

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO DORIS TURNER KEYS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Doris Turner Keys, a union leader who has demonstrated dedication to improving the lives of others.

Doris Turner Keys has been a member of District 1199, National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU), AFL-CIO for more than thirty years. She was a leader in the historic 1959 hospital workers strike which launched the union, and she joined the union staff as an organizer in 1960. She rose through the ranks, quickly becoming Vice President, Area Director. She became Executive Vice President in 1967 and served in that position for 15 years.

In May 1982, she was elected President of District 1199, and was re-elected in 1984. As a founding member and principal organizer she served as Secretary, and as an officer of the State AFL-CIO, and was the only African American woman and one of two women of the AFL-CIO to serve at that time.

Mrs. Keys served as a trustee of the union's Training and Upgrading program which provides over \$1 million dollars annually to 1199 members seeking upward mobility. She was a leader in the struggle to improve union services for members and their families, especially children and retirees, and was instrumental in expanding the union's civic, social, cultural, and political programs.

She has dedicated herself to national, local and community endeavors. Mrs. Keys was a New York State delegate to the National Women Founding Conference in Houston, Texas in 1975 and served as a New York City Commissioner of Human Rights for six years. She was also a member of the Committee International Year of the Woman and a Trustee of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Changes. She served as a delegate representing Westchester County at a Democratic Convention. Mrs. Keys has served on the New York State Hospital Review and Planning Council as well as many other health and labor related organizations.

Mrs. Keys has been honored by the NAACP, the NYC Council AFL-CIO, the Urban League, and the African Peoples Christian Organization, among others. She is the recipient of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Sojourner Truth Loyalty Award, New York State 33rd Assembly District's Service and Humanitarian Award, and the Letha Loggins Bradford Memorial Foundations' Woman of the Year Award. She has been recognized for her role in raising money for AIDS research and treatment. She has also been listed in "Who's Who in Black America" and "Who's Who in the Labor Movement".

Mrs. Keys makes her home in Mount Vernon, New York and she and her family are active members of the Bethesda Baptist Church of New Rochelle. For more than 12 years, she was the cook in the church's soup kitchen, Lad's Lunch, which fed approximately 100 men, women and children each week.

She is married to Willie D. Keys and is the mother of 2 daughters. She has 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Her extended family includes several sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews and cousins. However, she says she is most of all a child of the King.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Doris Turner Keys.

IN HONOR OF US NAVAL ARMED GUARD AND AIR FORCE VETERAN CHARLES ARTHUR ALESHIRE

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize a Joliet citizen and hero of the Greatest Generation, Charles Arthur Aleshire. Due to its rapid disbandment and lack of proper records, the efforts of members of the Naval Armed Guard Service, such as Mr. Aleshire, have been largely overlooked by history. Mr. Aleshire served our country with courage and honor when the world turned to the United States to fight tyranny and oppression in World War II.

Mr. Aleshire volunteered when he was just 17 to join the U.S. Navy Armed Guard service and protect vital supplies and troops necessary for the war effort. His service took him around the world, to South America where he watched for German U-Boats, to the invasion of Okinawa, where he and his shipmates faced Japanese kamikaze attacks on their fleet. On February 18th, 1946, his 21st birthday, he was honorably discharged as a Coxswain at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

However, his service to our country did not end there. In 1948, Mr. Aleshire entered the Air Force, and was assigned to the 509th Bombardment Wing, as an Airframe Repair Specialist. This unit served as the core of the newly formed Strategic Air Command. Mr. Aleshire was on active duty during some of the most dangerous conflicts and crises of the 20th century, including the Korean War, the Berlin Airlift, and the Cuban Missile Crisis. He retired as a Staff Sergeant in 1966.

An indebted country cannot thank Mr. Aleshire and so many other brave men and women enough for their selfless sacrifice. His admirable service to our country is in keeping with the highest traditions of honor and service displayed by our armed forces, and is an example to all Americans.

HONORING DR. JOE E. ELLIS

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend, Dr. Joe E. Ellis of Benton, Kentucky.

Dr. Ellis will soon be elected president of the American Optometric Association during their 113th annual meeting, where he will be installed as AOA's 89th president on Saturday, June 19th, 2010 in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Ellis is a graduate of the Southern College of Optometry and has a private practice in Marshall County. He was named Kentucky Young Optometrist of the Year in 1992 and has also received three President's Awards from the Kentucky Optometric Association.

Dr. Ellis' particular area of interest is advocacy, especially as it relates to patients' access to optometric care. He has been active in legislative and government relations at the state and national levels and recently served as Chairman of the AOA's State Health Care Legislation Committee.

Dr. Ellis was instrumental in the passage of the first state law of its kind that requires that all Kentucky children entering public schools receive a diagnostic eye examination. The Kentucky General Assembly identified problems with vision as an important factor limiting children's abilities to learn and succeed. Through this, they recognized that the early diagnosis and treatment of children's vision problems is a necessary component to school readiness and academic learning and the enactment of this legislation in 2000 ensured that children in my state are able to meet their developmental potential.

Doctors of optometry serve patients in nearly 6,500 communities across the country, and in 3,500 of those, they are the only eye doctors. Optometrists provide two-thirds of all primary eye care in the United States. The American Optometric Association represents approximately 36,000 doctors of optometry, optometry students and paraoptometric assistants and technicians.

Dr. Ellis' enthusiasm for optometry and commitment to excellence in eye and vision care has earned him this prestigious national office and public recognition. I am confident that he will have a very successful term as the American Optometric Association's president. His election is a tribute to his years of service to the profession of optometry in Kentucky and throughout the nation. I join his family, friends and colleagues in congratulating him on this achievement and wishing him the best of luck in this endeavor.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANK
PELLEGRINI

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Frank Pellegrini, who passed away on March 25, 2010.

Frank touched the lives of people all over Long Island and he will be remembered as a man who showed grace and humility in all aspects of his life. For 40 years, he worked at Farmingdale State College where he served thousands of students and teachers through his roles as an Organic Chemistry teacher and then the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Frank also served for 35 years as the Chief and Commissioner of the Dix Hills Fire Department where his heroic efforts touched the lives of countless members of the community. Frank possessed extreme bravery and a passion for helping others.

Frank Pellegrini will be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to know him and his memory will remain a fixture in both institutions where he served for so long.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011**

SPEECH OF

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5136) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Chair, I would like to submit the following exchange of letters:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 21, 2010.

Hon. JOHN CONYERS JR.,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, Rayburn Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011. I agree that the Committee on the Judiciary has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to schedule a mark-up of this bill in the interest of expediting consideration. I agree that by agreeing to waive consideration of certain provisions of the bill, the Committee on the Judiciary is not waiving its jurisdiction over these matters. Should this bill or similar legislation be the subject of a House-Senate conference, I will support the appointment of conferees from the Committee on the Judiciary.

This exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

IKE SKELTON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, DC, May 21, 2010.

Hon. IKE SKELTON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SKELTON: This is to advise you that, as a result of your having consulted with us on provisions in H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011, that fall within the rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary, we are able to agree to waive seeking a formal referral of the bill, in order that it may proceed without delay to the House floor for consideration.

The Judiciary Committee takes this action with our mutual understanding that by foregoing consideration of H.R. 5136 at this time, we do not waive any jurisdiction over subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that our Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as the bill or similar legislation moves forward, so that we may address any remaining issues in our jurisdiction. Our Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation, and requests your support for any such request.

I would appreciate your including this letter in the Congressional Record during consideration of the bill on the House floor. Thank you for your attention to this request, and for the cooperative relationship between our two committees.

Sincerely,
JOHN CONYERS, JR.,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
Washington, DC, May 20, 2010.

Hon. IKE SKELTON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for the opportunity to review the text of H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011, for provisions which are within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Natural Resources. Among these provisions are those dealing with compensation and benefits for the NOAA Corps, as well as a report on civilian infrastructure needs for Guam in light of the upcoming military realignment in the Pacific.

Because of the continued cooperation and consideration that you have afforded me and my staff in developing these provisions, I will not seek a sequential referral of H.R. 5136 based on their inclusion in the bill. Of course, this waiver is not intended to prejudice any future jurisdictional claims over these provisions or similar language. I also reserve the right to seek to have conferees named from the Committee on Natural Resources on these provisions, and request your support if such a request is made.

Please place this letter into the committee report on H.R. 5136 and the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have worked regarding this matter and others between our respective committees.

With warm regards, I am
Sincerely,

NICK J. RAHALL, II,
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 21, 2010.

Hon. NICK J. RAHALL II,
Committee on Natural Resources, House of Representatives, Longworth Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011. I agree that the Committee on Natural Resources has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to schedule a mark-up of this bill in the interest of expediting consideration. I agree that by agreeing to waive consideration of certain provisions of the bill, the Committee on Natural Resources is not waiving its jurisdiction over these matters. Should this bill or similar legislation be the subject of a House-Senate conference, I will support the appointment of conferees from the Committee on Natural Resources.

This exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Very truly yours,
IKE SKELTON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM,
Washington, DC, May 21, 2010.

Hon. IKE SKELTON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SKELTON: I am writing about H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011. I appreciate your efforts to consult with the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform regarding those provisions of H.R. 5136 that fall within the Oversight Committee's jurisdiction. These provisions involve the federal civil service and federal acquisition policies, among other things.

In the interest of expediting consideration of H.R. 5136, the Oversight Committee will not request a sequential referral of this bill. I would, however, request your support for the appointment of conferees from the Oversight Committee should H.R. 5136 or a similar Senate bill be considered in conference with the Senate. Moreover, this letter should not be construed as a waiver of the Oversight Committee's legislative jurisdiction over subjects addressed in H.R. 5136 that fall within the jurisdiction of the Oversight Committee.

Finally, I request that you include our exchange of letters on this matter in the Committee Report on H.R. 5136 and in the Congressional Record during consideration of this legislation on the House floor. Again, I appreciate your willingness to consult the Committee on these matters.

Sincerely,
EDOLPHUS TOWNS,
Chairman.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 21, 2010.

Hon. EDOLPHUS TOWNS,
Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, House of Representatives, Rayburn Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011. I agree that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to schedule a mark-up of this bill in the interest of expediting consideration. I agree that by agreeing to waive

consideration of certain provisions of the bill, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is not waiving its jurisdiction over these matters. Should this bill or similar legislation be the subject of a House-Senate conference, I will support the appointment of conferees from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

This exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Very truly yours,

IKE SKELTON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE,

Washington, DC, May 21, 2010.

Hon. IKE SKELTON,
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee,
Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I write concerning the jurisdictional interest of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in matters being considered in H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011.

The Committee recognizes the importance of H.R. 5136 and the need for the legislation to move expeditiously. Therefore, while the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence has valid claim to jurisdiction over the bill, I do not intend to request a sequential referral. My decision to waive further consideration of H.R. 5136 is conditional on the mutual understanding that no part of this legislation waives, reduces, or otherwise affects the jurisdiction of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

I respectfully request that a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging this Committee's jurisdictional interest will be included in the Committee Report and as part of the Congressional Record during consideration of this bill by the House.

The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence also asks that you support my request to include conferees on the provisions over which we have jurisdiction during any conference between the House and the Senate.

I thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

SILVESTRE REYES,
Chairman.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, May 21, 2010.

Hon. SILVESTRE REYES,
Chairman, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011. I agree that the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to schedule a mark-up of this bill in the interest of expediting consideration. I agree that by agreeing to waive consideration of certain provisions of the bill, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence is not waiving its jurisdiction over these matters. Should this bill or similar legislation be the subject of a House-Senate conference, I will support the appointment of conferees from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

This exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Very truly yours,

IKE SKELTON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,

Washington, DC, May 19, 2010.

Hon. IKE SKELTON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SKELTON: I am writing to you concerning the jurisdictional interest of the Committee on Science and Technology in H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011.

Our committee recognizes the importance of H.R. 5136 and the need for the legislation to move expeditiously. Therefore, while we have a valid claim to jurisdiction over the bill, I do not intend to request a sequential referral. This, of course, is conditional on our mutual understanding that nothing in this legislation or my decision to forego a sequential referral waives, reduces or otherwise affects the jurisdiction of the Committee on Science and Technology, and that a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest will be included in the Committee Report and as part of the Congressional Record during consideration of this bill by the House.

The Committee on Science and Technology also asks that you support our request to be conferees on the provisions over which we have jurisdiction during any House-Senate conference.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

BART GORDON,
Chairman.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, May 21, 2010.

Hon. BART GORDON,
Chairman, Committee on Science and Technology, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011. I agree that the Committee on Science and Technology has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to schedule a mark-up of this bill in the interest of expediting consideration. I agree that by agreeing to waive consideration of certain provisions of the bill, the Committee on Science and Technology is not waiving its jurisdiction over these matters. Should this bill or similar legislation be the subject of a House-Senate conference, I will support the appointment of conferees from the Committee on Science and Technology.

This exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Very truly yours,

IKE SKELTON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE,

Washington, DC, May 21, 2010.

Hon. IKE SKELTON,
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SKELTON: I write to you regarding H.R. 5136, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011".

H.R. 5136 contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. I recognize and appreciate your desire to bring this legislation before the House in an expeditious manner and, accordingly, I will not

seek a sequential referral of the bill. However, I agree to waive consideration of this bill with the mutual understanding that my decision to forego a sequential referral of the bill does not waive, reduce, or otherwise affect the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure over H.R. 5136.

Further, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure reserves the right to seek the appointment of conferees during any House-Senate conference convened on this legislation on provisions of the bill that are within the Committee's jurisdiction. I ask for your commitment to support any request by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the appointment of conferees on H.R. 5136 or similar legislation.

Please place a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's jurisdictional interest in the Committee Report on H.R. 5136 and in the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure in the House.

I look forward to working with you as we prepare to pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,

JAMES L. OBERSTAR, M.C.,
Chairman.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, May 21, 2010.

Hon. JAMES L. OBERSTAR,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, House of Representatives, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011. I agree that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to schedule a mark-up of this bill in the interest of expediting consideration. I agree that by agreeing to waive consideration of certain provisions of the bill, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is not waiving its jurisdiction over these matters. Should this bill or similar legislation be the subject of a House-Senate conference, I will support the appointment of conferees from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

This exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Very truly yours,

IKE SKELTON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS,

Washington, DC, May 20, 2010.

Hon. IKE SKELTON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SKELTON: I am writing to you concerning H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011. There are certain provisions in the legislation which fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

In the interest of permitting your Committee to proceed expeditiously to floor consideration of this important bill, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs agrees not to request a sequential referral. By waiving consideration of H.R. 5136, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over any subject matter contained in the bill which falls within its jurisdiction. The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reserves its right to seek conferees on any provisions within its jurisdiction which are considered in a House-Senate conference,

and requests your support if such a request is made.

Please place this letter into the committee report on H.R. 5136 and into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have worked with the Committee on Veterans' Affairs regarding this matter and others between our respective committees.

Sincerely,

BOB FILNER,
Chairman.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 21, 2010.

Hon. BOB FILNER,
Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
House of Representatives, Cannon Office
Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011. I agree that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to schedule a mark-up of this bill in the interest of expediting consideration. I agree that by agreeing to waive consideration of certain provisions of the bill, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs is not waiving its jurisdiction over these matters. Should this bill or similar legislation be the subject of a House-Senate conference, I will support the appointment of conferees from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

This exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Very truly yours,

IKE SKELTON,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
Washington, DC, May 20, 2010.

Hon. IKE SKELTON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House
of Representatives, Rayburn House Office
Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am writing to you concerning the jurisdictional interest of the Committee on Ways and Means in matters being considered in H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011.

Our Committee recognizes the importance of H.R. 5136 and the need for the legislation to move expeditiously. Therefore, while we have valid claims to jurisdiction over the bill, I do not intend to request a sequential referral. This, of course, is conditional on our mutual understanding that nothing in this legislation or my decision to forego a sequential referral waives, reduces, or otherwise affects the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means, and that a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest will be included in the Committee Report and as part of the Congressional Record during consideration of this bill by the House.

I also wish to commend you for including in H.R. 5136, a requirement that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the U.S. Trade Representative, consider the effect that other countries' trade policies have on the ability of the United States to obtain rare earth minerals. Not only are those minerals critically important for many defense applications, they are also critical for many other high-tech applications such as wind turbine and hybrid gasoline-electric automobiles—and, as a result, to U.S. manufacturing competitiveness.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

SANDER M. LEVIN,
Chairman.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 21, 2010.

Hon. SANDER M. LEVIN,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
House of Representatives, Longworth Office
Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 5136, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011. I agree that the Committee on Ways and Means has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to schedule a mark-up of this bill in the interest of expediting consideration. I agree that by agreeing to waive consideration of certain provisions of the bill, the Committee on Ways and Means is not waiving its jurisdiction over these matters. Should this bill or similar legislation be the subject of a House-Senate conference, I will support the appointment of conferees from the Committee on Ways and Means.

This exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Very truly yours,

IKE SKELTON,
Chairman.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

MR. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, June 10, I was not present in order to attend my son's high school graduation ceremony. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall 353, final passage of the FHA Reform Act of 2010, and "yes" on rollcall 354, passage of amendments to the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to authorize advances from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

MS. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I was not present during rollcall vote Nos. 347–354 on June 10th. I would have voted as follows: On rollcall vote No. 347 I would have voted "yes"; on rollcall vote No. 348 I would have voted "no"; on rollcall vote No. 349 I would have voted "no"; on rollcall vote No. 350 I would have voted "no"; on rollcall vote No. 351 I would have voted "yes"; on rollcall vote No. 352 I would have voted "yes"; on rollcall vote No. 353 I would have voted "yes"; on rollcall vote No. 354 I would have voted "yes."

HONORING MS. ELLA COHEN

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Ella Cohen and Rye Neck High School for her winning the Stephen J. Wemiel Best Oralist Award 2010 in the "We The Students" National High School Moot Court Competition in March.

This competition brings high school students from around the world together to compete and showcase their oral advocacy skills. Students are tested on their understanding of cutting edge legal questions and the applicability of current legal issues to the high school setting. Crucial to this competition is the understanding of the Constitution and our complex judiciary system. Ella demonstrated sharp legal reasoning, addressing difficult questions about the first amendment.

Ella's award as "Best Respondent" in this competition is a testament to the quality education she has received at Rye Neck High school and her commitment to her studies.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ella and recognizing the teachers, the administrators and her family who have contributed to her academic success.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WALTER HESSLING

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

MR. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Walter Hessling who passed away on November 27, 2009.

Walter was one of many courageous men who chose to serve his community as a firefighter. He was a Captain of the Dix Hills Volunteer Fire Department and served his community valiantly for 32 years.

To all of those who knew and loved him, his untimely death will forever be a reminder of his selflessness. His last heroic moment in the line of duty saved the lives of others who he never met. As time passes, the pain will fade, but the memory of Walter will always remain a shining example of truth and goodness to all of those whose lives he touched.

It is at this time we remember Walter Hessling for his bravery and kindness and for his dedication and service to the Dix Hills Fire Department.

IN MEMORY OF ZIA RAHMAN, BELOVED LEADER AND INTERFAITH DIALOGUE ADVOCATE

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

MR. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Zia Rahman of Voorhees, who passed away on June 1st, 2010 at the age of 65. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Zahida, two

sons, and five brothers. Mr. Rahman made a lasting mark on the Voorhees community for his religious passion and understanding.

Mr. Rahman was the Managing Director of the Muslim American Community Association (MACA), but many will remember him for building a mosque in Voorhees. Six years ago, while trying to find a site for the mosque, Mr. Rahman and the MACA faced many obstacles. To overcome these challenges, Mr. Rahman brought together leaders of different backgrounds to create the Coalition for Multi-Faith Democracy. The members worked together to encourage tolerance and tear down stereotypes within the South Jersey community. Mr. Rahman inspired others with his passion to unite and build understanding between members of different faiths.

Mr. Rahman was an advocate for peace and understanding. He spoke in front of community groups, churches, and synagogues to encourage a better understanding of Islam. One of his proudest achievements was creating an agreement of cooperation and understanding between his mosque and the Diocese of Camden. Mr. Rahman educated and connected many throughout his lifetime. He united many people of different faiths while breaking down stereotypes about Islam.

Madam Speaker, Zia Rahman's commitment to Voorhees and its citizens should not go unrecognized. I express my deepest condolences to his family for their loss and pay tribute to the memory of this outstanding individual.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL DAVID J. FURNESS TAKING COMMAND OF THE 1ST MARINE REGIMENT OF THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel David J. Furness on the occasion of his taking Command of the 1st Marine Regiment of the 1st Marine Division.

Colonel Furness was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on 16 May 1987 upon graduating from the Virginia Military Institute. After completing the Basic School and the Infantry Officer Course in Quantico, Virginia, he reported to the Second Marine Division where he served as a rifle platoon commander and 81mm mortar platoon commander with the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines and the 2d Battalion, 8th Marines from February 1988 to September 1991. During this period he participated in a contingency deployment to the Republic of Panama and two unit deployments to the Mediterranean Sea with the 26th and 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). From September 1991 to May 1995, he served on the staff of the Basic School as a Staff Platoon Commander and a Tactics Instructor for both the Basic Officer and Infantry Officer Course. In June 1995, he left the Basic School to attend the Infantry Officer Advanced Course (IOAC) at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Colonel Furness served as a Rifle Company Commander and Battalion Operations Officer with the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines in 29 Palms, California from November 1995 to November 1998.

In November 1998, he served as the Commanding Officer, Recruiting Station Sacramento, until July 2001. In August 2001, he reported to the Marine Corps Command and Staff College (CSC) where he graduated and earned a Masters of Military Science degree in June 2002. From July 2002 to January 2003 he attended the School of Advanced Warfighting (SAW).

While a student at SAW, he was ordered TAD to augment the G-3 section of the First Marine Division and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom as the Assistant Plans Officer. During April 2003, he returned to SAW, graduated, and in June 2003 reported to the First Marine Division and returned to Iraq where he served as the Operations Officer of the First Marine Division. In October 2003 he was reassigned as the Deputy G3. In January 2004, he returned to Iraq as part of the Division's advance party to prepare for the relief-in-place with the 82d Airborne Division in support of OIF II. He returned to Camp Pendleton in April 2004 and assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.

From December 2004 to June 2005, he deployed to the CENTCOM AOR as the Commanding Officer of Battalion Landing Team 1/1, the Ground Combat Element of the 15th MEU (SOC) and participated in Operation Unified Assistance and OIF III in South Baghdad, Iraq. From 20 January to 18 August 2006 he deployed as Commanding Officer Task Force 1/1, RCT-5 in support of OIF 05-07.1 operating principally in the cities of Karmah and Western Baghdad, Iraq. In October 2006 he relinquished command and assumed the duties of Executive Officer, First Marine Regiment.

During July 2007, He reported to the National War College as a student and was promoted to his current rank. After graduating from the National War College in June 2008 he reported to Headquarters Marine Corps, Office of Legislative Affairs to serve as the Director, Marine Corps Legislative Liaison Office, U.S. House of Representatives.

He is married to the former Lynda Taylor of Richmond, Virginia. They have four children David Jacob (17), Elizabeth (12), Benjamin (8), and Zachary (6).

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in recognizing the distinguished career of Colonel David J. Furness serving the United States Marine Corps and the People of the United States.

RECOGNITION OF MADISON TOWNSHIP ON ITS BICENTENNIAL

HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 200th anniversary of Madison Township. At this significant milestone in the township's history, we reflect on the region's roots and acknowledge the hardworking families who call Madison Township home.

Madison Township, established as a part of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, predates the state of Ohio by 16 years. However, it was not until March 4, 1810, that the township was officially organized as its population reached 500. From humble roots, the township has swelled to a population of more than 22,000.

Named for the United State's fourth president, James Madison, the township includes all or part of Canal Winchester, Columbus, Groveport, Obetz, Pickerington and surrounding unincorporated areas. Madison Township consists of 24 square miles of land in the southeast corner of Franklin County and rests quietly at the confluence of Blacklick Creek, Big Walnut Creek, and Alum Creek. The proud home of Robert M. Brobst Park and the Madison Township Community Center, Madison Township is the home of regular community gatherings and festivities.

For two hundred years, Madison Township and its residents have played a crucial role in the growth of central Ohio and particularly of Ohio's 15th Congressional District. I am proud to represent the residents of Madison Township and recognize them as they celebrate their rich two hundred year history.

IN HONOR OF MARION EMILY FORD'S 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marion Emily Ford for her 95th birthday. Mrs. Ford is a devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, and for this she deserves great praise.

Mrs. Ford was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on February 12, 1915. During the Great Depression, she left school at age sixteen to help her parents who were raising eleven children. Her first job was as a saleswoman for Wanamaker's Department Store. While working at Wanamaker's, she was approached to be an understudy for Vivian Leigh, the famous star of *Gone with the Wind*. Mrs. Ford turned down the flattering offer. She moved to New Jersey in 1948, and settled in the Fairview section of Camden until 1975 when she moved into her daughter's home in Brooklawn.

Mrs. Ford has a deep appreciation for her heritage. She is a proud great-granddaughter of Pecan Wolf, a Native American from the Ottawa/Chippewa tribe. Mrs. Ford also has a passion for reading that continued even though her sight was taken by macular degeneration.

Madam Speaker, Marion Emily Ford's commitment to her family and community should not go unrecognized. I wish her a happy 95th birthday and all the best.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEVADA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Nevada City Fire Department (NCFD) on its 150th anniversary.

In the early history of Nevada City, the town was plagued by wide-reaching fires, which burned the central business district to the ground five times between 1851 and 1863.

The need for a firefighting force was clearly evident, and in June of 1860 the Nevada Hose Company, No. 1, the Eureka Hose Company, No. 2, and the Protection Hook & Ladder Company, No. 1 were formed. These companies were constituted entirely of volunteers and over the months that followed all three were consolidated into the Nevada City Fire Department.

