal blockade. His knowledge of the local rivers and waterways from his surveying days helped him to elude the Federal Navy and survive a number of Federal encounters.

Taking command of the C.S.S. *Florida* in 1862 with a new assignment, Captain Maffitt and his crew succeeded in capturing a larger number of Federal commercial ships over the next year. During this period, Maffitt's ship covered the seas ranging from Mobile to New York and from Brazil to France.

After recovering from brief health issues, Captain Maffitt found more success blockade running as commander of first the C.S.S. *Albemarle* and then of the private ship *Owl*. He successfully completed his final assignment for the Confederacy even after the war had ended, thus maintaining his integrity and his sense of duty.

Captain John Maffitt returned to North Carolina in 1868 and passed his remaining days peacefully at Bradley Creek, near Wrightsville Beach. He passed away on May 15, 1886, and was buried in Wilmington's Oakdale Cemetery. In his honor, on August 4th, 1943, The Liberty Ship *John Newland Maffitt* was christened at the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company to run blockades successfully, as had her namesake. Today, Captain Maffitt is also honored by a historical marker on Market Street in Wilmington.

A sure leader of his time, Captain John Newland Maffitt serves as an example across generations by acting as a man of courage, a man of duty, and a man who was devoted to serving his homeland. So, today, Madam Speaker, I wish to thank you for allowing me to honor one of North Carolina's most distinguished naval officers, and I ask my colleagues to stand with me in recognizing a man North Carolina and the United States should be proud to call their own.

CELEBRATING THE ASCENSION OF
REVEREND DR. GREGORY ROBESON
SMITH AS THE 55TH GRAND
MASTER OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL
PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise with great pride to pay tribute to my dear friend, Lodge brother, and pastor of Harlem's historic Mother African Episcopal Methodist Church, the Reverend Dr. Gregory Robeson Smith, Sr. as the 55th Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York.

Rev. Dr. Gregory Robeson Smith, Sr., a Thirty-third Degree Mason, is the grand nephew of Paul Robeson, the late great American hero, athlete, singer, actor, and advocate for international civil rights and social justice. A

graduate with honors from Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina, Dr. Smith also earned two masters and two doctoral degrees. He has an MBA in Marketing and Finance, a Master of Divinity degree, a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration and Finance; and a Doctorate in Ministries.

Grand Master Smith is the Senior Pastor of the Mother African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, a major stop on the Underground Railroad, located in Harlem New York, which is the oldest African American institution in the State of New York, founded in 1796 and chartered in 1799. Dr. Smith is very proud of the history of Mother AME Zion, which was one of the earliest and most vocal opponents of slavery and a constant champion of abolition. Slaves who escaped north in search of freedom, knew they could find refuge and assistance at Zion Church, which became affectionately known as "Freedom's Church." In fact, Mother AME Zion became an important stop on the "Underground Railroad," hiding runaway slaves behind the pulpit in a secret passageway. Abolitionist and women's rights activist Isabella Baumfree transferred her membership from the John Street Methodist Episcopal Church to Zion Church in 1827. It was at the altar of Mother AME Zion in 1843 that she changed her name to "Sojourner Truth" and there she was also reunited with her sisters, who had been separated during slavery.

Sojourner Truth became one of the foremost voices for women's and equal rights and the abolition of slavery in America. Throughout its long history, Mother AME Zion has had many illustrious members who were leaders in the historic fight for freedom, including Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Paul Robeson, Madame C.J. Walker and many others who fought so valiantly to free African Americans socially, politically and spiritually. The legacy of this historic church is difficult to surpass, as it has always been a promoter of education and racial self-help for African Americans in this great city, playing a role in many of the social organizations that were founded to assist and improve the condition of the Negro. Reverend Dr. Smith holds and has held several major positions in the AME Zion Church, including Presiding President of the Elder's Council, and he serves on the Connectional Budget Board Executive Committee.

In 1976 at the age of 26, he was elected Director of Public Affairs and Convention Manager of the denomination, the youngest person to ever be elected to a worldwide office. In the past, he has served as Executive Secretary of the AME Zion Church Ministers & Lay Association, and, as pastor of the Mt. Hope AME Zion Church located in White Plains, New York, where in 5 years he transformed that congregation from 85 to 635 members, built and furnished a new multi-million dollar worship center and a pre-school program. Dr. Smith was also responsible for directing worldwide international relief assistance and other aid for the National Council of Churches' (NCC) 30 Protestant denominations. While at the NCC he raised more than \$200 million in program support.

Dr. Smith is a true "renaissance man," successfully integrating a successful career in business, public service and ministry. He has a proven track record of success leading nongovernmental, private, voluntary and religious agencies, with a strong expertise in the development of strategic alliances between public

and private sectors. He has 20 years of marketing, finance and managerial experience in Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 companies, with responsibility for over \$2 billion in revenue.

In December 1990, he was appointed by President George H.W. Bush as President and Chief Executive Officer of the African Development Foundation, an independent Federal agency located in Washington, D.C., with offices in 25 African nations and a staff of more than 300. He continued to serve in this capacity under President William J. Clinton's administration until May of 1995. He also serves as an officer and member of numerous boards of directors. Dr. Smith was interviewed by "The History Makers" on January 24, 2007, who designated him as one of the "Outstanding Men of America," and he was also the first African American in New York State to be selected by a major political party as their moral candidate. He continues to be active in local, State and national politics, as well as serving as President of Prince Hall Temple Associates, Inc. He is a member of Sigma Pi Phi—Beta Zeta Boulé, and is very well traveled, having visited all but five countries throughout the continent of Africa and over 30 other nations across the globe.

Madam Speaker, since our founding in 1812, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons has followed in the Christian principles that were established in God's Holy Book, the Bible, of "Making Good Men Better"—which the foundation is character, the purpose is service and the measure is giving. As the grand nephew of our beloved spirited hero Paul Robeson, Reverend Dr. Gregory Robeson Smith was destined in his development to embody the principles, truths and heritage set forth by our founding fathers of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. Dr. Smith takes over the leadership of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge at a crucial time in the history of the organization, and faces the daunting task of translating the historical usefulness of this ancient and honorable institution to meet the several challenges of its more than 10,000 members in today's "Information Age." His philosophy of life and service is stated in the words of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who said in 1948 on his application to Crozer Seminary, "I have an inescapable urge to serve society, and a sense of responsibility, which I could not escape."

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT
JENNIFER EVITTS

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Sergeant Jennifer Evitts for her exemplary service to the United States House of Representatives through her work with the United States Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs.

Sergeant Evitts has been a steadfast asset for Members and staff, especially for my office, in responding to the myriad administrative and logistical questions and needs the House of Representatives often requires of our military liaison services. Her attention to detail, her ability to work quickly and independently,

and her cheerful engagement with whomever she encounters is always appreciated.

It is unfortunately usually the case that we fail to tell the individuals who mean the most to us, who do the most for us, how much they are valued until it comes time to send them on to their next adventure with our best wishes. I'm pleased, however, that Sergeant Evitts' contributions were formally recognized while she was still with us. It is my particular pleasure to note that due to her diligence and the merit of her efforts, Sergeant Evitts was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for meritorious service to the Marine Corps Office of Legislative Affairs. I am proud of Sergeant Evitts for earning such a prestigious award.

I personally congratulate Jennifer on her accomplishments, and I wish Jennifer and her family success and happiness in her future endeavors. She will be missed.

ALL THE MOORE—A TRIBUTE TO
AN AMERICAN HERO: SGT JOHN
MOORE, THE 1-25 STRYKER BRIGADE
COMBAT TEAM, THE
UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a poetic tribute penned by Albert Carey Caswell in honor of one of Tennessee's finest, SGT John Moore of Dickson Tennessee. On January 6th 2009 in Diyaoa Province in Iraq, SGT Moore was almost killed in an IED explosion. Like many of our nation's heroes who cheat death, they must then come back home and continue to fight another war. While John fought valiantly to try to save his leg, he lost that battle . . . but his courage and faith has helped sustain him through his darkest days. As he is a shining example to us all, as he inspires us all with his courage and positive attitude.

ALL THE MOORE

In this our Country 'Tis of Thee . . .

There have been such fine patriots, so indeed!

Whom, have so given up so much for Country!

All to insure this our land of the free, for us . . . so much would endure you see . . .

As generation after generation, have so served this our fine nation . . .

Who have so given up life and limb, all in those darkest of days war . . . so then . . .

Who have so given, All The Moore!

How can one so ask for more?

Putting one's country first, while their own fine precious lives so last . . .

Yet, knowing of the worst!

From places, like Tennessee . . . have come such fine men, so indeed . . .

Who are but The Toast of Tennessee!

Men like John Moore, heroes who so boldly marched off to war . . .

Leaving behind, all that they so love and adored!

A man, of The 1-25 Stryker Brigade Combat Team . . .

For this is how Angels are made it seems!
So boldly marching off to war, as was John so seen . . .

When, in the midst of hell . . . a bomb would almost take all of his future dreams . . .

Coming back from the dead, he fought for five months until it was said . . .
 John, your leg is dead . . .
 As in that moment, as in that fight . . . as he reached down into his soul, so bright!
 And asked, for All The Moore . . . faith and courage, to endure!
 As he began to shine, and begin a new battle once more!
 All The Moore!
 As on that morning he awoke, as to him his fine heart spoke . . .
 I've got a life to live, I've got so much to this our world to give . . .
 I will not feel sorry or sad, just to be alive I'm glad . . .
 For I have fine brave Brothers, who now lie in the ground . . .
 And it's for them also the courage, I've found . . .
 Until, the day they lay me down . . .
 For ever in life, Striking Hard! I will be found!
 Arms and legs we all need, but without a heart one can not surely breathe . . .
 And I will walk, and I will run . . . and I will face the morning's sun!
 All with what's inside of me, All The Moore . . .
 While, all of this pain and heartache I will defeat!
 All for my Country Tis of Thee . . .
 As I will be Walking Tall In Tennessee
 All The Moore, this you must believe!

