

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WILDCATS OF TRAINING SQUADRON TEN

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Wildcats of Training Squadron Ten. Through times of war and through times of peace, the Wildcats have served our country with great distinction and valor. For that reason, I am proud to recognize the Wildcats of Squadron Ten for their exceptional training and excellent performance over the last 50 years.

From the first day the squadron was commissioned, the Wildcats of Training Squadron Ten have continued the legacy of training a new generation of pilots with the skill and will to fight and win. Today, Training Squadron Ten trains more than 300 Naval Flight Officers and Air Force Weapons System Officers annually, and flies approximately 13,400 flight hours each year.

Throughout the squadron's history, the Wildcats have been awarded with numerous awards and honors. In 1978 they were awarded the Towers Award. Training Squadron Ten's extensive energy conservation efforts and improved efficiency standards won the Secretary of the Navy's Energy Conservation Award in 1995, 1996, and 2002. Furthermore, the safety initiatives implemented by VT-10 have earned the squadron 21 Chief of Naval Operations Safety Awards.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the Wildcats for going above and beyond the call of duty on their 50th anniversary. To this day, the Wildcats of Training Squadron Ten continue to provide the highest quality training to our nation's aviators. As they remain resolute and steadfast to doing their part to defend our country, we must do our part to remember their unwavering commitment with our hearts and minds.

HONORING MS. FEDORA MANZOA

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the years of service given to the people of Chautauqua County by Ms. Fedora Manzoa. Ms. Manzoa served her constituency faithfully and justly during her tenure as the Portland Tax Collector.

Public service is a difficult and fulfilling career. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Ms. Manzoa served her term with her head held high and a smile on her face the entire way.

I have no doubt that her kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the people of Chautauqua County.

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

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I take this time to honor one of America's great leaders, retiring president of the United Auto Workers Union, Ron Gettelfinger. Mr. Gettelfinger served as president of the UAW from 2002 until 2010.

Mr. Gettelfinger became a member of the UAW in 1964 when he became a chassis line repairman in Ford's Louisville factory. In 1984 Mr. Gettelfinger was elected by the membership of the UAW Local 862 chapter in Louisville to represent them as their committee person, bargaining chair, and president, and in 1992 Mr. Gettelfinger was elected to be the director of UAW's Region 3, which represents the UAW membership of Indiana and Kentucky. Then in 1998 Mr. Gettelfinger was elected vice president of the UAW, and he served in that position until June 5, 2002, when at the UAW's 33rd constitutional convention Mr. Gettelfinger was elected president.

Throughout Mr. Gettelfinger's rise to the top within the UAW he was driven by the sole purpose of fighting for the rights of the American worker. He fought for fair trade agreements that would protect the rights and health of American workers and the environment. He steadfastly worked to prevent a race to the bottom environment in countries around the world, and was an outspoken advocate for a national single-payer health care system. He fought for all of these ideals while having to lead the UAW through the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, and I wish there were more exemplary fighters out there like Ron Gettelfinger.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Mr. Ron Gettelfinger for his 46 years of service as both a member and leader of the United Auto Workers Union, and in wishing him all the best in his retirement.

THE SWEEP ACT

HON. GLENN C. NYE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. NYE. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday I introduced, with my colleague Mr. WILSON, the Stop Waste by Eliminating Excessive Programs Act, otherwise known as the SWEEP act. The bill will reduce wasteful government spending by creating a means to review and abolish federal programs that are inefficient, unnecessary, or outdated.

Back home in Hampton Roads and the Eastern Shore of Virginia, families sit around the kitchen table, forced to make tough decisions about their budget and where they need to trim back—it's time Congress acted with the same responsibility.

We have already taken several important steps toward fiscal restraint and responsibility, such as voting to install statutory Pay-Go budget rules. Another area of spending Congress has tackled is the Congressional pay raise. Voted in favor of before I took office, I immediately took my unnecessary raise and donated it to Vetshouse, a local organization in my district that supports homeless veterans. In addition, I, joined by many of my colleagues, successfully voted to stop the Congressional pay raise for this year and the next. But these efforts are just the tip of the iceberg.

It is clear that we need a more comprehensive approach to reducing the federal government footprint and my bill will do just this.

Across the various federal agencies and bureaus, the government supports tens of thousands of programs. Many of which have been continuing for years without proper Congressional oversight or authorization. In effect, these programs continue to receive funding without proving their merit.

What's more, without a thorough inventory, duplicative programs have cropped up across agency lines, wasting precious taxpayer dollars on activities that are being performed elsewhere.

The SWEEP Act is a three step approach that will make sure inefficient, duplicative, or wasteful programs are eliminated.

The first step is to review current funding authorizations by creating a bi-partisan Sunset Commission. The Commission will examine each and every government-funded program to determine its worth based on proven outcomes, cost-effectiveness, scope of interest, and whether a duplicative program exists.

The second step will require the Commission to submit a report to Congress annually, analyzing each program reviewed. This report will recommend whether each program assessed should be abolished, consolidated, transferred, reorganized or remain untouched.

The final step will require the Commission to submit a legislative proposal to Congress, which contains all programs recommended for reform or repeal. This legislation will be fast tracked and must receive an up or down vote by Congress within a month of the proposal.

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Our current deficits are unsustainable and, if left unchecked, will weaken America's standing in the world. Congress has a responsibility to correct these irresponsible financial practices that continue to undermine the long term economy and national security of America. The SWEEP Act is a bold step forward that will allow Congress to roll up its sleeves and clean house.

I strongly urge all Members of the House to support this endeavor to provide legislative oversight and, program by program, rein in excessive government spending.

HONORING 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY
IN COATESVILLE

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th anniversary of the iron and steel industry in the City of Coatesville, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

During the last two centuries, men and women of great character, tremendous ingenuity and bold leadership have contributed to the longevity and success of an industry, which helped sustain a community and fueled America's growth and prosperity.

The steel mill that Isaac Pennock established on the banks of the Brandywine River in the early 19th Century developed into an industrial complex that housed the world's largest plate mill thanks to the efforts of Dr. Charles Lukens, Rebecca Lukens and several generations of Lukens descendants. Dedicated employees, all with a work ethic as strong as the steel plates they forge, also have been integral to the industry's success. These highly-skilled and extremely motivated workers have helped the industry adapt from an era of steam locomotives and iron-hulled vessels to an era of nuclear submarines and specialty steel.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring the 200th anniversary of the iron and steel industry in the City of Coatesville and recognizing the exemplary work of The Graystone Society, which has meticulously chronicled and preserved the iron and steel industry's rich history in the City.

A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND EARL
JONES, SR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Reverend Earl Jones, Sr. for his unwavering commitment and service to his faith and community.

Reverend Earl Jones, Sr. preached his trial sermon in March of 1981, and became an Associate Minister of the Universal Baptist Church. In March of 1983, Dr. John H. Nichols and the First Calvary Baptist Church called Rev. Jones to be Assistant to the Pastor. Rev. Jones served in this capacity until the Lord called Dr. Nichols from labor to reward in June

of 1984, after which, the First Calvary Baptist Church called Rev. Jones to serve as interim Pastor for one year. Rev. Jones was called to the pastorate of the First Calvary Baptist Church in June of 1985.

Reverend Jones has been a man of vision and great faith, leading his congregation to spiritual heights and service not only to each other but, most importantly to those in the community. Under his leadership the church has started an Outreach Ministry; Vacation Bible School; a soup kitchen which also distributes clothing to the needy and homeless; provided clothing and other needed items to the Renaissance Women's Facility and home goods and toys to the mothers and children of the Rose Kennedy Home for Displaced Mothers and Children; established the First Calvary Baptist Church Bible Institute; undertook a total renovation of the church edifice; and added more than 1000 new members to the church membership.

Currently, Reverend Jones is solidifying the plans for "Project Kingdom," which will be the relocation of our current church to a 38,000 square ft area to include a 1,200 seat sanctuary, state of the art multi-purpose facility including a banquet hall, classrooms, administrative offices and gymnasium. Our current site will become a 53 family apartment building, including a medical facility.

Reverend Jones is also working with federal, state and local elected officials in the area of green technology, addressing environmental issues and solutions such as converting waste to energy.

Under his leadership, the church has organized a movement of pastors, churches and other lay persons to address the issue of black on black crime in our neighborhoods. Too many of our black youth are being gunned down and his message is, "If Not Now, Then When, If Not Us, Then Who." They have embraced the concept of peace action designed by Dr. Matthew Johnson, which teaches them to identify and develop strategies to handle conflicts other than in a violent manner.

Reverend Jones has worked and been very successful in the financial and business industries, but he has remained faithful to his first love (God) and the work of the ministry. In June 1995, Rev. Jones was named "Minister of the Week" for his outstanding leadership and outreach to the community.

Reverend Jones has held several positions of leadership, including Moderator of the New York Missionary Baptist Association; a member of the Board of Directors of the Hampton Ministers and Musicians Conference; an officer of the Progressive National Baptist Convention; the Chairman of the Community Advisory Board of Brooklyn Hospital; and he serves on various political and civic committees throughout the city.

Reverend Jones is a pastor, preacher, teacher, husband, father, grandfather, godfather, friend and visionary whose mission is to bring people to Jesus.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Reverend Earl Jones, Sr.

HONORING FIRST SERGEANT
QUINTIN WATERMAN, UNITED
STATES ARMY

HON. JOHN CAMPBELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. CAMPBELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to First Sergeant Quintin Waterman, United States Army. First Sergeant Waterman has served a distinguished career in the United States Army, spanning nearly thirty years, concluding here in the United States House of Representatives as the very first senior Non-Commissioned Officer to serve as a Legislative Liaison Officer. Over the course of the 28 years which First Sergeant Waterman has spent in uniform serving his country, he has been cited by his command as exhibiting outstanding initiative, leadership, and professionalism in all of his actions. In doing so, he has made significant contributions to the welfare of Soldiers, and their families, to say nothing of the service he has provided the people of this nation.

During First Sergeant Waterman's career, he has served with distinction as a military language instructor, teaching Russian at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in Monterey, California. It was there that he was selected to serve as a Brigade Command Language Program Manager. In this capacity, he was responsible for the training and professional development of four subordinate Command Language Program Managers at the largest Command Language Program in the Army's Intelligence and Security Command.

Following his assignment at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, First Sergeant Waterman was selected as First Sergeant for B Company, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion. There he led a company of over 112 Soldiers in a number of occupational specialties, providing direct support throughout the Signals and Intelligence Directorate of the National Security Agency.

He later performed with distinction at the Deployed Security Operations Center for U.S. Central Command as the Chief of Mission for Counter-Terrorism, Force Protection, and Indications and Warnings in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom. There is no doubt that Master Sergeant has demonstrated himself as a natural and selfless leader who is willing to lead from the front.

Perhaps his most notable service however, was as the very first senior non-commissioned officer in the United States Army to serve as a Legislative Liaison Officer in the U.S. House of Representatives, a post for which he was hand selected for by the Sergeant Major of the Army. As a Legislative Liaison Officer, First Sergeant Waterman was in a unique position to serve as a conduit between the Army, Members of Congress, and their staffs. This is a crucial role which allows the Army to train, equip, and sustain an Army, especially an Army in the time of war.

I want to thank First Sergeant Waterman for his tireless and selfless service to the people of our great nation. His career and performance has brought distinction upon himself, the commands he has served under, and the entire United States Army. It is Soldiers like First Sergeant Waterman who make up the finest

Army the world has ever seen and I am grateful for his service.

TRIBUTE TO CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROLMAN THOMAS PHILIP COLEMAN

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I stand here today to honor and remember a loving father and husband, son, brother, respected serviceman and dedicated officer, Mr. Thomas Philip Coleman.

Officer Coleman of Fontana, California, was killed on duty June 11, 2010, while pursuing a stolen vehicle on motorcycle, in Redlands, California. He was 33 years old.

He leaves behind a wife, Jamie Jean, a 2-year-old son, Ryan, and an 11-month old daughter, Shaylen. Born on October 6, 1976 in West Covina, California to Robert Francis Coleman and Janice Womack, he was the third of five children including his brother Joseph Coleman, and sisters, Jennifer Coleman Chagas, Kathleen Poole, and Mary Coleman Heinen.