Today, in partnership with the Nevada County Consolidated Fire Department, the NCFD maintains a fully-staffed professional fire station that provides much-needed fire protection and emergency services in Nevada County. As our community gathers to celebrate this auspicious occasion, I am proud to recognize NCFD's 150 years of service and excellence.

IN RECOGNITION OF STUART ROSSMAN, OUTGOING PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL OF GREATER BOSTON

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stuart Rossman who stepped down on June 9, 2010 as President of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston.

An honors graduate of the University of Michigan and Harvard Law School, Mr. Rossman has dedicated himself to working for social justice, ensuring the well-being of the State of Israel and building a strong Jewish community in the greater Boston area. As an adjunct faculty member at both the Northeastern University School of Law and at the Suffolk University Law School, he trains and educates the next generation of lawyers and legal scholars.

Throughout his legal career, during which he served in the Massachusetts Attorney General's office and in his current post with the National Consumer Law Center, a national advocacy organization for low-income consumer justice, he has stood up for those whose voices are seldom heard. Mr. Rossman has brought together partners across ethnic and religious lines to speak out for what is right.

Mr. Rossman has also been a strong supporter of Israel and of the Jewish community. During his term as Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal Young Leadership Cabinet from 1991 to 1992, he led a solidarity mission to Israel during the Persian Gulf War and led the 8th Annual UJA Young Leadership Conference in Washington, attended by the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and over 3,000 participants. In addition to his work with the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston, he has been actively involved in the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, where he has served on its Executive Committee and Board. He also served as President of the Bureau of Jewish Education, President of the Massachusetts Association of Jewish Federations and Chair of the Boston-Haifa Connection, a partnership that seeks to build economic and social bridges.

He is also is a member of the Advisory Committees for the South Area Solomon

Schechter Day School and the American Society for the University of Haifa New England Region.

Madam Speaker, Stuart Rossman has spent a lifetime working for the betterment of his community and of Israel and the relationship between our two countries. It is my pleasure to join with Stuart's family, his wife Shelley and daughters Rina and Jessie, JCRC Executive Director Nancy K. Kaufman and their colleagues to recognize his achievements and to congratulate him as he concludes his tenure as President of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston.

AMERICA COMPETES
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 (H.R. 5116). Our investments in scientific research and education underwrite our national prosperity and success. Economists attribute over half of the growth in our gross domestic product (GDP) since World War II to progress in science and technology. Yet for decades, we have underinvested in our nation's tools for advancing innovation and competitiveness. In 2005, the National Academies issued a call for action in the Rising Above the Gathering Storm report. In 2007, Congress responded by implementing many of the report's recommendations in the America COMPETES Act, and this reauthorization would build on the progress we have made over the last three years.

Basic research is a powerful source of new and unexpected discoveries that can transform our economy. This legislation maintains the doubling path for authorized funding at our nation's basic research agencies—the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and the Department of Energy's Office of Science. These funds support fundamental research in every discipline, maintain our national laboratories, and provide vital training for the next generation of scientists and engineers. Under this legislation, research grants will be awarded on the basis of scientific merit alone and not for any other considerations. The dividends from our investments in research and development are the breakthroughs that yield new industries, drive job growth, and sustain our future economic and technological competitiveness.

The America COMPETES Reauthorization Act includes a number of new programs and initiatives to foster innovation. Regional Innovation Clusters would leverage collaboration between businesses, academic institutions, and other participants to facilitate the transfer of technologies from the laboratory to the commercial sector. The Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the Department of Commerce would accelerate the commercialization of research and development by identifying ways to overcome existing barriers and providing access to relevant data and technical assistance. Agencies involved in the Networking and Information Technology Re-

search and Development program would be required to develop a strategic plan to address long-term challenges related to information technology, encourage the transfer of research and development into new technologies and applications, and strengthen education in networking and information technology.

Additional assistance for manufacturers and other businesses would promote the adoption of new technologies and improve productivity. The legislation requires NSF to support research in transformative advances in manufacturing. It increases the federal government cost share of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program to 50 percent through 2015, and MEP Centers would be required to inform regional community colleges of the skill sets needed by local manufacturers. A newly established Innovative Services Initiative would assist small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing energy and waste reduction technologies, including renewable energy systems. A loan guarantee program would allow manufacturers to access capital for the installation of innovative technologies and processes that will help increase their efficiency and maintain their competitiveness.

To preserve our leadership in scientific and technical fields and strengthen our competitiveness in the 21st century economy, the U.S. must continue to produce the world's best scientists, and we must ensure that every student is exposed to the fundamentals of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). The America COMPETES Reauthorization Act would establish an interagency committee to coordinate federal STEM education programs and a separate advisory committee on STEM to present recommendations on how to better align federal programs with the needs of states and school districts. Updates to the NSF's Robert Noyce Scholarship program would allow more schools to participate and more qualified STEM educators to reach high-need schools. Support for graduate students would be strengthened, and academic institutions would be awarded grants to reform graduate education to emphasize preparation for diverse STEM careers. New grant and fellowship programs would encourage research in STEM education, help transform undergraduate education in STEM fields, and expand educational opportunities in energy systems science and engineering.

Women and minorities remain underrepresented in STEM fields, and this legislation would provide grants for institutions of higher education to increase recruitment and retention of underrepresented groups. Federal science agencies would be required to carry out a series of workshops to minimize gender bias in academia, and a uniform policy would be developed to assist federally funded researchers with care giving responsibilities in maintaining their research programs. It also would ensure that smaller, minority-serving institutions will be more fully integrated into research partnerships with major universities and prioritize the inclusion of these institutions in grants to establish regional university-industry partnerships for research and innovation.

In the energy field, the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act includes a first-time authorization for the Department of Energy's Office of Science, which is the nation's largest supporter of physical sciences research. Reauthorization of the Advanced Research Projects agency for Energy (ARPA-E),

which is modeled on the successful Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), would help us pursue high-risk, high-reward energy technology develop that might not receive support otherwise. The newly established Energy Innovation Hubs would provide for multidisciplinary collaborations on research, development, demonstration, and commercial application of advanced technologies designed to tackle technological barriers to our national energy goals.

Finally, I am pleased that this legislation incorporates two amendments that I offered. The first expresses the sense of Congress that the importance of peer-review and the role of scientific publishers in the peer-review process should be taken into account by the new National Science and Technology Council working group on the dissemination and long-term stewardship of unclassified federally funded research. The second amendment would help stitch together the diverse initiatives in the COMPETES Act by requiring the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to prepare a comprehensive national competitiveness and innovation strategy. I look forward to receiving that plan for evaluating and strengthening the U.S. position in the global economy.

The America COMPETES Reauthorization Act makes long overdue investments in the foundations of our national innovation system. It would create jobs in both the short- and long-term, support manufacturers and businesses in commercializing new technologies, help us pursue a clean energy economy, improve STEM education, and strengthen our international competitiveness. I commend Chairman Gordon and the Science and Technology Committee for their hard work on this important piece of legislation.

ON THE OCCASION OF CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. ESTELL ROUNTREE

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, June 19, 2010, friends and family will gather to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Estell Rountree. Mrs. Rountree is a strong and caring woman who believes that families should be bound by love, and that the families that pray together, stay together.

The proud grandmother of two, great-grandmother of four, and great great-grandmother to five, Mrs. Rountree is the oldest member of her community. Born in Nash County, North Carolina on June 15, 1910, she was the sixth of eight children born to William and Isabelle Ricks.

Mrs. Rountree attended Robin School in Nash County, and married Eddie Rountree from Pitt County, North Carolina. The couple had four children—Ernestine Rountree Porter, Gloria Rountree Williams, Barbara Rountree Petty and Deloris Rountree.

After the death of her husband in 1948, Mrs. Rountree took on the full responsibility of supporting the family as a full-time seamstress. She made clothes for herself, her children and people in the community. She also made uniforms for ushers of various churches, and con-

tinues to sew today. She also enjoys working in her flower garden whenever she gets the chance.

Mrs. Rountree is a dedicated member of the Little Hope Baptist Church. She served as an usher for over seventy years, and she has served on the Hospitality Committee and as janitor of the church. She also served as a Deaconess of the Church and later became one of the Mothers of the Church.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Mrs. Estell Rountree. She is a truly remarkable person deserving of our deepest good wishes as she and her loved ones celebrate her 100th birthday.

IN HONOR OF LANCE CORPORAL
RYAN M. WELCH

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor LCpl Ryan M. Welch of Medford, New Jersey and to welcome him home from his recent tour of duty in Afghanistan.