RECOGNIZING MIKE TOWN

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, many in this House do our part in promoting sustainable living, sustainable building and environmental responsibility. In my District—the 8th of Washington—an environmental science teacher is doing a masterful job at teaching the same values, and more—and he has received much deserved recognition for his efforts.

Redmond High School teacher Mike Town was awarded the inaugural \$25,000 Green Prize in Environmental Education from the NEA Foundation on April 19. Mr. Town's curriculum, "Cool School Challenge," teaches students how to perform energy audits of their school buildings and reduce their carbon footprint by doing simple things like powering down computers at night, composting, and recycling. Mr. Town's award comes after leading the entire school toward being one of the "greenest" schools in America. He has inspired his students and the rest of the student-body to "think globally and act locally" to beautify our schools, our neighborhoods, and our environment. Mr. Town—or simply 'Town' to his students—is an innovative and dynamic high school teacher who is making a positive impact on every student who walks through the doors of Redmond High.

One of his former students and my former staffer, Marshall Reffett, described Mr. Town as an educator this way: "Through his genuine enthusiasm for the subject, depth of knowledge, and hands on teaching methods, I developed a real sense for how the policies we adopt can have a profound effect on the sustainability of the Earth."

Aside from his teaching work, Mr. Town is a policy advocate for sustainability and the

preservation of public lands. He is a vocal wilderness advocate—and worked closely with my office helping to create my Alpine Lakes Wilderness Proposal—a citizen lobbyist, and eloquent speaker on behalf of environmental protection. The man practices what he preaches and is a great example for his students and his community.

What a delight it is for me to highlight the work of one of America's great professional educators. I'm pleased Mr. Town's efforts are not going unnoticed. His enthusiasm in the classroom and his tireless advocacy combine to make him a one-of-a-kind educator.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 243, 244, and 245, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN RECOGNITION OF JULIE SWITKY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Julie Switky upon her retirement as executive director of the Hillsborough Schools Foundation.

When Julie joined the Foundation in 1982, parent participation was about 64 percent with \$242,000 raised that particular year. The 2009–2010 Annual Giving Campaign will surpass \$3.1 million with parent participation close to 80 percent. These statistics speak volumes about the dedication and hard work of Julie Switky over the past 28 years. Amazingly she worked alone for the first decade until she was joined by Judy Kagan in the early 1990s. Today the Foundation has three additional staff members and a camaraderie that is off the charts—another testament to Julie's inspirational leadership.

She was raised in the Bronx, earned a degree in elementary education at City College of New York and later taught first grade in New York City and Baltimore. She and her husband, Dan, have lived in my district (San Mateo) for the past 30 years where they raised three children.

In this electronic age I want to note that Julie started her remarkable career at the Foundation without any technological tools. She went on to develop a computer tracking program and most currently was working to provide the Foundation with the most up-to-date online technology possible.

I'll be candid. Other school communities in California look to Julie Switky as the shining star of raising money to support education. No wonder that she is often asked to speak at other school foundation conferences.

Funds raised by Julie and her team go directly to school budgets and that helps maintain the level of excellence at Hillsborough's four schools. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to honor the dedication and leadership of Julie

Switky and I wish her the best in her newest endeavor, retirement.

BOLEY CENTERS OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TAMPA BAY AREA

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, Boley Centers of St. Petersburg, Florida, which I have the privilege to represent, is a private, not-for-profit organization that was established 40 years ago to serve individuals with mental disabilities, the homeless and youth in Pinellas County and the five county Tampa Bay area.

Tomorrow night our community comes together to pay tribute to Boley's 40th anniversary of service and to give thanks to the thousands of individuals they have helped gain the highest level of independent living. Boley provides 42 housing and service center locations; a wide variety of treatment, recovery and vocational services; a network of living opportunities in community residences and apartments; and a large staff of hard-working professionals who are dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with disabilities. Boley provides housing options that range from highly structured group homes to permanent supported apartments that are affordable and safe units for more than 1,200 individuals. This makes Boley one of the largest providers of these services in the entire southeastern United States.

Boley has a dedicated board of volunteer directors Chaired by Cynthia McCormick and includes First Vice Chair Loretta Ross, Second Vice Chair Sally Poynter, Immediate Past President Paul Misiewicz, and Virginia Battaglia, Rutland Bussey, Major Sharon Carron, Hal Gregory, Jack Hebert, Sandy Incorvia, Martin Lott, Robert Pitts, and Linda Scott-Leggette. Together they oversee an outstanding organization of professional staff members led by President and Chief Executive Officer Gary MacMath who treat their clients with compassion and dedication.

Boley also has a devoted network of volunteers who support the work of the Board and staff. This network includes the Boley Angels, who were founded in 1984 by board member Mary Koenig. They provide invaluable help to Boley's clients by raising funds to fulfill their unmet medical and dental needs and to provide furniture for the residential programs.

Madam Speaker, Boley Centers brings together the resources of our local community, our state and our nation to provide help to the less fortunate of our community who have nowhere else to turn for housing and treatment options. It has been a real pleasure for me to be able to work with the members of the board and the staff on a number of projects over the years.

Please join me in thanking all involved with Boley Centers for a job well done as they gather together to celebrate 40 years of service to Pinellas County, Florida and the Tampa Bay area.

SUPPORTING THE IDEALS OF
NATIONAL LAB DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1213, which recognizes the need to increase student participation in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). H. Res. 1213 also supports the ideals of National Lab Day, a national initiative designed to bring together educators, scientists and community members in the interest of providing students from kindergarten through 12th grade with hands-on scientific learning experiences. On National Lab Day, which is celebrated every year during the first week of May, scientists and other STEM professionals can give back to the community by volunteering their time to work with educators and students on lab projects.

Women and minorities have long been underrepresented in STEM careers. We need to reverse this trend so that STEM professionals better reflect the diverse character of our nation. Several initiatives in my district and the surrounding region have taken steps to make this happen. Great Minds in STEM is a nonprofit organization that operates an after-school program in the Compton Unified School District in Compton, California that educates students from underrepresented demographic groups in STEM subject areas. STEM UP is another initiative that is working to establish a STEM education program in Southern California that focuses on increasing diversity.

The skills taught through STEM education are essential to an increasing number of jobs in the United States. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that science and engineering occupations will grow by 21.4 percent from 2004 to 2014, while non-STEM occupations will only grow by 13 percent. Additionally, equipping more Americans with advanced skills in STEM is essential to ensuring America's competitiveness in the global marketplace. In 2006, only 4.5 percent of college graduates in the United States majored in a STEM field compared with 25.4 percent of graduates in South Korea, 33.3 percent of graduates in China, and 39.1 percent of graduates in Singapore. We must graduate more students with the technical knowledge needed to succeed in an increasingly globalized and hi-tech economy.

I consider increasing educational and employment opportunities in the STEM fields to be so important that I recently introduced the America RISING Act of 2010. This bill will pay the salaries for two years of recent college graduates who are hired by small businesses or larger companies with operations in areas of low employment. It also establishes a higher education opportunity program which will provide funding to recent college graduates to help them obtain two years of additional education and training in the STEM fields.

I salute the hard work and dedication of the volunteers, teachers, and students involved in National Lab Day and the organizations committed to increasing participation in STEM disciplines and careers.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Res. 1213.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF NATIONAL
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, in recognition of National Teacher Appreciation Week, I rise today to pay tribute to teachers across the country.

This year, National Teacher Appreciation Week has extra significance. With unemployment holding near double-digits, the economy in a prolonged recession, and education budgets slashed in many states, many teachers face the possibility of being laid-off. As Congress considers education reform legislation, we must keep in mind the needs of educators, who have the most important job of all—preparing our young people for the future.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I have spent a great deal of time working on education issues, meeting with teachers, and trying to better understand the many issues confronting our nation's schools. While there are many pressing needs at hand, I will take every opportunity to recognize the commitment of our teachers, many of whom are underpaid and often underappreciated for their crucial work. That is why I am proud to be a cosponsor of H. Res. 1312, which recognizes the roles and contributions of America's teachers to building and enhancing our Nation's civic, cultural, and economic well-being.

Teachers play a critical role in shaping our future. They touch the lives of children every day. They inspire, encourage, motivate, and educate the next generation. I applaud their efforts and thank them for their dedication

SUPPORTING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRICE, UT J.C. PENNY STORE

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. MATHESON. Madam Speaker, when James Cash Penny opened his first dry goods store in 1902 in Kemmerer, Wyoming he called it "The Golden Rule" because he believed that if he provided quality goods at a fair price and treated people the way he wanted to be treated his business would be successful.

In 1909 Mr. Penny opened the headquarters for J.C. Penny Company Inc. in Salt Lake City, Utah and a year later opened the Price, Utah J.C. Penny's store, located in the 2nd district of Utah which I represent. The Price J.C. Penny store is the oldest in Utah, and the second oldest in the national chain. And while the store window displays may have changed over the years the core values of Mr. Penny are steadfast. Evidence of Mr. Penny's beliefs and commitment to service went beyond retail sales. His compassion for people can often be found wherever his stores are located. From Les Eldridge who was the first Price store manager in 1910 to the present store manager Leslie Childs and her staff, the J.C. Penny team has made customer service and community a balanced priority.