Graduating Damien High School in La Verne, in 1994, he entered the United States Marine Corps. While enlisted, Tom served as a Land Support Specialist and a Marine Embassy Security Guard in Rome and Romania. After five years of meritorious service, he was honorably discharged at the rank of sergeant.

Officer Coleman served with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for seven years. He was assigned to the San Bernardino Area of the Inland Division in March 2008, where he became a CHP Motorcycle Officer.

Tom was an exemplary family man and father who enjoyed spending time with his kids. He enjoyed fulfilling his aspiration of becoming a California Highway Patrol Motorcycle Officer. His hobbies included riding, hiking, and following the NFL.

His passion, dedication to his job and strong, bear hugs which he gave at each greeting will be greatly missed, along with the way he quoted movies, making everyone laugh.

Tom's mischievous sense of humor, smile and twinkling eyes will be missed by all who knew him. Let us take the time to pay tribute to Tom and celebrate the life and the example he lived.

Although he is no longer with us, his unforgettable spirit will continue to live on through the lives of everyone he touched.

The thoughts and prayers of my wife Barbara, my family and I are with his family at this time.

Madam Speaker, let us pay our respects to Officer Thomas Philip Coleman. He will always have a place in our memories and hearts as we remember the selfless genuine devotion he gave to his family, country, the California Highway Patrol, and community.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank the outgoing President of the United Auto Workers Union, Mr. Ron Gettelfinger. Mr. Gettelfinger has admirably represented the nearly 1 million active and retired members of the UAW. Under Ron's leadership, the Union has continued its fight for improved health care benefits and the enforcement of fair trade provisions on human rights, and fair labor standards.

Ron and I share a lot in common. We both were voted into current office in 2002, we both have been fortunate enough to be reelected by our constituents, and we both understand the substantial value of our Nation's auto workers. My district in Northeastern Ohio is home to UAW Local 1112 and Local 1714. These UAW locals represent over 7,500 active and 4,000 retired GM Lordstown Assembly Plant employees. The men and women of the Lordstown plant have manufactured the Chevrolet Cavalier, the Pontiac Sunfire, the Chevrolet Cobalt, and will soon begin production on the new Chevrolet Cruze. These workers represent the best of American production, manufacturing, and ingenuity.

At a time of unprecedented catastrophe for America's automotive industry, Ron Gettelfinger provided much needed leadership. On behalf of the United Autoworkers in my district and those in my district whose livelihoods depend on UAW jobs, I thank Mr. Gettelfinger for his years of service and leadership and wish him well in retirement.

NICK ANDERSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Nick Anderson who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Nick Anderson is a 12th grader at Arvada School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Nick Anderson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Nick Anderson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

CALLING CARD CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3993, the Calling Card Consumer Protection Act. I congratulate my colleague Mr. ENGEL for introducing it.

Today, more than 276 million American households—89 percent of the U.S. population—have cell phones. But prepaid calling cards remain a huge industry—worth \$4 billion in 2007.

They are particularly popular among college students, as well as military personnel and immigrant communities—people who frequently make international calls.

My district is one of the most diverse and international in the Nation. Almost one-third, 31.6 percent, of my constituents are foreign-born, first-generation American residents. So calling cards are very important for them.

Unfortunately, the calling card industry is full of deceptive advertising and hidden fees. A card may say it is worth 250 minutes, but you may get 200 or 100 once you actually use it. Too often, calling cards have no information listed about connection fees, varying rates-per-minute, fees charged each week that you do not use the card, or even fees for just hanging up. When those fees aren't fully disclosed to consumers, we have a serious problem.

Earlier this year, in the wake of the devastating earthquake in Haiti, I heard from many of my Haitian constituents who were using calling cards to try to reach their loved ones. Because of the high fees placed on the cards and the lack of clarity about fees and terms, they were going through dozens of cards without ever having a call connected.

At the time, I sent letters to a number of calling card companies. I encouraged them to reach out to their local Haitian communities and to give refunds or issue free cards to customers who bought their cards and had the time run out before the call connected.

Mr. ENGEL's bill would ensure that fees, rates, expiration dates or limitations of calling cards are clearly and fully disclosed to consumers. This is an important consumer protection bill and I encourage all of my colleagues to support it.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE WOOTON

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late George Wooton of Hyden, Kentucky who was a lifetime public servant for his hometown, advocating for progress with every breath, even at the age of 94.

In a television interview on the night before he passed on, George declared he wanted to be remembered as the number one farmer in Kentucky. While he received many state awards for the production of shell corn with irrigated water on his farm, the people of Leslie

County and Eastern Kentucky will remember him for much more. George was a veteran of World War II, having served honorably in the United States Army. His legacy is even more firmly grounded in his public service and tireless efforts for progress in one of the most rural, distressed county's in our Nation.

The people of Leslie County elected George Wooton as Sheriff for one term and County Judge Executive for three terms. George attended every event, large or small because he believed in supporting his community and their interests. In every crowd, there was no mistaking George's presence. He was the type of man who greeted everyone and gladly spoke up for anyone not bold enough to share their concerns. He will be remembered for his compassion, his tenacity and boisterous personality.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring George Wooton for dedicating a lifetime of service to the families of Eastern Kentucky, our Commonwealth and our great Nation.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF RETAIL OPERATIONS AT ECKERT'S FAMILY FARMS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th Anniversary of retail operations at Eckert's Family Farms in Belleville, Illinois.

The Eckert family has been involved in farming since their ancestor, Johann Peter Eckert, came to this country from Germany in the 1830's. The first fruit trees, for which the family has become renowned in southwestern Illinois and surrounding areas, were planted near Fayetteville, Illinois, almost 150 years ago., Alvin O. Eckert opened a roadside produce stand on what was known as Turkey Hill, near Belleville, Illinois, in 1910. Thus was born a tradition that has grown and prospered for 100 years.

Currently, sixth and seventh generation Eckert family members oversee an operation that includes multiple orchards, a newly expanding country store and restaurant, garden center and wholesale operations. Generations of area families have built memories and savored the produce at Eckert's pick-your-own orchards, which are the largest family-owned and operated pick-your-own orchards in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th Anniversary of retail operations at Eckert's family farms and to wish the Eckert family and all of their employees the very best for many years to come.

HONORING THE CLUB HOUSE AT LAKE HOPATCONG YACHT CLUB

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Club House at Lake

Hopatcong Yacht Club, located in Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

Recognized on both the National and New Jersey State Register of Historic Places, this building is the single most important surviving link to Lake Hopatcong's past grandeur as a major northeast resort. Built during the golden years of the lake's resort period, it is a tribute to an era when the lake hosted grand hotels, magnificent summer "cottages," two amusement parks and some of the most famous Americans of the day.

Appearing nearly unchanged from its construction in 1910, the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club's Club House is a structure almost frozen in time, bearing witness to a near forgotten period in northwestern New Jersey's history. Its stately charm recounts long forgotten days when thousands made the trek to what is known as the "jewel of the mountains." The club house has endured prosperity and depression, peace and war, seen popular music move through ragtime, jazz, swing, and rock-and-roll, and witnessed the country go from the first automobile to the moon. From an origin of catboats, Fay and Bowen's and Model T's, the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club has left behind a legacy of sailors, sportsmen and friends.

While Lake Hopatcong continues today as a wonderful recreation source with numerous marinas and waterfront restaurants, the Club House of the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club, provides members with a lasting glimpse into the lake's great history.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Club House of the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club as it celebrates its centennial.

OLGA SLYUSAR

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Olga Slyusar who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Olga Slyusar is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Olga Slyusar is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Olga Slyusar for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ron Gettelfinger today upon his retirement from the United Auto Workers or UAW. Ron devoted his long and distinguished career to helping his colleagues and the American people achieve the American dream; and as he leaves the working world, it is my great pleasure to honor his professional efforts and accomplishments.

Growing up with 11 brothers and sisters in Frenchtown, Indiana, Ron got some early lessons in negotiating with others. After graduating high school in 1962, he moved to Louisville, Kentucky and in 1964 was hired as a chassis line repairman at the Louisville Assembly Plant of Ford Motor Company.

In one of his earliest jobs Ron so impressed those around him that the workers in the plant elected him to represent them as committeeperson, bargaining chairperson and president. Ron excelled in these positions and also functioned as a delegate to the National Ford Council and Sub-Council # 2.

After twenty years of work in the auto industry, Ron was elected president of local union 862. In 1987, he became a member of the Ford-UAW bargaining committee. When he was asked by Car and Driver magazine about what prompted this move into the union arena, he simply responded "I just thought I should apply my education to helping the workers."

Ron moved on to other union positions, including director of United Auto Workers Region 3, which represents United Auto Workers' members in Indiana and Kentucky. After six years in this role, he was elected UAW vice president in 1998.

As Vice President, Ron was director of the UAW Aerospace Department and the UAW Ford Department, where he led negotiations in 1999 that focused on "Bargaining for Families." In 2002, he was elected president of the UAW and was re-elected in 2006. On March 19, 2009, Ron announced his intent to retire at the end of his term.

During his tenure at the helm of the UAW, Ron has been an outspoken advocate for national single-payer health care in the United States. Under his leadership, the UAW has lobbied for fair trade agreements that include provisions for workers' rights and environmental provisions. With the help of these efforts, Congress enacted legislation to reform health, expand the children health insurance program (S-CHIP), the economic stimulus package, auto restructuring, the Lilly Ledbetter equal pay legislation, as well as a minimum wage increase.

During his presidency the UAW successfully lobbied for the enactment of compromise CAFE legislation in 2007, which included the Section 136 program to provide funds to encourage investment in domestic production of advanced technology vehicles and their key components. With Ron's help Congress was also able to facilitate agreement on a national standard for regulating greenhouse gas emissions and fuel economy for light, medium and

heavy duty vehicles. All of these accomplishments have come in the face of trying times for organized labor. In the words of U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, American workers are endangered by "the corporate global chase for the lowest wage which creates a race to the bottom that no workers, in any country, can win."

With Ron as their advocate, UAW members have endured and succeeded in these difficult times. He will be remembered for his leadership role in putting the UAW at the forefront of the struggle for civil rights, better schools and pensions, tougher workplace health and safety standards, and stronger workers compensation benefits. His impact stretches beyond the auto industry and will be felt for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in wishing Ron Gettelfinger the best in his retirement. I am certain he will enjoy his newfound free time with his wife Judy, and their two children and four grandchildren. I can think of no one more deserving of having a long, happy and healthy post-career life. He will be sorely missed at the UAW, but if his successors follow the examples he set for so many years, American workers will continue to be well represented.

A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT MANNINGS

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and work of my friend Robert Mannings. Robert dedicated his life to serving his community and he will be sorely missed.

Born in Asbury Park, New Jersey, Robert Mannings was the oldest of three children. Educated in the New Jersey public school system, Robert entered the U.S. Army in 1952, serving his country during the Korean War. After his service in Korea, Robert moved to Philadelphia and quickly established strong ties to the community.

A long-time member of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Robert was dedicated to bettering his neighborhood. He served in various positions within the Church, such as a member of the Men Usher Board and Men of Mount Carmel. For over 20 years, Robert served as the president of the Dewey and Race Streets Civic Organization, providing outreach and necessary services to those in his community. Robert headed "Let's Talk About It" seminars and starred in a video called "Putting the Pieces Back Together", both dealing with cancer. In recognition of his hard work, Robert was awarded the American Cancer Society's Volunteer Achievement Award and the Carl Mansfield, M.D. Award.

Robert Mannings' long and impressive career showcases his commitment, service, and dedication to bettering his community. Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in celebrating the life and accomplishments of Mr. Mannings, and honor him for the great work he has done for the people of Philadelphia.

CELEBRATING THE BOY SCOUTS CENTENNIAL

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, this year marks the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America. Like most Americans, I am a long-time admirer of the Boy Scouts of America organization. The Boy Scouts have taught generations of young men the values of teamwork and the importance of continually striving for excellence, as well as providing its members the opportunity to develop leadership skills at a young age.

It is therefore my pleasure to congratulate the Boy Scouts of America on the occasion of their one-hundredth anniversary. I would also like to extend a special thanks to all those who have made the great work of the Boy Scouts possible by volunteering to serve as Troop Leaders, Den Mothers, and in other positions with their local Boy Scouts Troops.