After graduating from Shawnee High School in 2008, Ryan enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. He completed his basic training at Paris Island in South Carolina and went to Infantry Training at Camp Geiger, North Carolina. In 2009 he was assigned to MCB Hawaii Kaneohe Bay Oahu, Hawaii where he was meritoriously promoted to Lance Corporal. Lance Corporal Welch also received a Meritorious Mast during training exercises at Pohakuloa Training Area in July 2009 for demonstrating outstanding performance of duty during Exercise Lava Viper.

Lance Corporal Welch completed his first deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During his deployment he served bravely in combat action during Operation Moshtarak in Marjah Afghanistan. He served as an Infantry Rifleman in Jump Platoon, Headquarter and Service Company, 1st Battalion 3rd Regiment from Marine Corp Base Hawaii and as security for visiting dignitaries and performed general patrols and security for Nawa District, Hellmand Province in Afghanistan.

Madam Speaker, please join me and a grateful nation in welcoming home Lance Corporal Welch. We are eternally thankful to him for his service to our great country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF WILL KOCH

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, on June 13, 2010, the CEO of Koch Development Corporation, Will Koch, sadly passed away at the age of forty eight. As co-owner of Holiday World and Splashin' Safari Water Park, Koch initiated programs that led to the expansion and growth of the park, and worked diligently to provide families with the most enjoyable experience during his twenty-year tenure. Koch's

dedication and passion for the park inspired everyone around him on a daily basis.

Born and raised in Santa Claus, Indiana, Will Koch graduated as valedictorian from Heritage Hills High School in 1979. From there, he went on to the University of Notre Dame, where he graduated in 1984 with honors and received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He also received a Master's of Science in Computer Science degree from the University of Southern California in 1986.

Under Koch, Holiday World and Splashin' Safari received many international awards and had attendance figures topping one million per year. In 2004, Will Koch received the international Applause Award from the amusement industry for his "foresight and originality, as well as sound business development and profitability".

Koch was also an active member of his community, serving as the president of the Lincoln Boyhood Drama Association, which successfully reopened the Lincoln Amphitheatre in 2009. He also served on the Administrative Council of the Santa Claus United Methodist Church, where he and his family were active members.

Holiday World and Splashin' Safari is the cornerstone of the Spencer County community, and its success is in large part due to Will Koch's dedication and hard work. Survived by his wife, Lori, and three children, Will's legacy will continue to live on. We are grateful for his contributions to southern Indiana and our condolences go out to the Koch family.

THE FEDERAL SUPERVISOR
TRAINING ACT OF 2010

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Federal Supervisor Training Act of 2010. This bill would establish a minimum training program for supervisors within federal government agencies.

Every year Congress passes laws that either create or modify programs that serve the American people. Yet, it is up to the men and women of the federal civil service to efficiently and effectively implement the programs this body approves. Competent managers are essential for a functioning civil service that can carry out the federal government's mission.

This bill will require each federal agency to develop and implement a training program that, among other things, teaches supervisors to develop and discuss employee goals and objectives, to foster an appropriate work environment, and to improve employee performance and productivity. The bill requires supervisors to receive initial training within one year of promotion, and once every three years thereafter.

In addition to supervisor training, the bill also requires agencies to establish mentoring programs so that new supervisors can learn from the experiences of more seasoned federal managers.

I believe that providing our federal supervisors adequate training will improve the delivery of government services, reduce costs associated with mitigating employee grievances

and improve morale throughout the entire civil service.

During today's tough budget climate I fear that federal agencies will cut supervisor training in order to reduce costs. I believe that would be a mistake. This bill would ensure that even through difficult economic times supervisors receive the training they need so that they can best serve our constituents.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor the legislative week of Monday, May 24, 2010.

For Monday, May 24, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 291 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 278), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 292 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1017), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 293 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 1330).

For Tuesday, May 25, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 294 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5145), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 295 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1258), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 296 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1382), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 297 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 584), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 298 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3885), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 299 (on motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2711), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 300 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1189), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 301 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1172).

For Wednesday, May 26, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 302 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1347), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 303 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1385), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 304 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1316), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 305 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1169).

For Thursday, May 27, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 306 (on agreeing to H. Con. Res. 282, providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses), "no" on rollcall vote No. 307 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1404, providing for consideration of H.R. 5136), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 308 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1161), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 309 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1372).

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,046,148,615,770.79.

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 \$2,402,782,774,403.30 so far this Congress.

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

CONGRATULATING CATHERINE ROBERTS ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER 60 YEARS OF NURSING

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. I would like to recognize an outstanding constituent from South Florida:

Catherine Roberts has been a practicing nurse for over 60 years. This month Catherine will be retiring from the Lower Keys Medical Center. Catherine has devoted her life to ensuring the health and comfort of others. For over 30 years, Catherine has been a nurse at the Lower Keys Medical Center where she has had a positive impact on countless individuals.

Due to her generosity and commitment, the Lower Keys Medical Center has been able to continue to serve the people of the Lower Keys. Catherine, I would like to commend you for your service and support to our community. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to improving the lives of South Floridians and enjoy your well deserved retirement.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE SECOND SAINT SILOAM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, BREWTON, ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the congregation of the Second Saint Siloam Missionary Baptist Church of Brewton, Alabama which celebrated its centennial on June 13, 2010.

I the same year that the citizens of Brewton mark the 125th anniversary of the founding of their town, the worshipers of Second Saint Siloam Missionary Baptist Church point to their historic sanctuary which has provided inspiration and spiritual direction for many in that community for a century.

Founded on June 10, 1910 by its first congregation of approximately 150 people, the membership of Second Saint Siloam Mis-

sonary Baptist Church has grown to over 550 today.

The impressive brick structure, which is based on a two-story, cross design with a three-sided colonial balcony, is listed in the Alabama Registry of Historic Places.

On Sunday, the church centennial celebration included the dedication of a historic marker in commemoration of the event.

The church's first pastor, the Reverend William Franklin, led his new congregation into their beautiful house of worship where succeeding generations have reflected under the guiding hand of God.

I wish to extend my personal congratulations to Reverend Willie J. Blue and the congregation of Second Saint Siloam Missionary Baptist on this most special and historic occasion. May they continue to serve their community as they honor our Lord Jesus Christ.

SALUTING OUR WARRIORS OF TOMORROW

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute our warriors of tomorrow, the service academy-bound students of the Third District of Texas. This area is home to some of the best and brightest young people, and I always consider it an honor to recommend such fine students to our Nation's service academies.

Over the next four years, these men will study hard and excel in training. Upon graduation, each will join the premier military in the world, fighting to defend and uphold our Nation's belief in liberty. I am proud of each student's accomplishments and preserve this tremendous achievement for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Texas' Third Congressional District's 13 appointees, their hometowns and schools are as follows:

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

Michael Carr—Plano, Texas—Plano West Senior High School

Jarvis Coburn—Dallas, Texas—Plano West Senior High School

Steven Grim—McKinney, Texas—McKinney Boyd High School

Michael Janowski—Murphy, Texas—Plano East Senior High School

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

Aaron Dougherty—Garland, Texas—Garland High School

Lyndon Moorehead—Murphy, Texas—Naval Academy Preparatory School

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Hunter Birdsong—Sachse, Texas—Sachse High School

Austin Hayes—Garland, Texas—Sachse High School

Brandon Ostert—Plano, Texas—Plano Senior High School

Daniel Simpson—Plano, Texas—Liberty High School

UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Trevor Ball—Plano, Texas—Plano East Senior High School

Matthew Craft—Murphy, Texas—Plano East Senior High School

Nathan Ley—Plano, Texas—Plano Senior High School

Congratulations are in order for these 13 appointees. God bless you, God bless America, and I salute you.

THE ISRAELI BLOCKADE AND THE
FLOTILLA

SPEECH OF

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with the State of Israel and all peace-loving nations who seek to defend their citizens and put an end to terrorism. Unfortunately, we live in an age when those simple goals are under threat and we face enemies who will use any means at their disposal to indiscriminately kill men, women and children who stand in their way.

As the world knows, on May 31, the Israeli navy stopped a flotilla of six ships headed toward the Gaza Strip. These ships were flying under Turkish flags and claimed to be carrying tons of humanitarian aid for the people of Gaza. However, the real goal of these so-called “peace activists” was—in their own words—to break the Israeli blockade of Gaza and allow Hamas to import whatever they want to Gaza, including weapons. But these activists should remember that Hamas can end the blockade at any moment by recognizing Israel’s right to exist, ending the violence and releasing Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, who has been held by Hamas without access to the Red Cross for four years.

When the Israeli navy attempted to commandeer the boats and bring them to Israeli ports for inspection, most of the passengers aboard the boats cooperated and used only non-violent, passive resistance to impede the Israeli efforts. However, one of the boats was filled with members of an Islamist group with connections to Hamas and Hezbollah, called IHH (Insani Yardim Vakfi). These “peace activists” immediately attacked the Israeli soldiers with knives, metal bars, wrenches, clubs and rocks. The soldiers’ lives were clearly at risk and they fired back to quell the fighting, killing nine.