Through more than 100 years of history, the Company has stayed true to its Golden Rule beginnings, with a continued commitment to care for the communities where it does business. This is reflected in the many decades of support this store and its Associates have given to a variety of charitable causes in the community, including strong support for quality afterschool programs. The Price store has partnered with groups such as Kiwanis, United Way, Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Business Alliance as well as The Family and Children's Support Center, Angel Tree, The Cancer Society and many others to ensure that those in need are cared for in South-eastern Utah.

In honor of the continued service and commitment to the foundation built by Mr. Penny with the opening of his first store, I want to offer congratulations to the Price, UT J.C. Penny on your 100th anniversary. Thank you for making a difference in the community.

HONORING THE 6TH ANNUAL
HEARTCARING MEETING OF THE
SPIRIT OF WOMEN HOSPITAL
NETWORK**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 6th annual HeartCaring Meeting of the Spirit of Women Hospital Network, advocating on behalf of early diagnosis and prevention of cardiovascular disease in women.

There are far too many misperceptions about cardiovascular disease in women. Cardiovascular disease is the single most common cause of death among American women. In fact, more women die of heart disease every year than every cancer combined. Nearly 37 percent of all female deaths, or roughly 400,000 deaths a year, are the result of cardiovascular disease, many of which can be prevented with early detection and preventative care.

Spirit of Women's dedication to having an impact on the lives of women by advocating for improved health and lifestyles of America's women is unmatched in the health community. Spirit of Women's HeartCaring program uses an innovative approach that engages hospitals, clinicians, and consumers in early diagnosis and prevention of cardiovascular disease. The HeartCare program not only lowers health care costs by focusing on preventative care, but their focus on providing healthy lifestyles to American women adds quality years to women's lives.

I wish to congratulate the Spirit of Women for their 6th Annual HeartCaring Meeting. Through their commitment to improving the health of American women, the Spirit of Women Hospital Network has proven that action is health.

HONORING BARBARA BIGELOW

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Barbara Bigelow upon being named as a 2010 Common Threads honoree. Mrs. Bigelow will be honored by California State University, Fresno at the 2010 Common Threads Award luncheon to be held on Friday, April 16, 2010.

Mrs. Barbara Bigelow was born and raised in southern California and attended the University of Southern California. She had little interest in agriculture until she met and married Frank, who is a life long resident of Madera County and part of a longtime agriculture family. Mrs. Bigelow assisted in the family business by helping raise, exhibit and sell champion Shorthorn Cattle for beef and breeding. Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow also raise and exhibit champion Columbia Sheep.

Off of the farm, Mrs. Bigelow is very active in the community. In 1985 she was elected to the then-Spring Valley School District Board of Trustees, and continues to serve on the now-Chawanakee Unified School District as a trustee. Her service on the board was instrumental in the building of Minarets High School in O'Neals. Mrs. Bigelow also served as the board President.

Outside of the school district, Mrs. Bigelow is active in the local 4-H program and numerous agriculture related groups. Mrs. Bigelow became involved with Spring Valley school while her children attended there. She was a member of the parent club, school site council and was involved with the community-centered centennial event. Mrs. Bigelow helped establish the Spring Valley Ag Boosters in 1994, after becoming involved with the Spring Valley 4-H club as a community leader and a sheep leader. Since 1994, Mrs. Bigelow and a committee of local supporters have sponsored a fundraiser at the "Silkwood-Mattes-Bigelow Big Blue Barn" to raise money for the Spring Valley Ag Boosters.

Mrs. Bigelow is also very active and supportive of the Sierra High School Future Farmers of America program. She has served on the Ag Advisory Committee and served as the Site Selection Committee Chair for Minarets High School. Between 1992 and 1994, Mrs. Bigelow was the director of the Madera County 4-H Summer Camp Program at Jack Ass Rock Campground. She is also a twenty year member, and past Chairwoman, of the Madera County Republican Central Committee.

Mrs. Bigelow is a supporter of Children's Hospital of Central California, California State University, Fresno's Red Wave, Cal Poly's Western Bonanza, the California State Fair, Sierra Winter Classic and California Junior Livestock Association. For her community involvement, Mrs. Bigelow was named the State of California "Woman of the Year" in 2005 by Assemblyman Dave Cogdill and received the "Golden Apple Award" for 1999-2000 by the Association of California School Administrators.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Barbara Bigelow upon her achievements. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Bigelow many years of continued success.

TRIBUTE FOR NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, in honor of National Nurses Week, I would like to recognize the unsung heroes of our nation's healthcare system. The endless efforts of nurses can never be praised enough. This group of men and women work on the frontlines of healthcare. That is why I am proud to participate in National Nurses week and to lend my voice in recognizing these distinguished individuals for their true professionalism.

Anyone who has spent time in a hospital or doctor's office knows that nurses play an integral role in our healthcare team. They work tirelessly to ensure every patient receives the special love, care and attention they deserve.

A nurse's role goes far beyond the hospital; nurses reach into charity clinics, in-home care, churches, and school volunteer health programs. Nurses conduct research, publish, review and continue to educate their peers and the public about their ever-evolving role and positive impact on the healthcare community.

Nurses across this country deserve the same support and consideration as they have given to us. Let us stand together today to honor their tireless work and selfless acts. God bless them and God bless America. I salute you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 245 H. Res. 1132—Honoring the USS New Mexico as the sixth Virginia-class submarine commissioned by the U.S. Navy to protect and defend the United States, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I was detained from voting on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. If present, I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes: rollcall 243, rollcall 244, and rollcall 245.

TEXAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2010

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, El Paso, Texas has a history of producing strong, pas-

sionate, and caring educators who motivate and engage our children to become life-long learners. As a parent and grandparent, I am grateful for the contributions of our teachers in the El Paso area, and, in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all the outstanding teachers in our community.

In particular, I would like to commend Mrs. Yushica Walker, a teacher at Morehead Middle School in the El Paso Independent School District, for being selected as the 2010 Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year. The Texas Teacher of the Year is the highest honor that the State of Texas can award to a teacher. Facilitated by the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Teacher of the Year Program annually recognizes and rewards teachers who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and excellence in teaching. Mrs. Walker represents the best of the best in the teaching profession, and we salute her energy, efforts, and dedication.

Mrs. Walker is a proud Army spouse. She is the wife of Major Johnnie R. Walker of the TRAC WF (Training and Doctrine Command Analysis Center White Sands Missile Range Forward) office at Fort Bliss, Texas. He is currently stationed in Afghanistan.

Mrs. Walker has been teaching for more than 12 years. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with Reading Specialization from Prairie View A&M University, and a Master's degree from the University of Phoenix. She serves as a member of the Campus Improvement Team and as a Master Mentor for new teachers.

Her aunt, Willie Mae, who taught for 29 years for the Houston Independent School District, inspired her to become a teacher. Mrs. Walker attributes her teaching success, in part, to a positive attitude and "demonstrating that teaching is enjoyable."

Mrs. Walker is part of a larger history of educational excellence in El Paso. I am proud to note that El Paso area educators have been chosen as Texas Teachers of the Year 10 times, with four El Pasoans honored in the last five years. The National Teacher of the Year Program began in 1952 and continues as the oldest, most prestigious national honors program that focuses public attention on excellence in teaching.

I am proud of the work of our teachers, and I am committed to ensuring that education remains a top priority for Congress.

SUPPORTING THE IDEALS OF NATIONAL LAB DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support House Resolution 1213, a resolution expressing support for National Lab Day and the need to improve science and math education.

National Lab Day, to be held on May 12th, will give middle and high school students access to hands-on, discovery-based laboratory opportunities. Additionally, National Lab Day will provide schools with an opportunity to assess and upgrade their current lab facilities. I am pleased that nearly 200 organizations representing science and math professionals and educators are supporting National Lab Day.

National Lab Day is a terrific initiative that comes at a time when we need an “all-hands-on-deck” mentality to provide our children with a first-rate math and science education. We still don’t know how to cure cancer or AIDS, or completely ease the suffering of those with mental illnesses. We still have tremendous challenges regarding energy consumption. And we still don’t know all we should about our planet and the people who live on it. The answers to these important questions are beginning to be formed in our classrooms with young students who one day may go on to investigate these issues and make advances that will benefit all of us.

Scientists and teachers long have been concerned about the quality of science and math education. Yet, scientists and educators should not be the only ones troubled by our students’ mediocre performance in these subjects. Every citizen concerned about the long-term health of our Nation’s economy should be worried by our current educational performance. Parents who want their children to succeed in a new global economy should be interested. Patients in need of new medical advances and citizens who want to see technological progress should care about our Nation’s performance in this area.

It is clear that our Nation must improve mathematics and science education in our elementary and secondary schools. American students do not perform as satisfactorily in these subjects as compared with their peers in other nations, which threatens the long-term health of our Nation’s economy and our competitiveness. China, India, and Germany, to name three, are putting more emphasis on science and math education. These nations recognize that the jobs of the future will require a basic understanding of these subjects. In fact, the Department of Labor recently found that three-quarters of the 20 fastest-growing future occupations will need workers with significant mathematics or science preparation.

A decade ago, I had the honor to serve on the National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century, which became known as the John Glenn Commission. In a report entitled “Before It’s Too Late”, we made clear that our Nation must increase the number of teachers in those fields significantly and provide more opportunities for teachers to enhance their math and science teaching skills. Ten years later, I still believe policymakers must do more to support the teachers that play a critical role in science and math education. The Commission recommended that teachers receive the greatest attention, even ahead of curriculum or other areas.