Finally, Madam Speaker, I would like to extend special congratulations to the following Boy Scout Troops in my district who will be honored at the City of Fulsher's annual Fulsher Friday Night on July 2: Boy Scouts of America Troop 941; Boy Scouts of America, Cub Scout Pack 941; Boy Scouts of America Troop 1103; Boy Scouts of America Troop 1103, Cub Scout Pack 1103; Boy Scouts of America Troop 941, and Cub Scout Pack 941.

RACHEL OLSSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rachel Olsson who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Rachel Olsson is a 9th grader at Faith Christian Academy and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Rachel Olsson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Rachel Olsson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, first, let me thank my colleague, friend, and the Dean of

the House, Congressman JOHN DINGELL, for leading tonight's Special Order.

I rise today to honor a true champion of the American working family, Ron Gettelfinger. Since 1935, the United Auto Workers (UAW) have led the fight to create and protect the rights of autoworkers and working people across our country—the basic work place protections that have made the United States the most productive country in history. For eight years as the UAW president, Ron has carried that charge, advocating tirelessly to improve the lives of his union brothers and sisters.

A member of UAW Local 862 since 1964, he spent his career fighting for equity and justice in the workplace, ensuring labor and wage standards in fair trade agreements, advocating for quality and affordable health care for all, and raising the quality of life for workers worldwide. Ron relished being close to line workers and advocating for them on a daily basis. For six years, he served as the director of UAW Region 3 before being elected UAW vice president in 1998.

The last two years have been a historic period for the auto industry as the country recovers from the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. Amid drastic job cuts, plant closures, and financial hardship, Ron steered his organization to emerge on a solid footing, ensuring that his workers were treated fairly. Tough choices were made, but Ron understood that working with the industry was necessary to secure stability for the auto-makers and his workers. This willingness contributed significantly to the industry's survival and saved the jobs of thousands of auto workers.

This year also marked the passage of landmark health care reform legislation. I was proud to support this legislation, and am grateful for the efforts of Ron and his fellow union members in support of health care reform.

It is my honor to recognize Ron for his years of service and contributions to organized labor. His leadership and warm demeanor will be missed among his fellow union members, but his legacy will live on. I look forward to working closely with UAW's new president Bob King and I wish Ron a happy and healthy retirement.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN SAM JOHNSON

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, as Congress commemorates the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War, I am honored to recognize Congressman SAM JOHNSON for his dedicated service to the United States. SAM spent 29 years in the United States Air Force, serving valiantly in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. During the Vietnam War, SAM was held as a Prisoner of War for nearly seven years in Hanoi. Despite 42 months of solitary confinement, SAM's spirit was never broken. In 1991, SAM came to Washington to serve the people of the 3rd District of Texas in the United States Congress.

In honor of SAM's service to our Nation, Albert Carey Caswell, a long time House employee, authored a poem entitled, The Star of

Texas. I would like to share Mr. Caswell's poem as a tribute to Congressman JOHNSON at his request.

THE STAR OF TEXAS

In the darkest days of night . . .
 All in that battle, all in that fight!
 To but bring our light!
 All in our souls, so very bright!
 As but a Freedom Fighter, who all those
 wrongs must right!
 While, all around you such a living hell . . .
 All in those moments of faith and courage,
 that do tell!
 While, all in that darkness . . . where such
 evil dwells!
 As against all odds, Sam . . . your fine heart
 so chose to swell!
 A Star was born!
 For now Sam, the Eyes of Texas . . . are
 upon you, as a Hero you will live on!
 With but only your most heroic heart, as
 against all odds you fought!
 To stay the course, and rise above . . .
 A Freedom Fighter, now in our Lord's heart
 you are but his special love!
 Because, your fine heart of courage . . . so
 chose to swell . . .
 From out of this darkness, from out of such
 hell!
 A Star of Texas would rise, rise up to ever
 dwell!
 Your life, has been a Tour De Force!
 You Soar! As an Eagle, in The United States
 Air Force!
 Mothers teach your children well!
 All about, such heroes you must tell!
 And one day Sam, you will get your new
 wings . . . "Come to Heaven my son,"
 as our Lord sings!
 For we need Angels like you, to fight the
 darkest of things!
 This Star of Texas, one of our Nation's
 greatest beings!
 For the Eyes of Texas, are upon you . . .
 And as a great American Hero Sam, you will
 live on, YOU!
 In honor of Sam Johnson, a real
 American Hero . . .

REAFFIRMING FRIENDSHIP AND
 ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE
 UNITED STATES AND COLOMBIA

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding and for the introduction of this very timely resolution. Last weekend, in a free and open democratic process, Colombia elected a new President. The people of Colombia should be commended for continuing their long tradition of democracy.

President-elect Santos is a strong U.S. ally who will continue Colombia's efforts to strengthen the rule of law, restore peace and stability, and promote economic growth for all Colombians. Colombia's progress is undeniable and its workers are safer now than ever before.

So, while we should be reaffirming our alliance today, we should also be strengthening that alliance by passing the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement. The United States already offers Colombia almost total duty-free access to the U.S. market, yet American exports face significant tariffs entering the

Colombian market. The U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement would lift these barriers and level the playing field, increasing U.S. exports by at least \$1 billion.

The Administration and Congressional Democrats have instead allowed this agreement to languish and this valuable ally to twist in the wind. As a result, U.S. employers have paid over \$2.8 billion in unnecessary duties on American exports to Colombia. Those duties would vanish under the agreement and would allow U.S. employers to use this cash to create new job opportunities.

But that's not the worst of it. In disregarding our agreement, the Administration and Congressional leadership have allowed other countries to race ahead of us, giving foreign workers a competitive advantage.

American farmers are already experiencing the ramifications of this inaction. U.S. farmers have lost millions in potential exports to Colombia; those sales are instead being made by farmers in Argentina and Brazil, because those countries already have an agreement in place with Colombia.

The damage to American workers and farmers will only get worse if Colombia's agreements with Canada, the EU, and others go into effect before our agreement. There is absolutely no reason for this to happen. The U.S.-Colombia agreement was signed over 1,300 days ago. The United States had a huge head start that the Administration and leadership has willfully conceded. For over a year now, the Administration has promised to find a way forward on this Agreement and present Colombia with the list of things it needed to do. The Colombians are still waiting for that list.

If the Administration is serious about doubling exports and creating jobs, it must do what's necessary to bring this Agreement up for a vote.

DALLAS SCHOOL NAMED BEST IN
 AMERICA FOR THE TALENTED
 AND GIFTED

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, every year Newsweek magazine selects the best high schools in America. For the third time in four years, the School for the Talented and Gifted at the Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Magnet Center located in Dallas ranks number one. The school is part of the Dallas Independent School District (DISD) that enrolls students in grades nine through twelve. Known for its intimate student-to-teacher ratio and progressive liberal arts Advanced Placement Program, the School for the Talented and Gifted is an ideal learning environment.

With a total of 277 students, Townview Magnet Center's mission is to "educate and graduate students who are college ready and who will be successful in college". This year, the 2010 senior class students combined earned scholarship and grant offers summing to approximately \$12.5 million. Furthermore, Townview is comprised of six different schools of concentration to include: (1) the School for the Talented and Gifted; (2) the School of

Science and Engineering; (3) the School of Business and Management; (4) the School of Health Professions; (5) the School of Education and Social Services; and (6) the School of Government and Law.

Madam Speaker, this public college preparatory magnet secondary school is applauded for its tremendous accomplishments, superb students, and committed faculty.

RACHEL STRAND

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rachel Strand who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Rachel Strand is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Rachel Strand is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Rachel Strand for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER
 FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE
 UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to honor Ron Gettelfinger for his years of service leading the United Auto Workers.

Mr. Gettelfinger spent his entire career in the car business; his first job was at Ford's truck plant in Louisville, Ky. He has been part of the United Auto Workers since 1964 while he was working as a chassis line repairman. After working all day on the line, he went to school at night for a degree in business. While working on his degree, he made the decision that he would apply his education to helping his fellow workers with their daily problems while remaining close to the assembly line. Holding true to this philosophy, he advanced through the UAW organization, becoming president in 2002.

His time as president came during some of the most difficult economic times in our Nation's history. As president, he has served as an effective partner to the major domestic automobile manufacturers during their restructuring. He steered the UAW through this catastrophic period and played an important role in saving the American car industry and the jobs of the workers in the UAW.

During his presidency, Mr. Gettelfinger has fought for basic American values. He has labored to ensure that workers receive a fair

share when they help a company prosper. He has championed the rights of workers to receive good health care if they get sick. He has worked to make sure that each worker receives a secure pension for their lifetime of loyal service.

Thanks to the work of leaders like Ron and his predecessors, working people have come a long way—an eight-hour work day, pensions, safer job conditions, and health benefits.

Most notably, Ron Gettelfinger has been known for his outspoken advocacy to make health care accessible and affordable for every woman, man, and child in the United States. I agree with him on this goal and long have supported universal health coverage. I am pleased that this year Congress has passed into law health reform legislation that provides secure coverage to almost all Americans and gives workers more control over their health care.

I again congratulate Mr. Gettelfinger on his retirement and thank him again for his service.

A TRIBUTE TO RICHARD KLOIAN

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Richard Diran Kloian, who passed away on May 1, 2010. Mr. Kloian was founder of the Armenian Genocide Resource Center of Richmond, California.

Richard Kloian and the AGRC were best known for "The Armenian Genocide: News Accounts from the American Press, 1915–1922," a landmark 1985 collection of articles reproduced from the New York Times and other sources. Painstakingly compiled from microfilm in the years before digitization and the Internet made historic newspaper stories widely accessible, this coverage of what America's newspaper of record had once called "systematic race extermination" made a powerful impact just as denial of the genocide was accelerating. Originally published in 1980 and 1981 as "Armenian Genocide: First 20th Century Holocaust," the collection's subsequent editions were expanded to cover the Hamidian massacres of the 1890s and the Adana massacre of 1909.

A fellow scholar called him "an indispensable bridge" between genocide researchers, historians, educators, and the public. Richard's interest in the Genocide was inspired by his discovery of his father Zakaria's memoir and the harrowing story of survival of his grandmother, Khanum Palootzian, which he recorded in 1972. Realizing the effectiveness of personal narratives as a teaching tool, he would later encourage others to send family memoirs to Armenian studies centers where the stories could be preserved and shared.

To facilitate the teaching of the Armenian Genocide, Richard compiled hundreds of articles from scholarly journals and published scores of booklets and readers. He collected, edited, produced, and distributed a 400-page resource manual of maps, web sites, photographs, news reports, primary-source documents, scholarly articles on the genocide and its denial, and U.S. state-level curricula that

mandated teaching about the Armenian Genocide.

Israel Charney, Executive Director of the Institute on the Holocaust and Genocide in Jerusalem wrote, "I consider him a GIANT on behalf of Armenian Genocide recognition and memory. His devotion to his work in enabling education and memory about the Armenian Genocide was immense."

May Richard's life and work live on through the tremendous contributions he made to the study and teaching of the first genocide of the 20th century.

TRIBUTE TO WILL BAKER

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Will Baker of Hyden, Kentucky, a storied man who lived 102 years and was beloved by his community.

Will Baker loved his country and dedicated a lifetime of service to his community, to civic responsibility and honoring fellow military veterans. He was likely the oldest living election officer in Kentucky, dedicating more than 25 years to the electoral process late in his life, even past his 100th birthday. However, he started his service as a young man, proudly serving during World War II, in the United States Army. Following his service, he became an active member of the Leslie County D.A.V. Chapter 133 and took great pride in honoring fallen soldiers. Outside of his military service, Will Baker was a handy man. He spent many years as a carpenter, coal miner and business owner in Leslie County. Will shared his heart of gold with everyone he encountered, earning him the respect and love of hundreds of families across the region.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Will Baker for dedicating a lifetime of service to the families of Eastern Kentucky, our Commonwealth and our great Nation.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for a man who dedicated his entire life to rising up for hardworking men and women in this country.

Ron Gettelfinger, known to many as "the chaplain" for his drink-free, smoke-free habits, started out as a chassis line repairman at a Ford factory in Indiana. He would later succeed in leading automotive employees for 8 years as president of the United Auto Workers union.

Mr. Gettelfinger spent a significant amount of his presidency guiding over 500,000 men and women through a period of disheartening job cuts, plant closures, and financial hardship.

And yet, he never relented in his fight for others. He never quit standing up for the people and the principles he believed in.