It is important to point out that these IHH members were not serving a humanitarian mission. If that were the case, they would have cooperated with the Israelis and the Egyptians in order to expedite the arrival of their cargo. Prior to the incident, Israel offered to have the aid delivered to an Israeli port for inspection and delivery to Gaza. There was even a similar Egyptian offer, but the activists rejected both of those offers. As the organizers themselves said, this operation was about more than just delivering aid, but rather about ending the Israeli blockade of Gaza.

I also reject the entire premise that there is any need for humanitarian supplies in Gaza. In 2009, more than 738,000 tons of food and supplies entered Gaza. The total amount of aid transferred from Israel to Gaza in 2009 increased by 180 percent, compared to the amount transferred in 2008. From January 1, 2010 through May 8, 2010, 230,690 tons of humanitarian aid was transferred from Israel into Gaza through the Israel-Gaza goods

crossings. This included medical supplies, milk powder and baby food, meat, chicken, fish, grains, legumes, oil, flour, salt, sugar, fresh vegetables and dairy products as well as animal feed, hygiene products and clothes. That does not sound like a humanitarian crisis to me.

Hamas and its allies are simply using Israel’s legal blockade of Gaza as a propaganda tool to undermine international support for the State of Israel. But if it weren’t for this blockade, Hamas could import unlimited amounts of weaponry and rockets, which they would turn against Israeli civilians, as they have done in the past. If the naval blockade were broken, as the activists seek, every man, woman and child in Israel would be at risk from Iranian and Syrian missiles.

Unfortunately, efforts are now underway to unfairly paint Israel as the aggressor in this incident, when they were simply acting to defend their citizens. Calls are mounting for an international investigation like the biased and deeply-flawed Goldstone Report, which accused Israel of war crimes in its self-defensive Operation Cast Lead. I join Israel in rejecting these calls. Israel, a strong democracy and America’s close ally, is perfectly capable of conducting a fair, credible investigation that meets international standards.

I find it even more galling that such calls are now being made, given the silence following North Korea’s horrific attack on a South Korean ship that killed 46 sailors. It is time the world focused on such real threats to peace, while recognizing Israel’s right to defend its civilian population against persistent terrorist threats.

I am also deeply disturbed by Turkey’s recent actions and statements regarding Israel and the Palestinians. Their irresponsible support for this so-called “aid” flotilla actually sought to bolster the Hamas terrorists in Gaza who have pledged to destroy Israel at any cost. By seeking an end to the blockade, Turkey is trying to legitimize a terrorist group that targets civilians and harms any chance for peace. As I’ve said, Turkey—and the world—should remember that Hamas can end the blockade at any moment by recognizing Israel’s right to exist, ending the violence and releasing Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, who has been held by Hamas without access to the Red Cross for 4 years.

Meanwhile, Turkey’s actions have undermined the moderate Palestinians who have been building institutions, ending corruption and cracking down on violent extremists. If there is a chance for peace in the region, it does not come from the extremist elements Turkey is supporting.

And Turkey is hardly in a position to criticize Israel. The world community should remember that Turkey has been illegally occupying the northern part of Cyprus—a sovereign nation—for over three decades, despite international calls to remove its troops. They have also steadfastly refused to recognize the Armenian Genocide and have systematically denied basic religious rights to the Greek Orthodox Patriarch in Istanbul. With their recent actions, Turkey is once again showing its true colors, as a supporter of terrorists, and not a champion of peacemaking.

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply disturbed by the recent events and fear that the world is once again blaming the victim. Israel must be allowed to defend itself—for its own sake, for

ours, and for the sake of all people around the world who are under threat of terror. We must not be duped into believing that these Hamas-sympathizers are somehow acting in the name of peace. Nothing could be further from the truth. We must take a united stand for democracy, for the rule of law, and for peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall 354 my vote in support of S. 3474—To amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to authorize advances from Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund—was not recorded by the House voting system. I fully supported this bill and should have been recorded as “yea.”

IN RECOGNITION OF EDWARD
GEFFNER, PRESIDENT AND CEO
OF PROJECT RENEWAL, ON THE
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the achievements of Mr. Edward Geffner on the occasion of his retirement as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Project Renewal, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving the needs of homeless persons in New York City.

Edward Geffner began his work with Project Renewal in 1976. For the past third of a century, he has served the organization as its Executive Director, leading it with extraordinary compassion and commitment. Under his able management, Project Renewal has reached out to countless homeless men and women in need of support.

Under Mr. Geffner’s leadership, Project Renewal has taken a comprehensive approach in providing critical assistance to its clients. The organization reaches out to homeless men and women on the streets of our nation’s greatest city through mobile medical and psychiatric teams. Project Renewal helps provides essential services to those who are also coping with mental illness or drug addiction by linking residents to treatment programs that help them combat addiction or learn to manage their mental illness. Edward Geffner and the Project Renewal staff recognize that a good job is critical to independent living, and they have created a wide range of employment initiatives, including a culinary arts program that has successfully placed 85 percent of its graduates in jobs. I have seen the effectiveness of the programs that Project Renewal operates in the district that I represent.

Supported largely by private philanthropy and corporate sponsors, Edward Geffner and Project Renewal have worked in collaboration with numerous public, private, and not-for-profit organizations and social service providers to help homeless and formerly homeless individuals and families find employment and housing. Trained social workers and staff members, many of whom were formerly homeless,

visit and coordinate services for those in need of assistance in managing and in accessing benefits and medical and social services to which they are entitled. Project Renewal provides information, referral and ongoing monitoring and care management as well as providing some special services that are not offered by other service providers. The agency also collaborates with organizations at all levels to develop and improve coordination of services for the homeless and formerly homeless persons who need individualized community-based preventive protective services if they are to live safely in their own homes. Thanks in no small part to Edward Geffner's expert leadership, Project Renewal now provides dedicated and compassionate assistance to more than 10,000 New Yorkers every year.

Madam Speaker, in recognition of a lifetime of service to others, I request that my distinguished colleagues join me in paying tribute to Edward Geffner, a great New Yorker and a great American. Throughout a career of professional and voluntary activity, he has fought for and secured immeasurable improvements to the quality of life of his fellow New Yorkers. Edward Geffner's selfless and enduring dedication to public and community serves as an inspiration to us all.

HONORING MR. CARL VILARDO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Mr. Carl Vilardo. Mr. Vilardo served his constituency faithfully and justly during his tenure as a member of the Westfield Town Council.

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. Mr. Vilardo served his term with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his 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. Mr. Vilardo is one of those people and that is why, Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to him today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN
WOODEN

SPEECH OF

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Coach John Wooden. As a student of the University of California, Los Angeles during Coach Wooden's tenure, I recall with nostalgia the spirit of honor and humility that he embodied. For a man with a larger-than-life reputation and unparalleled winning record, John Wooden was surprisingly modest—a trait that many would say is particularly uncommon

in Los Angeles. His playing career at the high school, college, and professional levels was marked by numerous record-breaking and award-winning performances, and his coaching career was no different. He led the UCLA Bruins to an unmatched 10 National Championships in NCAA Men's Basketball and four perfect seasons, one of which was while I was a law student at UCLA. It was an incredible time to be a Bruin. Coach Wooden was the first person to be inducted to the basketball Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach, and remains one of only a handful of people to earn the dual honors.

I can't talk about John without mentioning Nell, his wife of over 50 years. Like Coach Wooden, Nellie Wooden was until her death in 1985 an integral part of the fabric of UCLA and a fixture in the crowd at the court that now bears her and her husband's names. She always wore a smile, and a game rarely started without it.

John Wooden's spirit will continue to roam the hills of Westwood by the blue Pacific shore. My colleagues and I can all take a page out of Coach Wooden's playbook when it comes to teamwork and diligence. May his memory be a blessing and his life an example to us all.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION
FOR ORA MAE HARN, THE FIRST
LADY OF MARANA

HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ora Mae Harn, the First Lady of Marana, Arizona, who on June 10th will be honored at the Marana Council Chambers for her work to establish the Marana Heritage Conservancy.

Ora Mae Harn is the former mayor and current town historian of Marana, a fast-growing community in the northwestern corner of Arizona's 8th Congressional District. Those two titles, however, do not even come close to describing the extraordinary impact that Ora Mae has had on her hometown.

Ora Mae is one of the most prominent voices and faces of Marana. She is well-known as a tireless champion for the citizens of Marana and their interests. If any one person can embody the community spirit that defines Marana, it is Ora Mae Harn.