As a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, I have been focused on ways to do just that. I have worked to boost resources for the underfunded Mathematics and Science Partnerships, which provides professional development opportunities to a wide range of teachers and helps them continue improving their skills. I have worked on a bipartisan basis with my colleague Rep. VERN EHLERS to ensure that reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act places the same importance on science as it does for other subjects, such as English.

In today’s tight budget environment, I applaud the Obama Administration for proposing historic increases in the federal government’s

commitment to science education in their Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. I was pleased to see \$300 million in the Department of Education budget for improving teaching and learning in science and math. When considering any replacement to the Mathematics and Science Partnerships program, we must recognize that great teachers are made, not born. I feel strongly that any new program must continue to support professional development activities for science and math teachers as they seek to improve their craft. In addition, any new program must ensure that professional development programs are widely available across the country, not just to a few schools that compete successfully because they are already top notch.

Improving our children’s abilities in science and math is critical for our economy, our national security, and our democracy. Everyone, from scientist to teacher to parent to businessperson, should be concerned with how well we educate our children in this area. I look forward to working with my colleagues to fulfill the goals of the Glenn Commission and regain our Nation’s leadership in science and math education.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution that recognizes the importance of science and math education and highlights the good work done at National Lab Day.

2010 ST. CLOUD CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE AWARD WINNERS

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce Small Business Person of the Year, and the Mark of Excellence and Entrepreneurial Success Award Recipients. These people and businesses have stood out to the Chamber as “those who have the courage to aspire to a higher level.”

As the Small Business Person of the Year, Kip Cameron, President and CEO of Granite-Tops, LLC has shown dedication and innovation in his industry. Cameron is one of the founders of the Midwest Stone Fabricators Association and when the economy changed last year, he found ways to expand his market, despite consolidating his operations.

The Mark of Excellence Award, which honors a family owned business, is given to Dick Bitzan, owner of D.J. Bitzan Jewelers. In 1966, Dick’s father’s “mission was to provide his customers with beautiful diamonds and unparalleled customer service.” In a new location, with a new generation behind the counter, Bitzan’s Jewelers is fulfilling its mission every day.

Paul M. Heath, M.D., and James M. Smith, M.D., of Midsota Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons are the recipients of the Entrepreneurial Success Award. Midsota was founded when the doctors saw a need to “deliver high quality surgical and aesthetics services in a private, intimate setting in Central Minnesota.” Dr. Heath and Dr. Smith share a passion for service and results and continue to shape their industry in Central Minnesota.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate these businesses and citizens. I ask this

body to join me in recognizing Kip Cameron, D.J. Bitzan Jewelers and Midsota Plastic Surgeons for their contributions to Central Minnesota.

IT’S TIME FOR A CHANGE IN
DEALING WITH SUDAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, “If President Obama is ever going to find his voice on Sudan, it had better be soon.” These were the closing words two weeks ago of columnist Nicholas Kristof.

Having first travelled to Sudan in 1989, my interest in this country has spanned the better part of 20 years. I’ve been most recently in July 2004 when Senator SAM BROWNBACK and I were the first congressional delegation to go to Darfur.

We saw the same scorched earth tactics from Khartoum in the brutal 20-year civil war with the South where 2.1 million perished.

I remain grateful for President Bush’s leadership in bringing about an end to the bloodshed with the historic signing of the CPA. But that peace is now in jeopardy.

Fast forward to 2009. I was part of a bipartisan group in Congress who called for the appointment of a special envoy shortly after President Obama was elected. What was once a successful model for Sudan policy is not having the desired effect today. I am not alone in this belief.

Last week, six respected NGOs ran ads in the Washington Post calling for Secretary Clinton and Ambassador Rice to exercise “personal and sustained leadership on Sudan” in the face of a “stalemated policy.”

Today I join the chorus of voices in calling on the President to empower Secretary Clinton and Ambassador Rice to take control of the languishing Sudan policy.

They should oversee quarterly deputies’ meetings to ensure options for consequences are on the table. In fact, I call on the President himself to exercise leadership in this regard, consistent with the explicit campaign promises he made about Sudan, promises which to date ring hollow.

There is a pressing need for renewed, principled leadership at the highest levels—leadership which is clear-eyed about the history and the record of the internationally indicted war criminal at the helm in Khartoum.

In addition to the massive human rights abuses perpetrated by the country’s leader, Bashir, Sudan remains on the State Department’s list of state sponsors of terrorism. The same people currently in control in Khartoum gave safe haven to bin Laden in the early 1990’s.

I believe that this administration’s engagement with Sudan, under the leadership of General Gration, and with the apparent blessing of the President, has failed to recognize the true nature of Bashir and the NCP.

While the hour is late, the administration can still chart a new course.

Today, I sent a letter to the President which I submit for the record, outlining seven policy recommendations and calling for urgent action on behalf of the marginalized people of Sudan.

When the administration released its Sudan policy, Secretary Clinton indicated that benchmarks would be applied to Sudan, that progress would be assessed and that “backsliding by any party will be met with credible pressure in the form of disincentives leveraged by our government”

But in the face of national elections that were neither free nor fair, in the face of continued violations of the U.N. arms embargo, in the face of Bashir's failure to cooperate in any way with the International Criminal Court, we've seen no “disincentives” applied.

This is a worst case scenario and guaranteed, if history is to be our guide, to fail.

More than 6 months have passed since the release of the administration's Sudan strategy and implementation has been insufficient at best and altogether absent at worst.

During the campaign, then candidate Obama said regarding Sudan, “Washington must respond to the ongoing genocide and the ongoing failure to implement the CPA with consistency and strong consequences.”

These words ring true today.

But the burden for action, the weight of leadership, now rests with this President and this administration alone.

The stakes could not be higher.

I close with a slight variation on the words of Nicholas Kristof: If President Obama is ever going to find his voice on Sudan, it had better be now.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
May 5, 2010.

Hon. BARACK H. OBAMA,
The President, The White House, Washington DC

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: “If President Obama is ever going to find his voice on Sudan, it had better be soon.” These were the closing words of New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof two weeks ago. I could not agree more with his assessment of Sudan today. Time is running short. Lives hang in the balance. Real leadership is needed.

Having first travelled to Sudan in 1989, my interest and involvement in this country has spanned the better part of 20 years. I've been there five times, most recently in July 2004 when Senator Sam Brownback and I were the first congressional delegation to go to Darfur.

Tragically, Darfur is hardly an anomaly. We saw the same scorched earth tactics from Khartoum in the brutal 20-year civil war with the South where more than 2 million perished, most of whom were civilians. In September 2001, President Bush appointed former Senator John Danforth as special envoy and his leadership was in fact instrumental in securing, after two and a half years of negotiations, the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA), thereby bringing about an end to the war. I was at the 2005 signing of this historic accord in Kenya, as was then Secretary of State Colin Powell and Congressman Donald Payne, among others. Hopes were high for a new Sudan. Sadly, what remains of that peace is in jeopardy today. What remains of that hope is quickly fading.

I was part of a bipartisan group in Congress who urged you to appoint a special envoy shortly after you came into office, in the hope of elevating the issue of Sudan. But what was once a successful model for Sudan policy is not having the desired effect today. I am not alone in this belief.

Just last week, six respected NGOs ran compelling ads in The Washington Post and Politico calling for Secretary Clinton and

Ambassador Rice to exercise “personal and sustained leadership on Sudan” in the face of a “stalemate policy” and waning U.S. credibility as a mediator.

In that same vein, today I join that growing chorus of voices in urging you to empower Secretary Clinton and Ambassador Rice to take control of the languishing Sudan policy. They should oversee quarterly deputies' meetings to ensure options for consequences are on the table.

There is a pressing and immediate need for renewed, principled leadership at the highest levels—leadership which, while recognizing the reality of the challenges facing Sudan, is clear-eyed about the history and the record of the internationally indicted war criminal at the helm in Khartoum. We must not forget who we are dealing with in Bashir and his National Congress Party (NCP). In addition to the massive human rights abuses perpetrated by the Sudanese government against its own people, Sudan remains on the State Department's list of state sponsors of terrorism. It is well known that the same people currently in control in Khartoum gave safe haven to Osama bin Laden in the early 1990.

I believe that this administration's engagement with Sudan to date, under the leadership of General Gratton, and with your apparent blessing, has failed to recognize the true nature of Bashir and the NCP. Any long-time Sudan follower will tell you that Bashir never keeps his promises.

The Washington Post editorial page echoed this sentiment this past weekend saying of Bashir: “He has frequently told Western governments what they wanted to hear, only to reverse himself when their attention drifted or it was time to deliver. . . . the United States should refrain from prematurely recognizing Mr. Bashir's new claim to legitimacy. And it should be ready to respond when he breaks his word.” Note that the word was “when” not “if” he breaks his word. While the hour is late, the administration can still chart a new course.

In addition to recommending that Secretary Clinton and Ambassador Rice take the helm in implementing your administration's Sudan policy, I propose the following policy recommendations:

Move forward with the administration's stated aim of strengthening the capacity of the security sector in the South. A good starting point would be to provide the air defense system that the Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) requested and President Bush approved in 2008. This defensive capability would help neutralize Khartoum's major tactical advantage and make peace and stability more likely following the referendum vote.

Do not recognize the outcome of the recent presidential elections. While the elections were a necessary part of the implementation of the CPA and an important step before the referendum, they were inherently flawed and Bashir is attempting to use them to lend an air of legitimacy to his genocidal rule.

Clearly and unequivocally state at the highest levels that the United States will honor the outcome of the referendum and will ensure its implementation.