As one of 12 siblings from a small farming town, President Gettelfinger has always had a way of bringing people together in solidarity. I have no doubt that he will, for the rest of his life, greet his union members as "brother" and "sister."

He found dignity in all work and refused to accept the notion, much in fashion these days, that working men and women don't deserve a middle class wage that allows them to own a home, provide for their families, send their children to college, and afford quality health care.

His make-no-apology approach saved countless jobs and even the viability of some businesses. To his core, he believes in respect for the working men and women of America.

As President Gettelfinger begins the next stage of his life, we should all pay heed to a motto he lived by: Every job we save is an important job—that is what we are all about.

It is an ideal we should all be about. He is a man to whom we should all give our gratitude.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Ron Gettelfinger for his commendable service to others and leadership in the face of adversity.

RAE LANIEL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rae Laniel who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Rae Laniel is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Rae Laniel is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Rae Laniel for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON ITS 140TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives recently considered H. Res. 1422, honoring the 140th anniversary of the Department of Justice. I voted against this resolution

because of the Justice Department's history of violating individual rights.

It is the Justice Department that leads the ongoing violations of the fourth, fifth, ninth, and tenth amendments in the name of the "war on drugs." It is Justice Department agents who perform warrantless wiretap, and "sneak-and-peak" searches under the misnamed PATRIOT Act. It is the Justice Department that prosecutes American citizens for violating unconstitutional federal regulations even in cases where no reasonable person could have known their actions violated federal law.

Some like to pretend that the Justice Department's assault on liberties is a modern phenomenon, or that abuses of liberties are only carried out by one political party. However, history shows that the unconstitutional usurpations of power and abuse of rights goes back at least almost a hundred years to the "Progressive" era and that Justice Departments of both parties have disregarded the Constitution and violated individual liberties.

During World War I, President Woodrow Wilson's Justice Department imprisoned people who dared to speak out against the war. Following the war, the progressive assault on the first amendment continued with the infamous "Palmer raids," named for Wilson's Attorney General, A. Mitchell Palmer. Just as President Wilson's policies of foreign interventionism and domestic welfare served as a model for future presidents, Attorney General Palmer's assaults on civil liberties served as a model for future attorneys general of both parties. Think of Robert Kennedy authorizing the wiretapping of Martin Luther King, Jr., John Mitchell's role in the abuses of civil liberties by the Nixon administration, Ed Meese's assault on the first amendment with his "pornography commission," Janet Reno's role in the murder of innocent men, women and children at Waco, and the steady erosion of our rights over the past decade. In addition, it is the attorney general and the Justice Department that defend and justify violations of constitutional liberties by the President and the other federal bureaucracies.

Many civil libertarians were hopeful the new administration would be more sympathetic to civil liberties than was the prior administration. But the current administration has disregarded campaign promises to restore respect for civil liberties and has continued, and in many cases expanded, the anti-freedom policies of its predecessors. For instance, the current administration is supporting renewal of the policies of warrantless wiretapping and other PATRIOT Act provisions. The administration, despite promising to be more open and transparent, is also continuing to use the claim of "state secrets" to shield potentially embarrassing information from Americans. According to the New York Times, the current administration is even outdoing its predecessors in the prosecution of government whistleblowers. It is little wonder that the head of the American Civil Liberties Union recently said he is disgusted with the administration's record on civil liberties.

Of course, Mr. Speaker, Congress bears ultimate responsibility for the Justice Department's actions, as it is Congress that passes the unconstitutional laws the Justice Department enforces. Congress also fails to perform effective oversight of the Justice Department. Instead of honoring the Justice Department,

Congress should begin to repeal unconstitutional laws and start exercising congressional oversight of executive branch agencies that menace our freedoms.

IN HONOR OF PEGGY SPIEGLER

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Peggy Spiegler, who tragically lost her battle to melanoma two years ago.

Peggy was a loving daughter, wife, mother, and grandmother. She was an extremely passionate teacher and was a great friend to the many people in her life. Despite being diagnosed with stage-four melanoma in February of 2008, the disease never weakened Peggy's spirit. Throughout her life, Peggy touched the lives of so many people with her amazing strength and positive outlook on life.

Last year, Peggy's family and friends decided to host 'Peggy's Walk,' an annual walk held in her honor to raise money for melanoma research. For their inaugural event, they raised more than \$40,000. During this year's walk on June 26th in Cooper River Park, Peggy's friends and family will aim to raise even more.

Peggy Spiegler was an inspirational human being that touched the lives of so many throughout her community. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in remembering this remarkable woman and commend her friends and family for their outstanding efforts in raising awareness for this deadly disease.

ROSA MUNGUÍA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rosa Munguia who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Rosa Munguia is a 7th grader at Wheat Ridge Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Rosa Munguia is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Rosa Munguia for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE
UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, Ron Gettelfinger, one of this nation's great labor leaders, retired this year as President of the United Auto Workers. We will sorely miss him.

Born in 1944, Ron has a long distinguished history with the United Auto Workers, starting when he went to work at Ford Motor's Louisville, Kentucky, assembly plant as a chassis line repairman. Because of his dedicated advocacy for the rights of his fellow workers, he quickly ascended the ranks of the UAW. In 1984, he was elected president of his local union, and, in 1987, he became a member of the Ford-UAW Bargaining Committee. He held several other positions before being elected the union's vice-president in 1998, and then of course its president.

Ron has been a leading advocate of single-payer health care, and was a key player in the health reform process. In addition, Ron has worked tirelessly for investment in American manufacturing and for fair-trade agreements with strong workers' rights provisions. Just last year, in Detroit, he received the Edward H. McNamara Goodfellow of the Year Award for his significant contributions to the community.

As Chair of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee, I know first-hand the significance of Ron's accomplishments on behalf of America's working families. Congratulations, Ron, we honor you, and thank you for your contributions.

SAM ROSALES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sam Rosales who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Sam Rosales is a 12th grader at Arvada School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sam Rosales is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Sam Rosales for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character to all his future accomplishments.

GRANTING SUBPOENA POWER TO
COMMISSION INVESTIGATING BP
DEEPWATER OIL SPILL

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of today's legislation to give the President's bipartisan Oil Spill Commission the subpoena power it needs to get to the bottom of why the Deepwater Horizon disaster happened and what steps are needed to make sure it never happens again.

For the Commission to complete its work in a timely and effective manner, it must have unfettered access to any witness, record or piece of evidence necessary to shed light on the catastrophe unfolding in the Gulf. Once we understand exactly what happened and why, we can hold the responsible parties fully accountable and take comprehensive corrective action.

Since the Deepwater Horizon sank on April 22, 2010, Congress has held its own oversight hearings on the crisis and enacted legislation enabling the Coast Guard to obtain advances from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund in order to finance the ongoing mitigation efforts. Additionally, the House has passed legislation to strengthen the solvency of the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund so that taxpayers will not have to foot the bill for the Deepwater Horizon clean up.

Madam Speaker, this is necessary legislation. It has ample precedent in previous national crises. I urge its immediate passage.

IN MEMORY OF DONNA JEVENIS

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory Donna Jevens, a close friend of mine and my wife, Janice, and anyone who ever knew her or worked with her.

Donna was a vivacious woman who was the center of all that was positive. She worked with me for nearly 7 years in my Ventura County office, retiring to Surprise, Arizona, with her husband and high school sweetheart, Jim, in 2000. Donna was one of my case workers, handling every problem with efficiency and great empathy for the people whose problems she helped to solve. My staff do not consider themselves coworkers; they are family and Donna was an integral member of our family.

She also worked for another member of this chamber, Representative TOM MCCLINTOCK, when TOM was a State representative. TOM and I both remember an unflappable personality with an ever-present smile. Her very presence brightened a room.

Just before she died earlier this month, Janice and I traveled with my district director Paula Sheil to Arizona to visit Donna and Jim. Though near death, Donna was still upbeat and positive. She was a remarkable woman and will be remembered dearly.

Prior to her work with Representative MCCLINTOCK and me, Donna was an elemen-

tary school teacher. Donna was a proud member of the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority at the University of Wisconsin, from which she graduated in 1961. She was also a longtime member of P.E.O., Camarillo Chapter UM, in California.

During their retirement, Donna and Jim traveled the world and often visited their children and grandchildren.

Aside from Jim, her husband of nearly 50 years, Donna is survived by her son, Rob, in Chicago; and son, Tom, daughter-in-law Heather, and granddaughters Emily and Allison, in San Jose, California.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in sending our condolences to Donna's family and in remembering a remarkable public servant, mom, grandmother, wife and friend whose spirit will live within us forever.

Godspeed, Donna.

SAMANTHA HERBERT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Samantha Herbert who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Samantha Herbert is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Samantha Herbert is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Samantha Herbert for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

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SPEECH OF

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OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleague JOHN DINGELL today to recognize the career of Ron Gettelfinger as president of the United Auto Workers. Ron joined the union in 1964 when he was working at the Ford Motor Company's Louisville assembly plant in Kentucky and soon took on a leadership role there. He later became a member of the Ford-UAW bargaining committee and director of UAW Region 3. In 1998, he was elected UAW vice president and in 2002 he became president.

Ron has been a strong advocate for his brothers and sisters—fighting for health care benefits, defending American manufacturing, and supporting labor protections in trade

agreements. He guided the UAW through some of the most challenging times for the U.S. auto industry, making tough decisions to save jobs and keep the plants running. His focus has always been on Main Street—on a fair deal for American workers.

I congratulate Ron on his service and wish him all the best in retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor the legislative week of Monday, June 14, 2010.

For Monday, June 14, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 355 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1368), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 356 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1409), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 357 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5502).

For Tuesday, June 15, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 358 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1383), "no" on rollcall vote No. 359 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1436, which provides for consideration of H.R. 5486), "no" on rollcall vote No. 360 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 4855), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 361 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1389), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 362 (on motion to recommit H.R. 5486), "no" on rollcall vote No. 363 (on passage of H.R. 5486), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 364 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1322).

For Wednesday, June 16, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 365 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 242), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 366 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1422), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 367 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1414).

For Thursday, June 17, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 368 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 1448), "no" on rollcall vote No. 369 (on agreeing to H. Res. 1448, which provides for consideration of H.R. 5297), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 370 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1429), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 371 (on agreeing to the Israel amendment to H.R. 5297), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 372 (on agreeing to the Cao amendment to H.R. 5297), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 373 (on agreeing to the Miller (NC) amendment to H.R. 5297), "aye" on rollcall vote No. 374 (on motion to recommit H.R. 5297), "no" on rollcall vote No. 375 (on passage of H.R. 5297).

SARAH ELLIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sarah Ellis

who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Sarah Ellis is a 12th grader at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sarah Ellis is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Sarah Ellis for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE
UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today to honor the career and dedicated service of Ron Gettelfinger, who recently retired from his post as president of the United Auto Workers (UAW).

Mr. Gettelfinger was elected to lead UAW in 2002 after many years in national and local roles in the union.

During his tenure as president, he led UAW through the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression; through the restructuring of General Motors and Chrysler; and through multiple negotiations and bargaining agreements.

The past two years were a challenging time for the domestic auto industry, and especially for autoworkers. As two of Detroit's "Big 3" automakers entered bankruptcy, Mr. Gettelfinger fought to ensure the millions of UAW workers and retirees received the best deal possible under excruciatingly difficult circumstances.

During his tenure, Mr. Gettelfinger was a steadfast supporter of workers' rights. He has been a tireless advocate for workers on key policy issues, such as trade and health care.

Ron Gettelfinger has been a strong advocate of renewing America's industrial base, especially the manufacturing sector, because he recognizes that good-paying manufacturing jobs are critical to a strong middle class, and a strong middle class is key to a healthy economy.

American workers need more leaders committed to the future of our domestic manufacturing base. Mr. Gettelfinger, thank you for your work on behalf of UAW and the American worker. I am pleased to join my colleagues in honoring your commitment to workers in Michigan and throughout the country. On behalf of UAW workers and retirees everywhere, I wish you well in retirement and all future endeavors.

COMMENDING LOWE'S CHARITABLE AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S DONATION TO WELDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Lowe's Charitable and Education Foundation on their recent \$100,000 donation to Weldon Elementary School in Weldon, North Carolina. This much needed funding will be used to renovate facilities, make technology upgrades and improve security.