The residents of Marana acknowledge the contributions of Ora Mae every time they play a ball game, use a grill or go for a stroll at Ora Mae Harn Park. Having a park named after her is one way that her grateful community expresses appreciation for all she has done to implement the vision that has made Marana such a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

Ora Mae was a member of the Marana Town Council and served as mayor for eight years. As a public servant, her commitment and dedication to the betterment of Marana always were obvious. Under her wise leadership, the town grew from an agricultural community to the family-friendly town it is today.

When Ora Mae moved to Marana in 1961, she immediately became involved in civic life. Early on she worked for the Marana Unified

School District driving a school bus and cooked in the school cafeteria. She helped found and worked at the Marana Health Center and she still helps the center with fundraising to this day. She also has served as the president of the Arizona Women in Municipal Government and as a representative to the Pima Association of Governments.

Ora Mae's activism went beyond the corridors of government. She applied her well-honed organizational skills to Marana's Founder's Day Committee, the Sister Cities Program, Yoem Pueblo Rehabilitation Project and the Lot Beautification Program. She also was instrumental in the formation of the Marana Food Bank.

Today, in addition to serving as the town historian, Ora Mae heads the Marana Heritage Conservancy, which aims to preserve and enhance the town's past. Given her longstanding association with and deep love for Marana, there is no better person for that important job.

Recently the Marana Town Council entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Marana Heritage Conservancy. This unanimous decision affirmed the credibility of the Conservancy and Ora Mae's efforts to develop an organization that will ensure that the history of Marana is preserved and shared with current and future residents of the Town.

Town Manager Gilbert Davidson summed up how much this decision by the Town Council is attributable to Ora Mae's leadership. He wrote: "Former Mayor Ora Mae Harn played a crucial role in getting the Conservancy to this point. She has been a Marana champion for many years, and it was her hard work that helped create the Conservancy. Ora Mae is one of a kind and a true inspiration. Her dedication to the Town's progress helped put Marana on the map and made us the outstanding community we are today."

On behalf of the citizens of Marana and myself, I commend Ora Mae Harn and thank her for the more than four decades she has devoted to the Town of Marana. There is no doubt that her legacy will endure, as her town continues to grow and prosper in the decades to come. Because of her work, Marana will always remember its rich history. She is truly Marana's Heritage Ambassador.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, I missed 1 vote. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows.

Rollcall No. 351, on Agreeing to the Edwards Amendment No. 12, I would have voted "yea."

WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD
LABOR

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support and recognition of World Day

Against Child Labor. I join with all of my colleagues in the House, and on both sides of the aisle, in condemning the horrendous practice of child labor. While great strides have been made in eradicating child labor in the United States, this Congress and our Nation must do more to end the practice across the world. Throughout the world, children are exploited and forced to work in often horrendous conditions. As a moral and just society, we can not continue to turn a blind eye.

According to the Child Rights Information Network, from 1997 to 2007, more than 35 percent of African children were subject to illegal child labor. Statistics from other regions are just as alarming. In the Caribbean, Latin America, East Asia and the Pacific, 11 percent of children are laborers, and in South Africa, 13 percent of children are in the workforce. It is clear that we, as leaders in the global economy, must do more to work with the governments in these regions to rid our world of the practice of child labor. However, as we tackle the challenges posed by child labor, we must realize that the primary culprit in the continuation of this practice is global poverty. Unfortunately, many families are left with no other alternative than to send their children into the workforce to help support their family. In our capacity as a world leader, we have a responsibility to raise global standards in order to improve the global standard of living and thus eradicate the demand for child labor.

Madam Speaker, although the problem of child labor in the United States is less evident when compared to the labor issues of many other nations, there is still and always will be progress that can be made. The U.S. Department of Labor calculates that 4 percent of all 14-year-olds and 8 percent of 15-year-olds are working at "high intensity" in the United States. High intensity is defined as a child that works 15 or more hours per week, and more than half of all school year weeks. This may not seem like a difficult burden to carry, but in a Nation with a population of 17 million citizens between the ages of 14 and 17, these numbers are far too high. Like their international counterparts, many American families can not afford to have an able bodied member of the family sit out of the workforce regardless of their age. We all know that poverty in the United States is a major problem and I call on my colleagues to remember the indirect problems caused by it, such as child labor.

The recent Hague Global Conference Against Child Labour set a goal of completely eliminating the Worst Forms of Child Labor by 2016. Madam Speaker, I believe that the United States should display the same dedicated and unwavering leadership that was displayed at the 1999 ILO Conference Against Child Labor. If we are successful in eliminating child labor and unfair labor practices around the world, we will ensure that children, regardless of where they are born, are able to be just that, children.

TRIBUTE TO U.S. NAVY
COMMANDER PETER J. CARTY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual

whose service to his country and family are exceptional. On December 17, 2009, U.S. Navy Commander Peter J. Carty passed away after a two-month battle with cancer. He will be deeply missed.

Commander Carty was born in September 29, 1965 in Portland, Oregon, to parents William and Janet Carty. He grew up in Williamsport, Pennsylvania with his siblings David, Jeanmarie, Robert, Timothy and Elizabeth. He graduated from high school in 1983 and attended the Virginia Military Institute. He graduated in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. Following graduation, Peter was commissioned into the United States Navy as an officer and was assigned to the USS *Jarrett* (FFG-33) stationed at Naval Station Long Beach. Peter continued his career in the Reserves, eventually earning the rank of Commander.

In 1994, Peter received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Southern California and went on to work as the Western Regional Manager for Parker Hannifin Corporation. Peter is survived by his wife, Carmina; his son, Andrew; stepdaughter, Lauren; parents, and siblings. Peter joins his older brother David who passed away in 2008 after a battle with cancer.

As we look at the incredibly rich military history of our country we realize that this history is comprised of men like Commander Carty who bravely fought for the ideals of freedom and democracy. Each story is unique and humbling for those of us who, far from the dangers they have faced, live our lives in relative comfort and ease. Commander Carty was a true patriot who will be sorely missed by his family and friends, but his legacy and service to our great nation will always be remembered.

On behalf of all those who knew him, it is my honor to offer these remarks on June 14th, Flag Day, as a tribute to the life and legacy of Commander Peter Carty.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, June 10, 2010, I was not present for eight recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way:

Roll No. 347—yea; roll No. 348—yea; roll No. 349—nay; roll No. 350—yea; roll No. 351—yea; roll No. 352—yea; roll No. 353—yea; roll No. 354—yea.

MCKEE FOODS/LITTLE DEBBIE—
STUARTS DRAFT 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. GOODLATTE. Madam Speaker, it was two decades ago that the largest privately-held, family-owned bakery in the United States decided to make its newest home in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, just miles from the Blue

Ridge Mountains. I am delighted today to help mark the 20th anniversary of the arrival of McKee Foods in Stuarts Draft, Virginia. Based in Collegedale, Tennessee the company best known in all 50 states and in Canada and Mexico for its "Little Debbie" brand snacks has settled into its location in the Commonwealth over the last 20 years and become an integral part of the business community in Augusta County. The bakery is considered one of the industry's most cutting-edge facilities, and more than 1,000 folks are employed in the production of what I believe are among the country's best snack goods—they are standards in the cupboards of my home and countless others. There's nothing like their Snack Cakes, Fudge Rounds, Swiss Cake Rolls, Oatmeal Creme Pies—and more than 70 other Little Debbie products made from the highest quality ingredients. The enjoyment that accompanies eating these goodies is endless.

In addition to marking the company's 20 years in Stuarts Draft, we're also noting a half-century of the Little Debbie brand. It was 50 years ago that the company's founders—O.D. and Ruth McKee—decided to use a likeness of their young granddaughter Debbie to mark the brand. All these years later, "Little Debbie" is the unmistakable trademark of a company that has been profitable every year since. That's quite a tribute for a company whose commitment to "total quality" is a daily endeavor. Having met hundreds of McKee employees over the years, I can attest that they constantly strive for integrity and to be innovative in their business.

McKee Foods is now one of the foundations of a region of my Congressional district that's long been known for its strong work ethic. The McKee family clearly recognized that attribute when it chose Stuarts Draft for its newest operation 20 years ago. I commend President and CEO Mike McKee and Vice President of Stuarts Draft Operations Randy Smith for making the Stuarts Draft facility a great place to continue the company's guiding values. It's been a true recipe for success since 1990 in Virginia. The Sixth District looks forward to much continued success for McKee Foods and "Little Debbie" for many decades to come.

CAPTAIN BOB O'BRIEN

HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Robert O'Brien on his retirement from the United States Coast Guard. Captain O'Brien has dedicated his time, energy, and resources to maintaining and defending our country's maritime borders.

Captain O'Brien was born in Savannah, Georgia, and raised in Ridgeland, South Carolina. He enlisted in the Coast Guard on April 6, 1970, and served his country for 40 years. He will officially retire on October 1, 2010. He started his career as a seaman, and he rose through the ranks to become commanding officer of the New York Coast Guard Sector.