Begin assisting the South in building support for the outcome of the referendum.

Appoint an ambassador or senior political appointee with the necessary experience in conflict and post-conflict settings to the U.S. consulate in Juba.

Prioritize the need for a cessation of attacks in Darfur, complete restoration of humanitarian aid including “non-essential services,” unfettered access for aid organizations to all vulnerable populations and increased diplomatic attention to a comprehensive peace process including a viable

plan for the safe return of millions of internally displaced persons (IDPs).

When the administration released its Sudan policy last fall, Secretary Clinton indicated that benchmarks would be applied to Sudan and that progress would be assessed “based on verifiable changes in conditions on the ground. Backsliding by any party will be met with credible pressure in the form of disincentives leveraged by our government and our international partners.” But in the face of national elections that were neither free nor fair, in the face of continued violations of the U.N. arms embargo, in the face of Bashir's failure to cooperate in any way with the International Criminal Court, we've seen no “disincentives” or “sticks” applied. This is a worst case scenario and guaranteed, if history is to be our guide, to fail.

Many in the NGO community and in Congress cautiously expressed support for the new policy when it was released, at the same time stressing that a policy on paper is only as effective as its implementation on the ground. More than six months have passed since the release of the strategy and implementation has been insufficient at best and altogether absent at worst.

During the campaign for the presidency, you said, regarding Sudan, “Washington must respond to the ongoing genocide and the ongoing failure to implement the CPA with consistency and strong consequences.” These words ring true still today. Accountability is imperative. But the burden for action, the weight of leadership, now rests with you and with this administration alone. With the referendum in the South quickly approaching, the stakes could not be higher.

The marginalized people of Sudan yearn for your administration to find its voice on Sudan—and to find it now.

This is very important.

Sincerely,

FRANK R. WOLF,
Member of Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY IN EUROPE (V-E) DAY DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. NADLER of New York. Madam Speaker, 65 years ago the guns and bombs in Europe fell silent, and President Truman announced victory over Europe to a proud and free world.

I rise today to commemorate the 65th anniversary of this great and very important day, and to recognize the sacrifices and accomplishments of the men and women who so bravely served to defeat hate and aggression.

I join millions of people participating in thousands of events, in New York City, all across the United States, and around the world, in observing and honoring the courage of American service-members, allied soldiers, and homefront workers.

During April 1945, allied forces led by the United States overran Nazi Germany from the west while Russian forces advanced from the east. On April 25, American and Russian troops met at the Elbe River.

I want to recognize, in particular, the contribution of the Russian soldiers, who worked tirelessly alongside the American and British troops to bring down the Nazi regime. Their tremendous heroism and sacrifices will not be forgotten.

After 6 years of war, suffering, and devastation, Nazi Germany was formally defeated on May 8, 1945.

It was a bittersweet victory. Over 400,000 American soldiers died in World War II; 350,000 British soldiers gave their lives; and a staggering 20 million Russian soldiers and civilians perished in the war fighting German aggression on their home soil.

The war also brought about the most horrendous systematic murder which humanity has ever known, the Holocaust.

In memory of all the victims of World War II, it is our duty to raise our voices as one and say to the present and future generations that no one has the right to remain indifferent to anti-Semitism, xenophobia and racial or religious intolerance.

This is an occasion to remember and commemorate. We must remember why the war was fought, remember the victims and heroes, and thank those who fought so hard and sacrificed so much.

V-E Day marked the promise of a peaceful future for a Europe ravaged by unspeakable horror and war. Although freedom did not come to every European nation following the defeat of Nazi Germany, today we stand at the threshold of a very hopeful future based on sovereignty, democracy, freedom and cooperation.

Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to honor those individuals who gave their lives during the liberation of Europe, to thank the veterans of World War II, and to commemorate the defeat of Nazism and Fascism by freedom-loving people.

IN RECOGNITION OF MT. VERNON
HIGH SCHOOL AND CIVILITY
MONTH, 2010

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the staff and students of Mt. Vernon High School for their participation in Civility Month, 2010.

Civil discourse is one of the bedrocks of American society. It is also one of the most difficult to truly achieve. We are a country of diversity; of different religions, ethnicities, and opinions. The rich tapestry created by this diversity is one of the things that make America great and unique in the world.

Perhaps one of the biggest challenges that each of us face as individuals is how we deal with this diversity. Dealing with someone who does not look like us, or speak like us, or has a different opinion can be difficult. But if we stop long enough to listen, we might learn something. And that is the purpose of conversation and discussion. None of us can understand another until we hear what he or she has to say. The underlying principles of Respect, Restraint and Responsibility are Golden Rules and if we do our best to live by them, we will all benefit.

The old phrase "Walk a Mile in His Shoes" is pertinent here. We must continue to strive to understand and accept one another. We must continue to encourage conversation and acceptance while discouraging bullying and tyranny.

I commend The Association of Image Consultants International for elevating this critical issue, as well as The Rotary Club and the Girls Scouts for joining in this effort. But most of all, I must commend and congratulate the staff and student body of Mt. Vernon High School, led by Principal Mrs. Nardos King, for embracing this issue.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending and congratulating the staff and student body of Mt. Vernon High School. Their commitment to civility, respect and responsibility are bright lights in this time of tense debate. We can learn much from these students. And perhaps again, the children shall lead the way.

HONORING MRS. MARY WILLIAMS
WOODARD

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the late Mrs. Mary Williams Woodard, a constituent in my Congressional District and a beloved and dedicated public servant who tirelessly devoted her efforts to the well-being of our nation's most important asset, our children, as a valued educator of the Miami-Dade County community and beyond.

Mrs. Woodard was born to the late Lewis Williams and Lettie Deleog Williams on August 11, 1926 in Jacksonville, Florida. She was the fourth of eight children. Her family settled in DeFuniak Springs in the Florida Panhandle near the Florida-Alabama border. After graduating from Tivoli High School, she furthered her education at Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education. In college, she was a cheerleader and a member of the Orchestis Dance Club. She also met her life partner, Dr. Arthur E. Woodward, to whom she would be married for more than 58 years.

She began her professional career once she returned to her hometown and taught at her alma mater, Tivoli High School, which was the only K-12 school in Walton County for African-Americans. Mrs. Woodard taught physical education and English, and was noted for exposing students to various cultural activities. Many of her students became physicians, lawyers, educators, and entrepreneurs. Several students maintained communication with her until her transition. Integration of Florida's public schools and the Florida Teacher Walkout of 1968 forced Mary and her husband to relocate their family to Miami-Dade County.

Once in Miami, she began to work for the Miami-Dade County Public School System at Allapattah Elementary School as a physical education teacher. She later served as a guidance counselor at several schools and retired while at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in 1994.

In an effort to compliment her professional achievements, Mrs. Woodard was involved with various organizations such as the Twin Lakes-North Shore Gardens Homeowners Association; the Gamma Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; the Florida A&M University National Alumni Association, as well as the Miami-Dade Chapter;

the Rattler "F" Club; and New Birth Baptist Church. She also frequently marched and protested for civil rights for African-Americans and equal treatment of Haitian immigrants.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Mrs. Mary Williams Woodard. I am honored to pay tribute to Mrs. Woodard for her invaluable services and tireless dedication to the South Florida educational community. Her life was a triumph and she was blessed with a loving family who took pleasure in every aspect of her life and her interests. She will be missed by all who knew her, and I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to her before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING WHITNEY GRAVES FOR
HER SERVICE TO TENNESSEE'S
SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the contributions Whitney Graves has made while working in my Washington, DC, office. Whitney has been a helpful addition to the office and a great servant to the residents of Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District.

On Friday, Whitney will depart my office to pursue her graduate studies full-time in business and international relations. My staff and I are sad to see her leave, but we are proud of her for continuing her education.

I've known Whitney and her family for many years and was glad she joined my staff last year. She brought valuable knowledge about the district to my Washington office as a resident of Gallatin, Tennessee, and through her experience working for the Tennessee state government. During her time in Washington, she has played an integral role in assisting me with constituent service.

As my staff assistant, she managed the front office responsibilities, scheduled Capitol tours and welcomed visitors to my Washington office. After a promotion to legislative correspondent, she managed thousands of constituent inquiries on legislative matters while supervising my office's congressional intern program.

Madam Speaker, my staff and I have enjoyed having Whitney in the office. I have no doubt Whitney can be successful at whatever she chooses to do, and I wish her all the best in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 244 H. Res. 1213—Recognizing the need to improve the participation and performance of America's students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields,

supporting the ideals of National Lab Day, had I been present, I would have voted "Yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA URBAN LEAGUE 20TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the efforts of the Northern Virginia Urban League, NOVAUL, and to congratulate the recipients of the 2010 Community Service and Scholarship Awards.

Founded in 1990, the NOVAUL is one of 100 affiliates of the National Urban League. Its mission is to enable African Americans and others to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power, and civil rights. Recognizing the relationship between education and economic empowerment, the NOVAUL established a scholarship fund to help ensure that financial barriers do not hinder our students from achieving success in college.

Over the course of the last two decades, the NOVAUL has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships to Northern Virginia students. This year, \$70,000 in funding will be awarded to 13 deserving high school seniors. I congratulate the following students on their academic achievements and being named recipients of the 2010 Community Service and Scholarship Awards: Afriyie Boakye, Eric Brent, Jr., Lauren Coleman, Alexander Edwards, Sara Hamid, Wavenly Hudlin, Tracy King, Thomas Nubong, Grace Omijie, Niles Parham, Brittany Sholes, Sherine Taylor, and Brian Via.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the outstanding efforts of the Northern Virginia Urban League and in congratulating the 2010 scholarship recipients.