Lowe's was founded in 1946 in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. The company now operates stores in all 50 states, Canada, and Mexico and serves over 14 million customers per week. Lowe's operates a distribution center in Garysburg, North Carolina, a small town of just over 1,200 residents, located in my Congressional District. Over 750 people are employed at the distribution center and more than 1,500 people are employed at Lowe's six home improvement stores located in my District. Many of them have friends or family that have attended Weldon Elementary School and understand the potential impact of Lowe's gracious donation.

Donating funds to needy school districts across the country is nothing new for Lowe's. Founded in 1957, Lowe's Charitable and Education Foundation is dedicated to improving the communities they serve through support of public education and community improvement projects. The Foundation donates millions of dollars annually to public schools, community organizations, and individual students.

Madam Speaker, I am encouraged by Lowe's strong involvement in communities across the country. I hope that other businesses will follow Lowe's example and work to build public-private partnerships that yield tremendous benefits for communities across the country.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Lowe's for their recent donation to Weldon Elementary School and to the many other worthwhile projects they support across the country.

CALLING FOR RELEASE OF
ISRAELI SOLDIER BY HAMAS

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, this week the world marks 4 years since the kidnapping of Corporal Gilad Shalit, an Israeli soldier abducted from his post at Israel's Kerem Shalom border crossing with Gaza. Two Israeli soldiers were also killed in the attack.

Today, more than 1,400 days later, Gilad remains a hostage. Hamas has rejected all official requests from the International Red Cross to visit him. All it has provided is a propagandist video featuring Corporal Shalit in an address to his family. While that video was met with relief that he is still alive, it only compounded despair over the captivity of a young

man who should be celebrating the most vibrant years of his life.

Tragically, Gilad Shalit was not the first soldier kidnapped by Hamas. In 1994, Hamas terrorists in the West Bank kidnapped Nachson Wachsmann, a dual U.S. and Israeli citizen who was tortured before he was murdered by his captors during a failed attempt at his rescue.

Gilad Shalit may not be an American citizen, but he is a native son of a close strategic ally and a fellow democracy. His situation brings anguish to us all. As we consider H. Res. 1359, a resolution urging Gilad's release, let us pledge to redouble our efforts to bring about his safe return.

SARAH ROSE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sarah Rose who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Sarah Rose is an 8th grader at Arvada Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sarah Rose is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Sarah Rose for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

HONORING U.S. AIR FORCE MAJOR
GENERAL DOUGLAS BURNETT

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Air Force Major General Douglas Burnett, the Adjunct General of Florida, for 47 years of distinguished service to his country and the state of Florida. Major General Burnett exemplifies the values of a committed military officer.

General Burnett began his career with the Florida National Guard in 1963 as an electronics specialist. For the next six years, he was an aircraft radio repairman with the 125th Fighter Group stationed in his hometown of Jacksonville, Florida. It was during this time that he decided he wanted to be a fighter pilot.

Following his graduation from the University of Mississippi and his commissioning as an Air Force officer, Second Lieutenant Burnett became a full-time alert pilot with the 125th, flying the F-102 Delta Dagger. He also flew commercially for Pan American World Airways and United Airlines. He remained an active member of the Guard and over the years

served as pilot, air operations officer, staff director, chief of staff, and commander of the Florida Air National Guard. In 1996, Brigadier General Burnett became the Assistant Adjunct General as well as Commander of the Florida Air National Guard.

On November 3, 2001, for the first time in the history of the Florida National Guard an Air National Guard officer was appointed The Adjunct General of Florida (TAG), overseeing 12,000 soldiers and airmen. As the new leader of all Guardsmen, MG Burnett, who was well versed in blue suit issues, immersed himself in soldier, or green suit, issues including the proper usage of the word hoorah. He studied basic infantry tactics, weaponry and other army equipment. His preparation paid off as he became a wartime TAG. General Burnett set the highest standards for excellence and then led by example to reach and surpass those goals. Using his personality, skill, resourcefulness and the ability to manage and juggle priorities to meet the support needs of the Guard and their families, General Burnett has upheld the highest traditions of the Florida National Guard. He became fluent in two languages—Army and Air Force—and understood that the crew chief on a flight line is as committed as the soldier crawling through the mud. His engaged leadership was the catalyst behind the Florida National Guard being positioned to not only respond to the Global War on Terror but maintain its state duties and react to 14 hurricanes, five firefighting seasons, major tornadoes, and border security missions. More than 11,000 Florida Guardsmen have served in combat zones around the world over the last nine years.

General Burnett worried that his Guardsmen, who were called to active duty, would not be as well equipped as the active duty military units. He worked with the Florida Congressional Delegation and as a result, his troops received both the training and the equipment they needed in battle. This “hands-on” General saw another problem—troops were being deployed not for six months but for longer periods of time. His citizen soldiers left jobs and higher paychecks for military compensation. Debts based on the higher pay still came due even when the service member was “doing his duty.” Families became frightened. So, General Burnett traveled the state explaining to families why their soldiers were serving and promising to support the families. He worked with the Florida Legislature to ensure that Florida offers the military, including Guardsmen, the best benefits of any state.

Under his watch, General Burnett made readiness the watch word of the Florida National Guard. He realized and stressed that you can't take a reserve force and put them on active duty capable of fulfilling the missions unless they are ready. His readiness mantra has served his soldiers and airmen well. The Florida National Guard has built a reputation that its members are not only ready to serve but capable of fulfilling its missions overseas as well as here in Florida.

This Saturday, June 26, 2010, Major General Douglas Burnett will retire after 47 years, four months and 12 days, setting a record as the longest serving Air Force officer. He will miss the people committed like he was to serving his country and state. Florida will miss his dedicated leadership and commitment to excellence.

And on behalf of the State of Florida and the 4th Congressional District, it is my privi-

lege to recognize the dedication, caring and leadership that makes Major General Douglas Burnett a leader among men and an outstanding Floridian.

WELCOMING REV. LANE D. BEMBENEK

HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize and welcome Rev. Lane D. Bembenek, pastor of the Joy Lutheran Church in Moore, SC.

Pastor Bembenek studied theology in Rock Hill and Columbia, SC, and first pastored a church at the Pine Grove Lutheran Church in Lone Star, SC. In 1998, he began developing a new congregation in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America called Joy Lutheran church. This church has grown into a thriving congregation on the west side of Spartanburg, SC.

Pastor Bembenek is married to Dianna Bonnett Bembenek. They have two sons, Jacob and William.

We very much appreciate his contribution to the people of the Fourth Congressional District of South Carolina.

FORMALDEHYDE STANDARDS FOR COMPOSITE WOOD PRODUCTS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Ms. SUTTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support for Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act (S. 1660).

And I'd like to commend my friend, Rep. MATSUI, for her leadership on this issue.

This bill will protect the health of American families from high uses of formaldehyde in common household products like flooring, paneling, cabinets, and doors.

Currently foreign manufacturers who use unsafe levels of harmful toxins like formaldehyde are able to undercut domestic manufacturers who put safety above profits.

When a family installs a new countertop or paneling, they expect that the wood products are harmless.

And we must ensure that is the case regardless of where the products are made.

Recently, the Economic Policy Institute published a report stating that 2.4 million American jobs have been lost since 2001 directly because of unfair trade tactics by China.

The report states that in the “wood products” segment, our trade deficit was a negative \$862 million in 2001.

By 2008, our trade deficit in “wood products” alone had more than doubled to \$1.8 billion.

This trade imbalance from unfair trade practices like using cheaper and often dangerous materials like formaldehyde has cost our nation millions of jobs and endangered American families.

Today, we can help to level the playing field for domestic manufacturers by taking action against unsafe amounts of formaldehyde.

Vote yes on Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL ROBERT E. CROWLEY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to our country are exceptional. The United States has been fortunate to have dynamic and devoted men and women who willingly and unselfishly dedicate their lives in service to our country. Colonel Robert E. Crowley is one such individual. Saturday, June 26, 2010, is Colonel Crowley's change of command ceremony at March Air Reserve Base in California, when he passes on his duties as Commander of the 358th Civil Affairs Brigade and retires from the United States Army. Colonel Crowley assumed command of the 358th Civil Affairs Brigade on August 9, 2008. The brigade, headquartered at March Air Reserve Base, California, consists of four Civil Affairs Battalions located in California and Arizona.

A native of New London, Connecticut, Colonel Crowley was commissioned an Infantry Officer in 1982 through the University of New Hampshire Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program and qualified as a Civil Affairs Officer in 1994. His previous commands include Commander, 404th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) and Chief of Civil-Military Operations, United States Southern Division, HQDA. His overseas assignments include: Iraq, Haiti, Colombia, Ecuador, Bosnia, and Macedonia.

Colonel Crowley's military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff Officer Course, the Joint Combined Warfighting Course, and the National War College. Prior to his current assignment as the Commander of the 358th Civil Affairs Brigade, Colonel Crowley was assigned to the National Defense University in Washington, DC, where he earned a Master's of Science Degree in National Security Strategy and was selected distinguished graduate. In addition to his master's degree, Colonel Crowley holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

Colonel Crowley's awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Army Staff Identification Badge.

Colonel Crowley is the proud father of Elizabeth, Sarah, and Robert E. Crowley, III.

As we look at the incredibly rich military history of our country we realize that this history is comprised of men, just like Colonel Crowley, who choose to live their lives in service to our country. He joins a unique brotherhood that, from the first shots at Lexington during our own revolution, has stood to protect us and defend the ideals of freedom and democracy. I know we are all grateful to Colonel

Crowley for his lifetime of service and salute him as he retires after 28 years of honorable service in the U.S. Army.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,041,849,923,645.94.

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 \$2,403,424,177,352.14 so far this Congress.

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

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE
UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE DRIEHAUS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. DRIEHAUS. Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to the dedicated service of Ron Gettelfinger, the outgoing president of the United Auto Workers.

As UAW president for the last 8 years, Ron worked tirelessly to renew America's manufacturing sector, and move American manufacturing forward with focuses on advanced technology and renewable energy development.

During a time when American manufacturing was on the decline, and the American economy began sinking into the deepest recession in generations, Ron fought hard to keep jobs here at home, and was a leading voice for workers' rights.

Whether pushing for a fair wage or standing up for expanded access to health care, Ron Gettelfinger has been an unwavering advocate for all of America's working families. He understood that the middle class and manufacturing are the backbone of our Nation's economy and the root of America's prosperity.

His leadership will be missed.

NO, GOP, YOU DON'T GET THE CAR
KEYS BACK

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I submit the following article: "No, GOP, you don't get the car keys back" by Gene Lyons of the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette as printed in The Baytown Sun, May 25, 2010.

One minor mystery of the Obama administration is whether the president has actually

believed that the nation's most intractable problems could be solved by the wonder-working power of bipartisanship and the emollient balm of his personality. He wouldn't be the first politician whose ego convinced him he could sweet-talk his bitterest opponents.

Many Democrats think that the White House's ultimately futile quest for Republican health care votes only gave GOP imaginers more time to frighten gullible voters with falsehoods about "death panels" and such, weakening public support.

Until quite recently, it's been much the same with jobs and the economy. Despite unanimous Republican opposition to the administrations \$787 billion stimulus bill and universal predictions of doom, the White House has often acted as if the party's reasonable leadership would eventually return to the politics of negotiation and compromise.

Instead, we've seen the GOP increasingly dominated by its irrational Chicken Little wing, seeing grim portents and predicting doom. Continuing their party's decades-long war on Arithmetic, Republicans act as if the highest form of patriotism is to demand tax cuts even as a USA Today analysis documents that "Americans paid their lowest level of taxes last year since Harry Truman's presidency . . . Federal, state and local taxes—including income, property, sales and other taxes—consumed 9.2 percent of all personal income in 2009, the lowest rate since 1950, the Bureau of Economic Analysis reports." The historic average has been 12 percent.

Meanwhile, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the U.S. economy generated 290,000 jobs in April, the strongest month in four years. That brings new jobs created in 2010 to 573,000.

And how did GOP savants respond to the good news? Citing the unemployment rate, House Minority Leader John Boehner called it "disappointing news . . . Washington Democrats have no coherent agenda to create jobs, and no interest in doing anything but continue to spend money we don't have on 'stimulus' programs that don't work."