Captain O'Brien had a diverse and honorable history in the Coast Guard. In 1976, he was assigned Officer-in-Charge of the USCGC Blackberry in North Carolina. He was then

promoted to Chief Boatswain's Mate in 1979, and was promoted in June 1980 to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

He received his commission as a Lieutenant in 1983. He served in many different states, ranging from Texas to Virginia. In 2003, he was promoted to Captain and assumed command of MSO Hampton Roads. Captain O'Brien then assumed command of the USCG Sector New York on June 15, 2006.

Captain O'Brien served his country with great distinction during this 40 year period. He was given the difficult task of keeping New York's waterways safe and secure, and performed this task admirably. He has also received numerous awards from the Coast Guard, including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, and three Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals.

Ferries and oil liners share the harbor, and both are crucial to the economic value of the tristate area, and Captain O'Brien's efforts throughout his career have ensured a safe and sound commute for Staten Islanders, as well as many New Yorkers, who traverse the waters frequently.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Captain Robert O'Brien on his dedication to the citizens of New York.

RECOGNIZING DR. LYNN WOLAVER

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I am honored to recognize Dr. Lynn Wolaver, who was inducted into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame on May 24, 2010.

Dr. Wolaver's contributions to his country and the community are invaluable. A former member of the U.S. Army Air Corp and a World War II veteran, he flew in C-47 aircraft in the European Theater of Operations with the IX Troop Carrier Command Pathfinder Group. Following his military service, Lynn devoted himself to public service, holding positions as a member of the Fairborn City Planning Board, City Council, Deputy Mayor and Mayor of Fairborn. He has been an active member of the Fairborn Chamber of Commerce, Fairborn Rotary Club and the American Legion. He currently serves on numerous local boards and committees, applying his knowledge and expertise for the betterment of the region.

Along with his service to his country and civic engagement, Dr. Wolaver has an exten-

sive academic background. He studied at the University of Illinois, The Ohio State University Extension at Wright Field and at the University of Michigan, where he received his doctoral degree. Dr. Wolaver spent nearly 40 years as an employee at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Fairborn, Ohio, holding various positions, including Dean for Research Emeritus at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. During his time at Wright-Patterson, Dr. Wolaver conducted research in the areas of navigation, astrodynamics, bioengineering and systems analysis, and he has authored over 60 technical papers on these topics. His academic achievements have earned him induction into prestigious honorary societies, and various honors and awards, including the Fairborn Chamber of Commerce's Ed Duncan Distinguished Citizen Award, Fairborn Chamber of Commerce President's Award and University of Illinois Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Finally, as a husband, father of two and grandfather, Dr. Wolaver has demonstrated the importance of balancing various obligations and activities with the needs of family.

Thus, with great pride, I congratulate Dr. Lynn Wolaver for his lifetime of remarkable achievements and his unparalleled contribution to our community.

HONORING DR. GEORGE TILLER

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Dr. George Tiller, a brave and prominent physician who dedicated his life to providing women the ability to choose. Dr. Tiller was shot and killed while serving as an usher at his church in Wichita, Kansas, a year ago this past May. His story is tragic but he is not the only one who has been targeted by intimidation tactics and acts of violence.

Since 1993, eight clinic workers have been murdered in the United States and seventeen attempted murders have occurred since 1991. Opponents of the women's right to choose have directed more than 6,100 reported acts of violence against physicians since 1977, which does not include the 156,000 reported bomb threats and harassing phone calls.

Whether you are on the right or left side of the issue on this issue, I believe we can all come together and agree that violence as a solution is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. We should be able to work in unison to find common ground on the issue of female reproductive rights without putting anyone's life in danger.

The Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act was enacted in 1994 to provide federal protection against the unlawful and often violent tactics used by opponents of abortion rights. While violence has declined since then, violence at reproductive-health centers and abortion clinics is far from being eradicated.

Dr. Tiller was respecting the women's right to choose and for that, his life was taken. We must all work to ensure that no more lives are destroyed and acts of harassment are stopped. If there is one thing we can all agree on, it is that violence is not the answer and I look forward to the day that all doctors and clinical workers can go to work, free from fear of violence.

CONGRATULATING QUINCY NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PHIL HARE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2010

Mr. HARE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to proudly recognize the Quincy Notre Dame High School girls' soccer team, the Lady Raiders, for winning the Class 1A state championship. On May 29, 2010, the Lady Raiders soundly defeated the Manteno High School Panthers 2-0 at North Central College's Benedetti-Wehrli Stadium in Naperville to win the state championship, capping their record at an impressive 24 wins and only 2 losses.

I extend my congratulations to all of these amazing athletes: goalkeepers Quentessa Keating, Mackenzie Little, and Megan Rabe; defenders Alex Reis, Jamie Pyatt, Alyssa Klene, Leah Waterkotte, Hannah Witte, Kayla Struck, Claire Obert, and Paula Holm; midfielders McKenna Murphy, Lexi Dreyer, Kate Genenbacher, Katie Hancox, Brooke Dreyer, Brooke Burgess, Hilary Hoffman, and Lexi Niemann; and forwards Abby Grawe, Shannon Foley, Jordan Frericks, Samantha Hall, and Leigh McLaughlin. I would also like to commend their coaching team led by Mark Longo and assistant coaches Randy Struck, George McDonnell, Jason Keller, Anthony Longo, and Jay Zanger, and the rest of the Quincy community who provided tremendous support in their historic victory. I am honored to represent Quincy Notre Dame High School and pleased to be able to share their victory with my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, and I wish the Lady Raiders the best of luck in their future academic careers and athletic ambitions.

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 Tuesday, June 15, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
JUNE 16

9:30 a.m.
Foreign Relations
To continue hearings to examine Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol (Treaty Doc. 111-05), focusing on views from the Pentagon.
SD-419

Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs health care in rural areas.
SR-418

10 a.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of John S. Pistole, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.
SD-342

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
To hold hearings to examine global threats, European security and parliamentary cooperation, focusing on what parliamentarians can do to work together on some of the most significant challenges facing the world.
SVC-202/203

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

11 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SD-366

2 p.m.
Aging
To hold hearings to examine the retirement challenge, focusing on making savings last a lifetime.
SD-562

2:30 p.m.
Appropriations
Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal payment of interchange fees,

focusing on how to save taxpayer dollars.
SD-192

Energy and Natural Resources
Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 3294, to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, S. 3310, to designate certain wilderness areas in the National Forest System in the State of South Dakota, and S. 3313, to withdraw certain land located in Clark County, Nevada from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.
SD-366

3 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, focusing on ensuring a financially responsible recovery.
SD-342

JUNE 17

9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) and the implications for national security programs.
SD-106

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
Energy, Science and Technology Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 3102, to amend the miscellaneous rural development provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make loans to certain entities that will use the funds to make loans to consumers to implement energy efficiency measures involving structural improvements and investments in cost-effective, commercial off-the-shelf technologies to reduce home energy use.
SR-328A

10 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the financial state of the airline industry and the implications of consolidation.
SR-253

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine protecting workers and businesses affected by misclassification.
SD-430

Judiciary
Business meeting to consider H.R. 1933, to direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children, S. 3466, to require restitution for victims of criminal violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, H.R. 908, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, S. 258, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide enhanced penalties for marketing controlled substances to minors, and the nominations of John J.

McConnell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, and Pamela Cothran Marsh, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida, Peter J. Smith, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and Kevin Anthony Carr, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, all of the Department of Justice.

SD-226
Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine harnessing small business innovation, focusing on navigating the evaluation process for Gulf Coast oil cleanup proposals.
SD-G50

2:15 p.m.
Indian Affairs
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian education, focusing on the No Child Left Behind Act.
SD-628

2:30 p.m.
Intelligence
To hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters.
SH-219

3:30 p.m.
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine closing the language gap, focusing on improving the Federal government's foreign language capabilities.
SD-342

JUNE 23

10 a.m.
Judiciary
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Office of the Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator.
SD-226

JUNE 24

9:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine S. 3452, to designate the Valles Caldera National Preserve as a unit of the National Park System.
SD-366

JUNE 30

9:30 a.m.
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine farm bill reauthorization, focusing on maintaining our domestic food supply through a strong United States farm policy.
SR-328A

JULY 1

9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine veterans' claims processing, focusing on if current efforts are working.
SR-418

JULY 21

9:30 a.m.
Veterans' Affairs
To hold hearings to examine improvements to the post-9/11 Government Issue (GI) Bill.
SR-418

POSTPONEMENTS

JUNE 17

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the future
of the National Park System and to

consider the recommendations of the
National Parks Second Century Com-
mission in its report "Advancing the
National Park Idea".

SD-366