HONORING JEAN OKUYE

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Jean Okuye upon being named as a 2010 Common Threads honoree. Mrs. Okuye will be honored by California State University, Fresno at the 2010 Common Threads Award luncheon to be held on Friday, April 16, 2010.

Mrs. Jean Okuye grew up in Kelseyville, a small town in northern California, where she learned to love the outdoors and the natural world. She attended the University of California Santa Barbara and upon graduating, she traveled in Europe and Iran. As a young woman she married her husband Paul.

In 1980, Mr. and Mrs. Okuye and their two children moved to Livingston, California to take over the family farm. After fifteen years of struggling to pay off the estate tax and other finances, they were able to make vast improvements to the farm and created a successful farming business. When Mr. Okuye passed away Mrs. Okuye took over the farm-

ing operation. Today, their daughter and her family have moved from France to live and work on the family farm. Mrs. Okuye's grandchildren are the fifth generation to be on their family farm.

Mrs. Okuye has held several leadership roles in Merced County, she has been involved with the Board of the Livingston Farmers Association, Valley Land Alliance, Merced County Farm Bureau, Merced County Farmlands and Open Space Trust Council, California Women for Agriculture and an Ag Tourism organization for Merced County. She was also appointed to serve on the Merced County General Plan Update Committee. Mrs. Okuye plays the piano for United Methodist Church and chairs the Trustee Committee for the church. She participates on the boards of Stanislaus Memorial Society, Livingston Medical Group, Merced County Academic Decathlon and the Citizens Advisory Committee for Livingston City. For her efforts, Mrs. Okuye was named the 2007 "Outstanding Individual" in the Trees and Vines category from the Merced County Agri-Business Committee.

Mrs. Okuye has a Bachelors Degree in organizational behavior and holds two teaching credentials, which she received at the age of fifty.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Jean Okuye upon her achievements. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Okuye many years of continued success.

HONORING FRANK PUMILIA

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am both honored and privileged to congratulate Frank Pumilia on his installation to another term as President of the Margate Association of Condominiums.

As a young boy growing up in Brooklyn, Frank attended local political events with his father and it was these early memories that inspired Frank to become an active member of numerous community organizations. A retired pretrial negotiator, investigator and paralegal expert, Frank served as Chairman and Chief Examiner of the Margate Civil Service Board from 1994 to 2002, and was a member of the Senior's Foundation of Broward and the Florida Business and Professional Board.

Frank currently serves as the President of the Margate Democratic Club and as a board member of the Broward County Democratic Executive Committee. In addition to his current political involvement, Frank has long dedicated his time to the Margate condominium community. As the current President of the Margate Association of Condominiums, Frank has been tirelessly working to bring relief to the many condominium owners who are facing the threat of foreclosure. Most recently, Frank's community activism was recognized by his induction into Senior Hall of Fame by the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

I am honored to have Frank's many years of friendship, and I wish him congratulations and continued success as he embarks on another term as President of the Margate Association of Condominiums. Frank's dedication to the

Margate community has truly earned him the title, "Mr. Margate."

RECOGNIZING DAVE WAGGONER

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of a constituent, Dave Waggoner, who embodies the "heart of a servant" ideal that we all should strive to follow. Just recently honored as "Man of the Year" in Issaquah, Washington—a city in the 8th District of Washington—for his years of public service and volunteerism, Dave is also a veteran, community leader and member of the Freedom Fighter's Honor Flight project of which I am the honorary chair.

Dave, a veteran of the Vietnam War, works hard to help raise the money necessary to send World War II veterans to Washington, DC, to see the memorial constructed in honor of their great service. Dave considers it his personal mission. The amount of respect and reverence Dave has for the veterans who served before him is truly awesome. His leadership on the board is wonderful to see and I thank him for his selfless service.

Apart from his time with the board of Honor Flight, Dave has been a longtime fixture in the 8th District. An article in the local newspaper recently highlighted his years of community work: Docent for the Issaquah Historical Society, Docent for Friends of Issaquah Salmon Hatchery, Chairman of the Issaquah Cemetery Board, and post commander and assistant quartermaster of the Issaquah Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3436. Recently, Dave led the local fundraising effort for the families affected by the tragic murders of four police officers in Lakewood, Washington—an event people across our State will never forget. No one had to ask Dave to give his time for the cause; he volunteered. Men like Dave help make our local communities special and welcoming. Men like Dave deserve our heartfelt thanks.

So, Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing a man who has spent a lifetime serving his country and his community.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HARLEM'S BELOVED TRAILBLAZING PIONEER J. BRUCE LLEWELLYN, ESQ.

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to ask my colleagues to take some time out to remember one of Harlem's and this nation's greatest citizens, James Bruce Llewellyn, Esq., who passed away Friday, April 9, 2010 at the age of 82.

Just like Percy Ellis Sutton, Lt. Colonel Lee A. Archer and Jimmy E. Booker, Sr., Bruce was a giant among men, a trailblazer not just in the fields of business and broadcasting, but in combating the stereotypical image of African Americans as not prepared for or capable

of success. And while he found wealth by knocking down the previously closed doors of corporate America, he never forgot that the biggest impact that any person can have is in the social and philanthropic contributions they make to society.

Bruce never stood alone because he never worked alone, building coalitions across industries from sports to finance to government well into his last days on this great earth. As one of the cofounders of our 100 Black Men organization, of which I am also a founding member, Bruce proved that success for our community was to be measured not just by how high one of us got, but by how many of us were occupying seats and positions of power and prestige.

Like myself, Bruce was a man of humble beginnings, born of Jamaican parents in East Harlem just before the onset of the Great Depression. He worked from an early age doing whatever he could to make a contribution, from selling books and magazines to helping his father in his restaurant business.

His contributions extended to that of serving his country bravely with distinction, discipline and courage. Bruce enlisted in the Army at the young age of 16 years old after his graduating from high school and eventually becoming the youngest officer in his battalion. And while he eventually left the military, he never truly left public service. He went on to serve on the boards of various non-profits and government agencies; advising Presidents from Jimmy Carter to William Jefferson Clinton to Barack Obama.

Bruce was also a fellow life member comrade of our prestigious Harlem Hellfighters' 369th Veterans' Association. For many years, Bruce marched the troops up New York's Fifth Avenue during our Annual 369th Veterans' Association Parade in Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He loved the 369th and he cared deeply about the contributions made by black veterans of all wars.

Like myself, he took the opportunities afforded to him by the GI Bill to get an education, first attending City College and then eventually earning a law degree from New York Law School in 1960. Yet while he displayed a talent for the law, no one field could ever rein him in, mixing in business and media before the word mogul was ever popularized.

As the legal barriers of the Civil Rights Era gave way to the economic challenges of the 1970s, Bruce led the way in helping prove that investing in the black community could be a key cog in any profitable financial strategy. When no one thought he could, he successfully brought together a group of partners to buy majority share of the Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company, paving the way to larger financial transaction deals by African Americans and other people of color.

Our beloved entrepreneur and gladiator, Bruce Llewellyn, leaves this earth too soon, and at a time when our economy has been pushed to the brink of collapse, we could certainly use not only his skill and vision, but his unstoppable energy and drive. For his family and loved ones, I do hope that you and your family can find comfort in the great legacy he left not just for his community, but all Americans throughout this great nation. We loved him because he never stopped believing in the great potential that is instilled within all of us. Bruce showed us that we didn't have to accept a second-class status, but we all sure as-

pire to soar as kings and queens in whatever arena and whatever position we choose to occupy.

Madam Speaker, I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to observe and experience his example as a personal inspiration. Though Bruce 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. We are all blessed to have known James Bruce Llewellyn, Esq., a titan of a man whose corporate strength gave us all life.

HONORING EVERETT H. SHAPIRO

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with sadness today to honor Everett H. Shapiro, who passed away April 24, 2010, at the age of 82. A beloved leader in Santa Rosa, CA, Mr. Shapiro was as well known for his sense of humor as for his community support and his active law practice. He was the embodiment of one of his favorite expressions, a "quality human being."

I had the honor of entering remarks in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for Everett Shapiro eight years ago on the occasion of a tribute to his role as Trustee Emeritus of Social Advocates for Youth, SAY, an agency that serves children and their families. But the list of local, and some national, organizations which enjoyed his support is lengthy, including The Boy Scouts of America, Sonoma County Junior Achievement, B'nai Brith, Special Olympics, Red Cross, Kid's Street Theatre, Santa Rosa Human Rights Commission, Santa Rosa Parks and Recreation Commission, Canine Companions, Rotary Club, the Gray Foundation, the Schulz Museum, Congregation Beth Ami, the Brady Gun Control Commission, and the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC.

He received many awards over the years, but as a fan of Don Quixote, Snoopy, and the Marx brothers, Mr. Shapiro's focus was on doing good deeds with a sense of humor that was as strong as his sense of caring. To many of us who received his phone calls, he will always be known as "God" or "Robert Redford," but generations of kids know he is really "The Tootsie Roll Man." Over the past 60 years, he gave out more than 300,000 to children all over the community.

Everett Shapiro founded Shapiro, Galvin, Shapiro & Moran, one of Santa Rosa's leading law firms, where he worked on a broad range of legal issues. He served in numerous professional organizations such as California Trial Lawyers Association, Sonoma County Bar Association, and American Arbitration Association. He also earned honors for his legal work, such as a "Careers of Distinction" award from the Sonoma County Bar Association. He retired from the firm in the 1990s and was pleased that his son Tad remained a partner.