Don't work? The National Journal's Ronald Brownstein puts things in perspective: "If the economy produces jobs over the next eight months at the same pace as it did over the past four months, the nation will have created more jobs in 2010 alone than it did over the entire eight years of George W. Bush's presidency." It's a fact. Should current growth persist, the U.S. economy will gain roughly 1.7 million jobs this year. From 2001 through 2008, the Bush economy generated about 1 million.

Of course with 15.3 million Americans out of work, we're far from being out of the woods. Indeed, the nation's quickening economy has actually led to a slight uptick in the unemployment rate, as thousands who'd given up seeking work rejoined the labor market. But we can definitely see a path to greater prosperity.

Meanwhile, Republicans keep baying at the moon. On a recent "Fox News Sunday," former House Speaker Newt Gingrich gravely announced that "The (Obama) secular-socialist machine represents as great a threat to America as Nazi Germany or the Soviet Union once did."

Even host Chris Wallace was taken aback, asking "Mr. Speaker, respectfully, isn't that wildly over the top?" Gingrich didn't think so.

A sane political movement would keep a prating coxcomb like Gingrich off television. Whether Newt actually believes this rubbish, or is merely following the Tea Party fife and drum corps around the bend, strikes me as of little interest. Politically, it's pointless to

reason with crazy people—make-believe or real.

Speaking recently in Buffalo, president Obama signaled that maybe he gets it. "When I took office," he said "we were losing 750,000 jobs a month. . . . I had just inherited a \$1.3 trillion deficit from the previous administration, so the last thing I wanted to do was spend money on a recovery package, or help the American auto industry keep its doors open, or prevent the collapse of Wall Street banks whose irresponsibility had helped cause this crisis. But what I knew was if I didn't act boldly and I didn't act quickly . . . we could have risked an even greater disaster."

Then, at a Manhattan fundraiser, Obama came up with the perfect metaphor. He said that Republicans had made a calculated decision to oppose all White House initiatives, and to hope for the worst. "So after they drove the car into the ditch, made it as difficult as possible for us to pull it back, now they want the keys back. No! You can't drive! We don't want to have to go back into the ditch! We just got the car out!"

Give 'em hell, Barrack. Over and over until they get the message.

GRANTING SUBPOENA POWER TO
COMMISSION INVESTIGATING BP
DEEPWATER OIL SPILL

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Ms. SUTTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support for H.R. 5481 and am proud to be an original cosponsor.

I'd like to commend Rep. CAPPS and Rep. MARKEY for their leadership on this issue.

The National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling must have subpoena power.

Last week, BP CEO Tony Hayward was anything but forthcoming in his answers before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

And through Congressional investigations, we have already learned that standard methods were not followed by BP and that shortcuts were taken to maximize profits at the expense of safety.

The Commission must have subpoena power and BP must be held accountable for the consequences of their unsafe approach.

We must take the necessary actions on behalf of the American people to ensure that reckless and careless decisions at the expense of our environment, our workers, and our economy are forever abandoned.

THANKING RUSSELL HENLEY,
ERIK COMPTON, AND HUDSON
SWAFFORD FOR THEIR FINE
REPRESENTATION OF UGA AND
THE STATE OF GEORGIA AT THE
2010 U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PAUL C. BROUN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank three members of The

Bulldawg Nation who not only competed well at the 2010 U.S. Open Championship, but also represented our great state and flagship university with class. All three have displayed the fortitude and dedication that makes them great role models for young golfers today. Hudson Swafford battled back from shoulder surgery to compete in this year's Open, Erik Compton has survived two heart transplants, and Russell Henley has worked hard to receive numerous awards, including being named Golfweek's National Player of the Year after finishing No. 1 in the final Golfweek/Sagarin Performance Index for 2009–2010. Henley also tied with one other player for low amateur status at the 2010 U.S. Open.

I urge my colleagues to join me in commending these young men. I also hope Members of the House will turn their attention to the attached article—written by author and Bulldawg great Loran Smith—on the class they exhibited at this year's U.S. Open.

FANS LOVE THE DAWGS; DAWGS LOVE THE OPEN

(By Loran Smith)

PEBBLE BEACH, CA.—At the par-4 dogleg No. 8 hole at Pebble Beach, hard by the Pacific Ocean, a fan yelled out as Russell Henley passed through in the second round on Friday: "Go Bulldogs!"

This obviously was a fan who had become attracted to the play of Henley, playing partner Erik Compton and Hudson Swafford, who was in the group behind them. If he had shouted the familiar "Go Dawgs!" it would not have given him away as a new Georgia fan.

"It has been amazing," said Compton, who missed the cut with a two round total of 158, 16 over par. "You won't believe the number of times I heard someone shouting, 'Go Dawgs!' It made me feel like I was back in Athens."

Compton has something to do with the regard for the Bulldog contingent in that his compelling story continues to attract attention. How many times do the TV networks and the Washington Post show up to interview a guy who is 16 over par?

It would only be natural that a player who has had two heart transplants would attract media attention, even when he misses the cut. That he wants to follow his dream of playing the PGA tour with his considerable challenge piques the media interest.

"Anyone going through what he has gone through makes it something special in the fact that he is here," said Chris Haack, his coach at Georgia.

There is more to the story.

"I think Russell and Hudson (Swafford) have enjoyed themselves and have played to the crowd," Haack continued. "They have made a lot of friends for the University of Georgia."

It would be easy to spot Henley and Swafford with their Georgia golf bags and Bulldog head covers. But they were not all show. They displayed shotmaking savvy that engendered respect.

"That is the thing that I have enjoyed the most," Haack added. "I think they showed the other players in the Open that they can play golf and should be joining them out here someday."

Haack met a couple from Colorado during the first round. When he showed up on the second day they were following his guys.

"We became Georgia fans after talking to you and watching your players," the Colorado couple said. "They are very nice, and it is fun to see them having such a good time and enjoying themselves."

Early in the week, Haack was in the middle of his summer golf camp when Swafford

called him and said, "Coach you need to come out here and see this place. You just won't believe how unbelievable it is."

Haack was torn emotionally. He wanted to be here, but he felt responsible to the kids in his camp. At first, he hesitated.

"I haven't made any arrangements," Haack said. "I don't even have a place to stay."

With that, Swafford caused Haack to rethink his plans with an invitation to room with him. Haack discussed it with his campers, fully expecting to stay in Athens if there were any expressions of disappointment. The campers told him he ought to strike out for Pebble Beach.

"I was excited about coming out here when I got the call," Haack said. "The fact that two of our players are competing in the Open is special, and it doesn't happen very often. Might not ever happen again. The players arranged a player instructor pass for me which gave me access to the practice tee. I have had a great time. Who wouldn't enjoy Pebble Beach?"

In the first round, when Swafford was leading briefly at 2-under par, the text messages began streaming in. All Haack could think about was that his players had to be getting attention for a lot of recruiting prospects.

"These boys have done Georgia proud," he said. "I'm grateful that they wanted me to come out and join them."

In the background, the waves of the Pacific were crashing against the rocks along the 18th fairway and sea otters were cavorting energetically in the ocean. The Georgia contingent, enjoying themselves to the fullest, realize that there are few golf experiences to compare to the Open at Pebble Beach.

For Henley, there is something extra. He now has a chance to become the low amateur by nightfall Sunday.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, when people think of achieving the American Dream, it is largely a middle class dream to which they aspire. People want to be able to have a stable job, own their own home, get their kids a good education, and maybe have a little left over to invest in a boat or an RV to relax on the weekends. They do not need to have the biggest house on the street or the most expensive car; they just want security for themselves and their family.

In my humble opinion, there is no place that embodies the ideal of the American Dream better than the state of Michigan. The reason for that, Mr. Speaker, is that for all the great inventions to come out of Michigan, perhaps the best is the American middle class.

Over the last 100 years, GM, Ford, and Chrysler were some of the largest companies in America and they provided jobs for millions over that time. People from around the country and around the world flocked to Detroit for a brighter future and a chance at achieving the American Dream.

As these companies prospered, the Big Three and the UAW collaborated for decades to provide good-paying jobs, health benefits, and a secure retirement of millions of workers

and their families not only in Michigan, but around the rest of the country as well. There were some bumps in the road in that relationship, but both management and labor prospered from the success of these companies. The result was the creation of the American middle class.

Unfortunately, the last few years have not been as kind to the domestic auto industry as the previous 100 years had been. We can talk about all the different reasons for that, but the point is that the president of the UAW was put in a position that no other UAW leader had ever been.

Ron Gettelfinger had to negotiate significant reductions in pay and benefits for his members, and then convince those members that these actions were necessary to save the companies on which their livelihoods depended. Some called it the most difficult job in Detroit—and they may have been right.

Ron Gettelfinger in some ways represents the perfect image for the UAW. He works hard. He doesn't seek out the media spotlight. He simply tries to do the very best he can for the men and women who have placed their trust in him. He is just like so many hard-working men and women of the UAW.

And in what was a true crisis that threatened the American Dream for so many, Ron Gettelfinger stepped up to the plate. As he had always done, he fought for the best interests of his members—which ultimately meant sacrificing some hard negotiated benefits so that the Big Three could survive.

And let there be no doubt, were it not for his practical and pragmatic leadership, the fate of the Big Three could have turned out very differently. The end of GM and the likely liquidation of Chrysler were very real possibilities. Instead, Ford, GM, and Chrysler are now moving forward in a profitable way that ensures future generations will also have an opportunity at achieving the American Dream through the auto industry.

As Ron moves on to a new chapter in his life, I wish him the very best and I thank him for the quiet courage and dedication he showed in a very difficult situation. All of us and all of Michigan owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude.

SUPPORTING THE IMPORTANCE OF BRAILLE IN THE LIVES OF BLIND PEOPLE

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in supporting the designation of July 2010 as "Braille Literacy Month," and in congratulating the National Federation of the Blind for seventy years of outstanding service. I am delighted that we have this opportunity to reflect on the progress made to services for the blind, and to build on this progress for the future of Braille literacy.

One-hundred-eighty years ago, the first Braille book was published—an accomplishment that has since allowed for millions of people, who are blind or of low vision, to read, write and communicate. For a person who is blind, Braille has become a basic skill that lies

at the center of the continuing efforts for fairness and equal education. The National Federation of the Blind, as both the oldest and largest organization of blind people in the United States, is integral to this continuous fight for equality. For the past several decades, the National Federation of the Blind has advocated strongly for the translation of more books and textbooks into Braille so as to both promote Braille literacy and help integrate blind persons into society. As policymakers, we must support the advancement of equality and knowledge that is imbibed in the actions of the NFB. Declaring July 2010 as "Braille Literacy Month" would be one step, but an important one, in our efforts towards promoting equality and education for all persons in the United States.

In my hometown of Chicago, there is a non-profit organization called the Chicago Lighthouse that has provided services and support for the blind for several decades, much like the NFB. Amongst their many accomplishments in education and job training, the Chicago Lighthouse is also responsible for the manufacturing of the many clocks that you see in the U.S. government today—a testament to the skills, talent, and work of the people they serve. Though only one of many achievements, the clocks that you see around you today demonstrate the continuing need to provide equal access to job opportunities and education to those who are blind so as to fulfill their potentials.

In declaring July 2010 as Braille Literacy Month, we would not only be promoting literacy for the blind, but progressing down a road of true equality as well.

RECOGNIZING ALLEN USA FOR
UNITING FREEDOM, FAMILIES,
AND FUN

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Allen USA for uniting freedom, families, and fun. It's hometown events that promote quality together time while celebrating the bounty of America that make Texas a great place to call home. We're proud to remind folks that we're the land of the free because of the brave! My hat is off to the great folks at the City of Allen and Allen Parks Foundation who make Allen USA a success year after year. Below is information detailing this worthy celebration. It is an honor to be a part of it. God bless you all and I salute you one and all.

Produced as a cooperative effort between the City of Allen and the Allen Parks Foundation, the Allen USA celebration is Allen's largest and most spectacular community event to say the least! Centered around the theme of being "First to the Fourth", Allen USA serves as the community's Fourth of July celebration, uniquely held the last Saturday of June every year. Being the last Saturday in June allows the event to be a stand out among area cities' celebrations and promotes attendance locally, regionally and state-wide.

Allen USA began in 1995, taking place in the intimate surroundings of Bethany Lakes Park and Joe Farmer Recreation Center amphitheater. An estimated 5,000 people at-

tended the first event complete with fireworks, a thrilling laser show and entertainment provided by the Allen Civic Chorus and other local talent.