The son of Russian Jewish emigrants, Everett was proud to have lived his entire life in Santa Rosa. He dismissed as a technicality the fact that he was born in Stockton, CA, where his mother happened to be visiting when she gave birth. Everett and his wife

Phyllis, whom he met at UC Berkeley, raised their two sons, Tad and David, in the Santa Rosa community. After graduating from UC Berkeley and serving two years in the army, he joined the family wool buying business.

He learned to value the diverse agriculture of Sonoma County and appreciate the ranching lifestyle, but when Tad began kindergarten, Mr. Shapiro, with Phyllis' encouragement, began law school. He graduated just before his fortieth birthday. Years later he was able to sponsor both of his sons for membership in the Supreme Court Bar Association, a high point of his legal career.

Everett Shapiro always valued spending time with his family and broad circle of friends. He is survived by Phyllis, his wife of 57 years; his sons Tad and David and their wives Debbie and Barbara; his brother Marvin and his wife Darryl; and five grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, the community of Santa Rosa will miss Everett Shapiro's leadership, compassion, and warmth. We will take inspiration from the example he set and comfort from knowing that he felt God had been very good to him, and, in his words, "I like to think I've been fair with Him or Her."

TRIBUTE TO MR. HAROLD J. JOHNSTON

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, it has come to my attention that Mr. Harold J. Johnston is retiring as Conductor of the Sedalia Symphony Orchestra after 30 years. Only the second Conductor in the history of the Symphony, Mr. Johnston continued and expanded the great tradition of this Sedalia staple.

Mr. Johnston began his service to the community in 1955 as an educator in the Smithton School District. Four years later, Mr. Johnston began teaching in the Sedalia School District and remained there for the next 27 years. Having received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music education from Central Missouri State University, Mr. Johnston trained countless middle and high school students in vocal and instrumental music.

In 1952, Mr. Johnston began his involvement with the Sedalia Symphony Orchestra, the second oldest continuous symphony in the State of Missouri. Now in its 75th concert season, the Symphony continues to bring great value to Sedalia and the surrounding communities due in no small part to Mr. Johnston's leadership for the past three decades. Building on the Symphony's great tradition, he introduced two new performances that have become community favorites: the annual Christmas POPS Concert and the performance of Handel's Messiah.

Mr. Johnston's commitment to the community of Sedalia and the Symphony has not gone unnoticed. In 1998, Mr. Johnston received the first ever Lifetime Achievement Award from the Sedalia Area Council for the Arts, now the Liberty Center Arts Association.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Johnston has brought the joy of music to countless individuals throughout his career in public education and with the Sedalia Symphony Orchestra. I trust my fellow members of the House will join me

in thanking him for his many years of dedicated service.

**TWENTYNINE PALMS MARINE
CORPS BASE WINS COMMANDER
IN CHIEF AWARD FOR INSTALLA-
TION EXCELLENCE**

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I am delighted today to share with my colleagues the announcement that the Commander in Chief's annual Award for Installation Excellence has been bestowed on the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, California, which I am honored to represent.

The Marine Corps established a facility in the Mojave Desert at Twentynine Palms nearly 50 years ago when it was determined that they needed open space to conduct live-fire exercises. Over the past five decades, the 932-square-mile base has become one of the largest in the world and one of the most sophisticated training centers for the U.S. military.

I have represented the base and the Twentynine Palms community since I served in the California Legislature, and I have been proud to witness and provide support as the base grew into one of the premiere training sites in the world.

Thousands of Marines from units around the Nation are sent to Twentynine Palms each year to take part in large intensive live-fire exercises, complete with full armament and air support. This training is without question the most realistic possible, and has been credited as saving many lives by Marines returning from the battlefields in the War on Terror.

It was my great honor to support the Marine Corps over the past decade in the development of a new facility called Viper Village, which is considered to be one of the best in the world at providing training for urban warfare and military control of urban areas. This 247-acre facility with more than 400 buildings allows Marines to get a real-life experience of moving into foreign urban areas. The exercise is enhanced by specially-trained actors and "foreign forces" who help provide an understanding of how to deal with both armed urban warfare and non-combatant civilians.

The value of this training has been shown almost daily to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, who are put through a 30-day intensive course before their deployment on the front lines in the War on Terror.

I am pleased but not surprised that the Twentynine Palms Marine Base has received the annual excellence award from the President. The designation would be strongly supported by the thousands of Marines who have trained there, and the 1,900 full-time base personnel who have created a supportive and efficient installation in the remote desert. The base's recent awards have included the Secretary of the Navy's Marine Corps Pollution Prevention Award, the Commandant of the Marine Corps Continuous Process Improvement Special Recognition Award, and the Marine Corps Community Services Youth Sports Excellence and Semper Fit Bronze Anchor Awards.

Madam Speaker, the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center continues to show a commitment to excellence and improvement in providing the best possible training for our U.S. Marines. The base has begun an extensive upgrade in laying sensors and instruments that will allow commanders and analysts to "see" the movements of every unit during exercises, large and small. Please join me in congratulating the commander, Brig. Gen. H.S. Clardy, and all of the base personnel in receiving their much-deserved honor.

**RECOGNIZING THE MEDICAL CON-
TRIBUTIONS OF DR. ROBERT
SMITH, SR. TO THE CIVIL
RIGHTS MOVEMENT**

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding medical contributions of Dr. Robert Smith, Sr. and congratulate him on being honored as a "Living Legend" by Central Mississippi Health Services, Incorporated.

A native of Terry, Mississippi, Dr. Smith is no stranger to hard work and has dedicated much of his life to serving others. He earned his Bachelor's of Arts in Chemistry from Tougaloo College in 1957 and his M.D. from Howard University in 1961. Dr. Smith has done extensive postgraduate training at some of the Nation's most prestigious medical institutions such as the University of Mississippi, the University of Tennessee, the Cook County Postgraduate School and the Harvard University. He has an array of professional certifications and has been appointed to a number of administrative, instructional, clinical and hospital positions.

Dr. Smith stood fearlessly on the front lines during Mississippi's Freedom Summer, when civil rights demonstrations were held from Mississippi to Selma, Alabama to Chicago, Illinois, to combat racial inequality.

Equally significant, was as Dr. Smith fought to end inequality for blacks socially, politically and economically, he fought a separate fight in the medical profession. Dr. Smith was instrumental in exposing the racial practices taking place within the American Medical Association. His unwavering commitment to battling acts of racism and discrimination within the medical profession has earned him critical acclaim in national publications such as the New York Times, Time Magazine, Ebony, Brown Magazine, Tufts Medicine and a number of notable scientific publications.

A compassionate man who provides medical care to poor, uninsured and underserved patients, Dr. Smith was the primary founder of the model for the National Neighborhood Health Center Movement which today serves over 17 million Americans.

Dr. Smith was the first African American physician to serve as Chief of Staff at a majority tertiary level hospital in Jackson, Mississippi and has served as a Charter Diplomat and a fellow with the American Board of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

He was one of the lead investigators with the National Research Program for the Na-

tional Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Study at the University of Mississippi Medical Center which is currently known as the Jackson Heart Study.

Dr. Smith over the years has proven to be very instrumental in diabetic studies. He has served as primary care physician for the Central Mississippi Health Service.

He chaired the Committee that oversaw the naming of the first federal building to be named after an African American in the state of Mississippi, the Dr. A.H. McCoy Federal Building, located in Jackson, MS.

Dr. Robert Smith is indeed a champion of the people and a trailblazer within the medical profession.

His contributions to his community, profession, state, and nation should serve as example for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to recognize and congratulate a son of Mississippi, Dr. Robert Smith, Sr., for his role in advocating for equality in the medical profession.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and thus I missed rollcall votes Nos. 243–245. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all three votes.

**2010 WE THE PEOPLE NATIONAL
FINALS**

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, from April 24–26, 2010 more than 1,200 students from across the country visited Washington, DC to take part in the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution National Finals. We the People is the most extensive educational program in the country that educates young people about the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education under the Education for Democracy Act approved by the United States Congress.

I am proud to announce that a class from Lamar Academy in my congressional district represented the state of Texas at this prestigious national event. These exceptional students, through their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, won their statewide competition and earned the chance to come to our nation's capital and compete at the national level.

While in Washington, the students participated in a three-day academic competition that simulates a congressional hearing in which students demonstrate their knowledge and skills as they evaluate, take, and defend positions on historical and contemporary constitutional issues. Annual surveys consistently show that high school students who take part

in the We the People academic competition outperform national samples of high school students participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress political test by at least 22 percent.

Madam Speaker, the outstanding students from Lamar Academy who participated include:

Aaron Barreiro, Rebecca Basaldua, Victoria Brown, Cameron Crane, Vincent Honrubia, Ali Lopez, Vanessa Lopez, George Mendoza, Luciana Milano, Daniela Montemayor, Patrick Muniz, Jorge Salazar, Paola Salazar, Katy Schaffer, Clark Scroggin, Rodrigo Velasquez, and Tori Velasquez.

I also wish to commend the teacher of the class, LeAnna Morse, who is responsible for preparing these young constitutional experts for the National Finals. Also worthy of special recognition are Jan Miller, the state coordinator, and Mick West, the district coordinator who are responsible for implementing the We the People program in my district.

I congratulate these young "constitutional experts" on their tremendous achievement at the We the People national finals.

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, May 2010 is "Building Safety Month," as declared by the International Code Council, ICC, and its affiliate Foundation. The ICC has a 30-year legacy of safe building and promoting longevity, responsibility, and sustainability in building practices.

I believe it's important to recognize the ICC and "Building Safety Month" because all of us take the painstaking work of code enforcement for granted. Every single day, codes and code enforcers provide safeguards for families, businesses, and governments. We take for granted the codes surrounding fire safety and structural efficiency. We walk through hallways, sleep in bedrooms, work in offices, and exercise in gyms and take our safety and security for granted. May is a month to think about the benefits of building codes and code enforcement and the safety we enjoy because of careful planning.

This year's ICC theme is "Building Safety: Commemorating a 30-year Legacy of Leadership" and a spotlight will shine on four specific areas of the built environment: energy and green building, disaster safety and mitigation, fire awareness and safety, and backyard safety. I applaud the ICC for promoting their safety and awareness values this year, especially considering the devastating effects of natural disasters in the recent past. Furthermore, the President of the ICC Board of Directors, Ronald L. Lynn, reiterated the Code Council's steadfast willingness to support and help lead, along with the State Department, the rebuilding of Haiti in a way that will create "disaster resilience." The ICC is providing leadership and instilling value in an arena that, again, we too often take for granted.

The Code Council's emphasis on sustainable building is another aspect of Building Safety Month I want to acknowledge. This Congress, I introduced a comprehensive, bi-

partisan energy efficiency tax incentives package—The Expanding Building Efficiency Incentives Act of 2009—that has been recognized by the U.S. Green Building Council as one of their top legislative initiatives of the 111th Congress. It is reassuring to know that the ICC is also working to promote and further the goals of sustainable building.

Madam Speaker, I offer my thanks to the International Code Council for their leadership on building safety, disaster awareness, and sustainable building. I believe the Code Council and this House can work together to help lead our Nation and this world into a more secure future.

HONORING JUDY WALT JAMESON

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Judy Walt Jameson upon being named as a 2010 Common Threads honoree. Dr. Jameson will be honored by California State University, Fresno at the 2010 Common Threads Award luncheon to be held on Friday, April 16, 2010.

Dr. Jameson is a small animal veterinarian in Tulare County. She and her husband, Connor, who is a dairy industry veterinarian, work very closely with fellow veterinarians in advancing educational experiences. For many years, Dr. Jameson has opened their family home for veterinarian students from the University of California, Davis to train and learn the most advanced techniques and dairy management tools. She also opens her home every year to veterinarians from around the world to attend, or work at, the annual World Age Expo in Tulare, California.

For twenty years Dr. Jameson has served on the Sundale Elementary School Board of Trustees. She is a strong supporter of Sundale's outstanding Ag-Science program that continues to grow every year. She has been a member of the Tulare-Kings Veterinarian Medical Association since 1974, and has been involved with the development of a veterinarian technician program at the College of the Sequoias.

Dr. Jameson is a member of First Christian Church in Visalia, where she has served as Youth Development Chair, Women's Bible Study leader, Mission Ministry Chair and member of the Building Committee. She is a member of the Tulare Kings Veterinarian Medical Association and the Visalia Christian Club. She has served on the Board of Directors and as Board President of Visalia Senior Housing. For her dedicated service, Dr. Jameson received the Sundale School Foundation Award. She and her husband have two adult sons.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Judy Walt Jameson upon her achievements. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Dr. Jameson many years of continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF TASTE OF HEAVEN AND THE PRINCE WILLIAM MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Taste of Heaven hosted by the Prince William Ministerial Association. This year, the Taste of Heaven celebrates its eighth service.

The genesis of the bi-annual worship service occurred when members of the Prince William Ministerial Association came together for a prayer group. During their discussion and worship, they came to the realization that the "11 o'clock hour" on Sunday morning in America is our nation's most segregated.

Established in 1996, the Taste of Heaven seeks to break down the denominational and racial barriers that are so starkly borne out during the "11 o'clock hour." The service demonstrates that the churches of Prince William County can come together across ethnic, social and sectarian boundaries and worship as one congregation.

I am honored to recognize the churches and organizations participating in this noble exercise in fellowship and community: All Saints Church, Bethel AME Church Dale City, Bethel UMC, Larry G. Brown, Care Net Pregnancy Resource Centers, Centerpoint Church of God, Christ Chapel Assemblies of God, The Connection, Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Cutting Edge Ministries, Dale City Christian Church, First Mount Zion Baptist Church, Heritage Presbyterian Church, Harvest Life Changers Church International, Hylton Memorial Chapel, Iglesia de Dios Canaan, Little Union Baptist Church, Mount Olive Baptist Church, Mount Zion Baptist Church, New Covenant Fellowship, New Life Anointed Ministries, Open Heart Open Bible Community Church, Preston Wines, Sentara Potomac Hospital Chaplaincy, Reconciliation Community Church, The Salvation Army, Star of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Tribe of Judah Miracle Center, Trinity Temple Church of God, Victory Family Outreach Ministries, Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Young Life, Word Alive Full Gospel Church.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Prince William Ministerial Association for bringing together local faith communities to celebrate their common purpose. We sow the seeds of tolerance and understanding when we respect our differences and celebrate our common humanity.

CONGRATULATING ESTHER SILVER-PARKER

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to recognize and extend my congratulations to Esther Silver-Parker as she retires from a trailblazing career as one of America's top African-American female corporate executives. Her reputation as a consensus builder and advocate for diversity has won her

many accolades and honors for her commitment to practical solutions in today's global economy.

A vocal champion of equal opportunity access to healthcare, education, and employment, Esther Silver-Parker was most recently Wal-Mart's Senior Vice-President of Corporate Affairs. Responsible for strategic-planning and management, Silver-Parker focused on the company's relationships with stakeholders in emerging markets, small businesses, and entrepreneurial initiatives. Prior to joining Wal-Mart, Silver-Parker served as Vice President of Corporate Affairs at AT&T, and President of the AT&T Foundation. She also directed AT&T's National Constituency Relations, Issues Management and Corporate Social Responsibility Programs.

Silver-Parker's excellence in corporate leadership, however, is unmatched by her dedication to compassionate and impactful service at both the national and international levels. She has served as President of the International Women's Forum and has traveled to the Congo, Burundi, and Kenya with the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church to study health conditions and quality of life of women and children. She is a frequent speaker on issues pertaining to women, diversity, corporate social responsibility and strategic philanthropy.

Throughout her journey, Esther Silver-Parker has mentored countless young people and has made it a personal priority to extend her individual and professional success into many communities. Her work on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation has made a lasting impact in the lives of African-American students, teachers, parents, and schools.

Esther has received numerous awards, including the Ebony Magazine Award for Outstanding Women in Corporate Marketing, the Congressional Black Caucus Unsung Hero Award, the DECA Award for outstanding businesswoman, New York City Gus D'Amato Community Service Award, the Atlanta Business League's Outstanding Corporate Person Award, the National AIDS Fund's Leadership Award, the Asian Pacific Islanders Women's Leadership Starfish Award, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. President's Award, Northwest Arkansas' Just Communities Humanitarian of the Year Award, The Links Spirit Award, the 100 Black Men of America Excellence Award, The Diversity Advocate Award and The Corporate Excellence Award from the National Action Network.

I am immensely grateful for Esther Silver-Parker's selflessness and dedication, and deeply honored to call her my friend.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$12,940,953,934,792.90.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,302,528,188,499.10 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

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, May 6, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 7

9:30 a.m.
Joint Economic Committee
To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for April 2010.
SD-106

MAY 11

10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine current issues related to offshore oil and gas development including the Department of the Interior's recent five year planning announcements and the accident in the Gulf of Mexico involving the offshore oil rig Deepwater Horizon.
SR-325

Finance
To resume hearings to examine the President's proposed fee on financial institutions regarding the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), part 3.
SD-215

Judiciary
To hold an oversight hearing to examine United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.
SD-226

Environment and Public Works
Water and Wildlife Subcommittee
Oversight Subcommittee
To hold joint hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) role in protecting ocean health.
SD-406

2 p.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Employment and Workplace Safety Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine safe patient handling and lifting standards for a safer American workforce.
SD-430

2:30 p.m.
Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine economic and environmental impacts of the recent oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.
SD-406

MAY 12

10 a.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine Iran sanctions, focusing on why the United States Government does business with companies who do business with Iran.
SD-342

Armed Services
Personnel Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Reserve component programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program.
SR-222

Judiciary
Terrorism and Homeland Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine espionage statutes.
SD-226

10:30 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Air Force.
SD-192

2:30 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Disaster Recovery Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Stafford Act reform, focusing on sharper tools for a smarter recovery.
SD-342

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the future of United States human space flight.
SR-253

2:45 p.m.
Armed Services
To receive a closed briefing on operations in Afghanistan.
SVC-217

MAY 13

9:30 a.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian school safety.
SD-628

10 a.m.
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine building a secure future for multiemployer pension plans.
SD-430

2:30 p.m.
Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.
SD-226

MAY 18

10 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To resume hearings to examine issues related to offshore oil and gas exploration including the accident involving the Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico.
SD-366

MAY 19

9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine the proposed Constitution of the U.S. Virgin Islands, S. 2941, to provide supplemental ex gratia compensation to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for impacts of the nuclear testing program of the United States, H.R. 3940, to amend Public Law 96-597 to clarify the

authority of the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate political status public education programs for the peoples of the non-self-governing territories of the United States, and H.R. 2499, to provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico.

SD-366

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending legislation.

SR-418

MAY 25

9 a.m.

Armed Services

Airland Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

10:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the pro-

posed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

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3:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Strategic Forces Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

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5 p.m.

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

MAY 26

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

MAY 27

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222

MAY 28

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2011.

SR-222