The phenomenal success from these humble beginnings led the event to move to a larger venue at Allen Station Park. Attendance grew to more than 20,000 as the entertainment included national recording artists such as Jerry Jeff Walker, Vince Vance and the Valiants, and others.

In 2003, Allen USA exploded in attendance with a move to Allen's new 106 acre Celebration Park. Since that time, the event has grown to a regular attendance of up to 65,000 people and has included national recording artists such as Survivor, JT Taylor from Kool and the Gang, Eddie Money, 38 Special and Three Dog Night to name a few.

There is truly something for everyone at Allen USA! A number of concessionaires will be on site selling all of your favorite festival foods and snacks. The Kids Zone hosts a multitude of bounce houses and play structures for children to enjoy. The Activity Zone provides fun and exciting entertainment for children and youth of all ages.

This year our Main Stage will be rockin' with the tunes of the Commodores and, after what promises to be an exciting performance, the evening ends with one of the largest fireworks shows set to music in North Texas! And did we mention . . . admission is FREE!

Allen USA also gives back to the community! A number of civic organizations support the event through countless volunteer hours to sell soft drinks, souvenirs and assist with festival activities. The event returns back to them a portion of the proceeds for their hard work and support!

Many people have said that it's the memories they create at Allen USA that keeps them coming back year after year. The family friendly reputation of this event is what grabs other's attention to attend for the first time! But regardless of why people attend, at the end of the night, the smiles say it all! So come party in the park with us . . . you'll be glad you did!"

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE
UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, thank you, Representative DINGELL and thank you for organizing this special order hour to honor Ron Gettelfinger.

I rise today to honor Ron Gettelfinger as he retires from the United Auto Workers where he has served for the last eight years as President.

Thank you President Gettelfinger for your service—not only to your membership but to our Nation.

You have made a difference and you have made our Nation a stronger and a better place.

Your efforts have strengthened the middle class.

In 1964, Ron Gettelfinger became a member of UAW Local 862.

He worked as a chassis line repairman and was elected by the workers at Ford's Louisville Assembly plant to represent them.

Ron served as Director of UAW Region 3, which includes Indiana and Kentucky . . .

Ron exemplified what it means to be a leader.

Through his leadership, the UAW has navigated the difficult waters of the financial collapse in 2008 and the current recession.

And as unfair trade deals have devastated U.S. manufacturing jobs, Ron Gettelfinger stood strong in the fight for a new approach to trade.

Fair trade that works with our workers and businesses, not against them.

Ron Gettelfinger has called for fair trade agreements that include workers' rights and environmental provisions.

And Ron Gettelfinger has called for the so-called Free Trade Agreement with South Korea to be renegotiated.

This Bush-negotiated trade agreement would allow unfair advantages for Korean automakers to persist.

In 2009, our trade deficit with South Korea in autos was \$7.8 billion.

Korean automakers control 95 percent of their domestic auto market.

And Ron Gettelfinger led the charge for reciprocity of market access, calling on Korea to open their market.

Ron knows, as we know, that our workers are the very best in the world and can compete on a level-playing field.

Ron negotiated deals for working families and our trade representative must also negotiate good deals with our working families in mind.

Because of Ron's leadership during his eight years as President and his service to UAW members since 1964, I am proud to represent 8,700 active and retired UAW members in my Congressional District.

In Ohio, we have at least 111,000 active and retired UAW members.

Thank you again Ron for your outstanding service to the UAW, to American manufacturing, and to our Nation.

SUPPORTING THE REFUGEES AT
CAMP ASHRAF

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the refugees living at Camp Ashraf in Iraq. I am disturbed by reports of continued abuse of these Iranian refugees by the same Iraqi forces that are responsible for ensuring their safety. In light of the recent announcement of an upcoming U.S. troop withdrawal from the camp, I urge Congress to support the residents at Camp Ashraf by ensuring they receive the protection that they deserve.

These refugees, who have been forced from their homes in Iran, are exactly the kind of defenseless people the international community needs to ensure are protected. Unfortunately, they have been subject to bloody incursions from the Iraqi army, such as the travesty of last year's attack which killed 11 people and injured over 400. It is critical that the United States and international community work to ensure that the residents of this camp are treated humanely.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting the refugees at Camp Ashraf.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL
HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H. Res. 1388, Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Hurricane Preparedness Week. As a representative of a Congressional District along Florida's Gulf Coast, many of my constituents have witnessed the destruction that hurricanes can cause. Although the Tampa Bay area has been fortunate enough to evade the path of a major storm for the past five years, we must not forget the importance of being prepared.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has predicted that this could be an extremely active hurricane season, with 14 to 23 named storms. I worry that predictions of an active season exacerbated by the still unknown implications of the effects of the oil spill could be a recipe for the most devastating season we've yet to experience.

Although we hope and pray that this will not become reality, we must also call to mind the memories of the power outages and physical damage caused by the high speed winds. We must put ourselves in a position of preparedness.

I encourage all individuals, especially those who reside along the Gulf Coast and Eastern Seaboard, to take the necessary precautions to prepare themselves and their families should these predictions prove accurate. Develop an emergency plan. Make a disaster preparedness kit that includes water, non-perishable food items, a first aid kit, medications, and important documents. Know emergency evacuation routes. The best time to prepare is now.

IN SUPPORT OF THE CALLING
CARD PROTECTION ACT (H.R. 3993)

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Ms. SUTTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support for the Calling Card Protection Act (H.R. 3993) and would like to commend Rep. ENGEL for his leadership on this issue.

The Calling Card Protection Act provides common-sense solutions to protect consumers from fraud and abuse.

When buying a calling card, a consumer should receive the full amount of time purchased to talk to their family or friends.

Unfortunately, because of hidden fees and charges, this is not the case.

H.R. 3993 requires that calling card providers accurately and clearly disclose any fees and charges . . . and provide an accurate representation of how many minutes the card will provide.

Madam Speaker, our troops use pre-paid calling cards to call their loved ones while they are fighting for us overseas.

They deserve the full amount of time when calling their family.

HONORING SAUNDERS MIDDLE
SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED ONE
OF THE TOP PERFORMING
SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Saunders Middle School for being named as a School to Watch and as one of the top 90 performing middle-grades schools in the nation by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform in 2010.

Saunders Middle School provides an outstanding academic environment for its students to learn. The teachers' devotion to the students' well-being and the students' commitment to learning and challenging themselves have set Saunders Middle School above its counterparts. The staff and student body earned this award by not only being an excellent academic school, but also by being sensitive to each individual students' needs and fostering a socially equitable environment as the students begin to make their transition from adolescence to young adulthood. As a School to Watch, the students and teachers of Saunders Middle School provide a great example of what our educators and students across the nation should strive to achieve.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Saunders Middle School for this recognition and in wishing, its teachers and students continued success.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE
UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ron Gettelfinger who is retiring from his role as president of the United Auto Workers after years of outstanding service.

Mr. Gettelfinger has spent his entire career in the auto industry. His union involvement began in 1964 with his first job at Ford's truck plant in Louisville, Kentucky as a line repairman. There he was elected committee member, bargaining chair and president for the plant. After excelling in these roles he soon moved on to be elected president of his local union in 1984. With diligence, hard work and constant concern for his fellow worker, Mr. Gettelfinger quickly rose through the union ranks, serving 6 years as director of UAW region 3 until his election as the UAW Vice President in 1998. Mr. Gettelfinger's career as UAW president began with his election in 2002, and was reconfirmed in 2006.

At 65, Mr. Gettelfinger is retiring, following a longstanding union precedent that asks union presidents not run for reelection beyond this age. He will long be remembered for his dedication to his fellow workers, whom he warmly refers to as his "brothers" and "sisters." We can only hope that future presidents will share

his inspiring work ethic and thoughtful concern for those whom he was charged to represent.

Mr. Speaker, I want to again offer congratulations to Mr. Ron Gettelfinger for his tenure as UAW president and to wish him the best of luck as he moves onward from his post.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF UNITED STATES-JAPAN
TREATY OF MUTUAL COOPERATION
AND SECURITY

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the First Japanese Diplomatic Mission to the United States as the Museum for the City of New York pays tribute to Samurai in New York—The First Japanese Delegation, 1860.

On March 17, 1860, exactly 150 years ago today, a sailing ship flying a flag never before seen in North America entered the Golden Gate. It was the Kanrin Maru, the first Japanese ship ever to cross the Pacific on its arrival to San Francisco, California. Japan had been closed to the rest of the world for more than 200 years until 1854, when Commodore Matthew Perry and his squadron of American warships forced the Japanese to open their doors to trade.

The Kanrin Maru had a difficult and stormy 37-day voyage from Japan when it set sail in the winter of 1860. During its time of isolation, the Japanese had had no oceangoing ships and only one member of the Japanese crew had ever been beyond the sight of land. This epic voyage continued until the ship arrived in San Francisco, when the crew's first appearance was revealed on American soil.

At that time, San Franciscans were familiar with the Chinese immigrants in California, but were amazed to see this delegation of distinguished men, so noted by the senior man aboard, Admiral Yoshitake Kimura, who had a shaved head and a topknot in the manner of a samurai. It was also observed and reported by the San Francisco Evening Bulletin that there had been important officers who carried two swords and were obsessed with etiquette. It is also noted that these men always wore robes and never wore hats.

On the other hand, the Japanese were surprised that San Franciscans walked on expensive rugs with their muddy boots. They were astonished that the powerful governor of California traveled without an escort of retainers and that Americans used horses to pull their carriages. They were also amazed that American men treated women as equals.

Twelve days after the arrival of the Kanrin Maru, the USS *Powhatan* arrived bringing the first Japanese Embassy to the United States to ratify the new treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation between the United States and Japan. Sent by the Tokugawa Shogunate were three Ambassadors, Masaoki Shinmi, Norimasa Muragaki and Tadamasu Oguri whom headed the mission to exchange instruments of ratification of the Treaty of Amity and Commerce. The delegation also included a group of approximately eighty samurai diplomats. The delegation officially arrived

in San Francisco on March 29, stopped in Washington, DC on May 14 via Panama, then went on to Baltimore, Philadelphia, and, finally, to New York.

The arrival of the Japanese in Washington DC was a major event, and Congress granted a \$50,000 budget, almost \$1.5 million in today's dollars, to entertain them. On March 28th, the mission paid its official visit to President James Buchanan.

On June 18, 1860, hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers packed the streets of Manhattan to watch the sword-toting samurai parade on Broadway during the diplomatic two-week stay in New York. The unprecedented throng of New Yorkers lined the parade route from Lower Manhattan to Union Square, hoping to glimpse the exotic visitors. The great Walt Whitman was on hand and composed a poem in their honor. The city hosted a grand civic ball for 10,000, and members of New York society vied to entertain the visiting Japanese diplomats. Mayor Wood and the Common Council of New York held a reception in honor of the Japanese ambassadors in the Governor's Room at City Hall.

New Yorkers and the popular press were overcome with Japan mania, especially for the youngest member of the group, seventeen-year-old translator Tateishi Onojiro, also known as "Tommy." With the appearance of the popular song, the "Tommy Polka," the "Tommy" boom outlasted the departure of the delegation itself. For their part, the Japanese delegation studied American industry and technology, learned about its government and customs, and brought back ideas that would help fuel Japan's emergence on the world stage.

Madam Speaker, although largely forgotten today, the Japanese 1860 Samurai Mission was to ratify the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation, which had been signed several years earlier. The agreement opened the ports of Edo and four other Japanese cities to American trade, among other stipulations. In the years before the Civil War, the Japanese visitors captivated the American people and the press. This first face-to-face cultural exchange between, the Japanese and everyday Americans was one of the most elaborated spectacles of its time.

As Dean of the New York Congressional Delegation and on behalf of my colleagues and all of the residents of my district, we are honored to join Ambassador Shinichi Nishimiya, Consul General of Japan in New York, James G. Dinan and Susan Henshaw Jones in celebrating Samurai in New York—The First Japanese Delegation, 1860 at Harlem's beloved Museum of the City of New York.

CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS
OF THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS
AND SCIENCE TEACHING

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the teachers who have been selected to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and

Science Teaching. Administered by the National Science Foundation (NSF) on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, this award recognizes exemplary teachers for their contributions to the teaching and learning of mathematics and science.

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is the highest recognition that a kindergarten through twelfth-grade math or science teacher can receive for outstanding student instruction in the United States. Enacted by Congress in 1983, this program authorizes the President to bestow up to 108 awards per year. For the 2009 award, President Obama named 103 teachers from the seventh through the twelfth grades to be recognized with a citation signed by the President and a \$10,000 award from the NSF.

Awards are given to mathematics and science teachers from each of the 50 states and four U.S. territories. In addition to honoring individual achievement, the goal of the award program is to exemplify the highest standards of math and science teaching. Honorees serve as models for their colleagues, inspire their communities, and lead in the improvement of math and science education.

Congratulations to the recipients—all of whom have demonstrated outstanding teaching ability and have contributed greatly to the education of our nation's youth. I would especially like to congratulate Kimberly Morrow-Leong of Marsteller Middle School in Bristow, VA, who has been recognized for mathematics and Dat Le of the H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program in Arlington, VA, who has been recognized for science. In the words of President Obama, these teachers "are inspirations not just to their students, but to the Nation and the world."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments and recognition of the recipients of this Presidential award. I wish these, and all teachers, continued success in educating our nation's youth in math and science, providing for a brighter tomorrow across the country and the world.

HONORING HELEN MAUTNER

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Helen Mautner for her tireless dedication to improving the lives and protecting the rights of all people in Arizona and throughout the United States. For many years, Mrs. Mautner has been involved in the struggle for basic human rights and social justice. She has volunteered for and been employed by organizations that assist those unable to speak or stand up for themselves all her life.

Helen Mautner was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1930. While living in Chicago, she attended Marshall High School on the west side of the city. At the age of sixteen, she moved to California with her family and finished high school there. When Helen was growing up, her ambition was to help the slums of Chicago as an activist. This led her to become a sociology student at Los Angeles City College. She graduated from the University of California

(Berkeley) and received her Bachelor's degree, then her Master's in Social Work. She taught sixth grade for several years. While employed as a school social worker in California, she was introduced to Robert Mautner. They were married from 1958 until his passing in 2004.

Helen and Robert Mautner moved to Tucson in 1965. For the next decade she immersed herself in caring for Robert and her children Erik, Chris, and Alisa, and started her impressive volunteer path to help those in need. She was a stay-at-home mom to the three kids during their elementary school years: she took pottery classes, ran the studio during school hours, met members of Tucson's politically progressive community, and expanded her awareness of how to assist marginalized populations. She volunteered for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) office in Tucson, an organization that defends individual rights guaranteed to every person in the United States. In 1973, she became the ACLU's Southern Arizona Chapter Director. She also served on, and chaired, the People with AIDS Coalition (now the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation). She has been a member of the Tucson Police Citizens Review Board, the Arizona Superior Court Judicial Review Committee, and the City of Tucson Magistrate Selection Committee.

For years, Helen was also involved in compliance with the federal Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) desegregation order. Helen has volunteered for every cause she holds dear, and still spends a great deal of time volunteering for election campaigns for those who share her vision. Her dedication and inspiration helped her to become friends with many local and national activists and political figures. She lent her time and dedication not just to politics, but to people from many walks of life. A longtime associate and friend, Cornelius Steelink, remembered her assisting a local biker group in an anti-discrimination case in the mid 1980s and saw first-hand how her beliefs and openness shone through. He remembered her saying, "You never know who's going to walk into this office, but you have to be ready to (help) them." Emojean Girard, a local activist and retired judge, recently said of her: "We esteem her for her clear thinking and dedication to the cause of civil rights. Tiny though she may be in physical structure, she is a giant of fortitude and determination." In 1997, Helen retired from the University of Arizona as the Assistant Director of the Affirmative Action Office.

When not volunteering her time, she has financially supported charities ranging from Amnesty International to The Redwing Indian Schools. Helen is a regular walker on Martin Luther King Day, and has marched many times for Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers union. Her children remember times when no meat, grapes or chocolate were allowed in the home in support of the causes she held dear. They treasure the values they learned during those formative years from their parents and love Helen for everything she is and what she has always stood up for.

Helen Mautner has been a fantastic mother to her children, providing positive and loving guidance and navigating the challenges of parenthood. She and Robert saw Erik die of cancer in 1987, and she has missed him ever since. Alisa and Chris would not be the people they are today without their mother. Both are

employed in public and social service positions, and volunteer their own time to improve the lives of the less fortunate. Helen is now the proud grandmother of Zane, the son of her daughter Alisa and her husband BJ, and takes great joy in the time they spend together.

Helen has always balanced the turmoil of parenting teenagers with that of politics. She currently serves on the Board of the Children's Action Alliance, an advocacy group for children; volunteers with the Primavera Foundation for the homeless; and is on the executive council of the University of Arizona Retirees Association (UARA). Penelope Jacks, the Director of the Children's Action Alliance and a longtime friend and colleague of Helen's, reminisced about first meeting and working with Helen. "[I] learned who were the good guys easy, because all the good guys were Helen's friends. Together we sorted through all kinds of cases, taking turns holding my new baby, chatting, and finding how much we had in common. Our lives have seen many changes since we first met, but Helen is my first and most enduring friend in Arizona." Helen has won numerous awards and recognition for her amazing commitment to social and civil rights causes: the YWCA's Woman on the Move Achievement Award, a place in the Women's Studies Advisory Council (WOSAC) of the University of Arizona's Department of Women's Plaza of Honor, and awards from the City of Tucson's Office of the Mayor in 1981 and 1989.

As Helen turns 80 this year, her children and friends look forward to her next step in life. She is a woman who lives life to the fullest and considers nothing impossible. She is always open to new challenges. Helen Mautner has been an asset to Tucson and the State of Arizona, working tirelessly for her causes, preferring to enjoy the fruit of her labors without seeking public recognition. For these great accomplishments and in honor of her passion and dedication to all citizens rights, and on behalf of her work for the marginalized in society, we recognize Helen Mautner today.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
UNION HOSPITAL FOR BEING
NAMED THE WINNER OF THE
HEALTHGRADES MEDICINE
AWARD FOR 2010

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Union Hospital has served the people of the Tuscarawas Valley by providing critical health services; and

Whereas, Union Hospital is integral to the health and well-being of the Tuscarawas Valley; and

Whereas, every year, more than 40,000 local residents rely upon Union Hospital for emergency care; and

Whereas, Union Hospital is rated by HealthGrades as among the top five percent of all hospitals in the United States and achieved HealthGrades' top five star rating for emergency medicine; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that on behalf of the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Union Hospital for being named winner of the HealthGrades Emergency Medicine Award for 2010.

RECOGNIZING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED STATES-JAPAN TREATY OF MUTUAL COOPERATION AND SECURITY

SPEECH OF

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1464, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the United States-Japan Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security and expressing appreciation to the Government of Japan and the Japanese people for enhancing peace, prosperity, and security in the Asia-Pacific region. I thank Chairman ENI FALCOMAVEGA and Chairwoman ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN for their leadership in developing this legislation. The treaty ushered in an era of greater political and economic cooperation between our two great nations. The treaty's signing in 1960 transformed the alliance between the United States and Japan and has allowed both nations to enjoy 50 years of increased economic prosperity and promoted mutual security interests for the Asia-Pacific region.

Since the enactment of the Treaty, the United States and Japan have become two of the world's largest and most productive economies as both nations have benefited from their trade relationship. Further, the longstanding forward presence of the U.S. Armed Forces in Japan has provided the deterrence capabilities necessary to ensure regional stability. Increased exchanges between our countries like the U.S.-Japan Legislative Exchange Program have fostered a greater understanding and respect between our two legislative bodies.

In the 21st century, this strong partnership with Japan will continue to evolve. Most evident is our security relationship which is undergoing change. The 2006 United States-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation outlines major realignment of military forces in Japan. The establishment of a new Futenma Replacement Facility is the linchpin to realigning 8,600 Marines and their dependents from Okinawa, Japan to Guam. The commitments of the Roadmap have since been reaffirmed by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and former Japanese Foreign Minister Hirofumi Nakasone. The realignment of military forces underscores the continuing importance of the security relationship between our two nations. It also symbolizes the importance of more strategically aligning our forces in the Asia-Pacific region to meet current and emerging threats. The relationship between our two nations will only continue to grow. Beyond the realignment of forces I believe our two nations can partner to provide greater leadership in the region, more opportunities for green technology in the Pacific islands, jointly combat piracy on the high-seas, and continue to invest in this important part of the world.

For those reasons and more, I believe H. Res. 1464 recognizes and encourages these important aspects of U.S.-Japanese relations and will assist in continuing our mutually beneficial relationship for decades to come.

ALEXANDER PYATT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alexander Pyatt. Alexander is a very special young man who has proven the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by being selected to the People to People World Leadership Forum.

Since People to People International was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, the organization has been a leader in provide educational world tours. Acceptance into the World Leadership Forum demonstrates Alexander's academic excellence, community involvement, and leadership potential. This forum will help further provide Alexander the tools to become a leader for the next generation.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alexander Pyatt for his acceptance into the People to People World Leadership Forum and for his efforts put forth in achieving this high distinction.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER
FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE
UAW

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, Ron Gettelfinger, a lifelong defender and advocate for workers' rights, retired last week as President of the United Auto Workers, UAW. From the start, working on the assembly line in 1964 at Ford Motors in Louisville, Kentucky, to his recent retirement as the UAW President, Ron has tirelessly fought for labor rights for the American worker. In addition, Ron has been willingly worked in a pragmatic fashion with the automobile industry, helping to stabilize business and labor relations.

Whether it's been pushing for health care reform, fair trade agreements, or collective bargaining rights, Ron has been a staunch and steadfast leader. Fighting hard against what the UAW has dubbed "the corporate global chase for the lowest wage which creates a race to the bottom that no workers, in any country, can win," Ron has been a galvanizing figure in workers' rights here in America and across the globe.

While Ron will surely be missed at the UAW, but the mark he has left there will continue to serve as a source of inspiration. I thank Ron Gettelfinger for his service to workers and to his country.

IN RECOGNITION OF RANN AND
NANCY CARPENTER

HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 43rd wedding anniversary of John Randolph Carpenter and Nancy Anderson Carpenter.

John Randolph Carpenter was born on April, 11, 1945 in Shelby, North Carolina. His wife, Nancy Anderson Carpenter was born on December 27, 1946 in Charlotte, North Carolina. The couple began dating when they attended Meyers Park High School and were eventually married on June 24, 1967 at Meyers Park Methodist Church in Charlotte.

As native North Carolinians, they have lived in Rutherfordton, Greenville, Washington, eventually settling in the Tar Heel state capitol of Raleigh. Together they have raised two daughters, Ragan Kathryn of Los Angeles, California & Mary Randolph of Washington, DC.

Rann enjoyed a successful career with Texasgulf, PCS Phosphate, and the North Carolina Pork Council. Nancy, a loving mother & homemaker actively enjoys working with charitable church & volunteer organizations in Raleigh.

I salute this lovely couple on the 43rd year of their life together and join their family in honoring them on this special occasion. It is a true pleasure to recognize their commitment to one another, their children, and ultimately, our Nation.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL
HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my support and recognition of National Homeownership Month and the importance of owning a home. Homeownership is a signifying mark of hard work and informed decisionmaking. Therefore it is in the interest of us all to ensure that our decisions about homeownership are informed.

During National Homeownership Month, there is an emphasis placed on the importance of providing first time home buyers and those who have acquired home information that is imperative to them making informed decisions. In light of the current economic recession, it is crucial that information of this nature is provided to the people in an effort to revive the economy.

The recognition of National Homeownership Month is especially important as it pertains to my constituents. In the 7th Congressional District of Illinois, the community of North Lawndale has real estate values estimated at six figures, the median income of the people that live there is estimated to be five figures, and there have been over 200 foreclosures as of June 16, 2010. I firmly believe that the foreclosure of those homes could have been pre-

vented had the constituents been informed and privy to the information necessary to make the best decision for themselves and their families.

It is also important to recognize the importance of owning a home given the social and familial ties that are associated with and can be cultivated by homeownership. Homeownership is essential to building the foundations of longstanding social networks. It is imperative that there is stability in the society for the purpose of cultivating and expanding the social networks we develop into meaningful relationships aimed at making substantial change through these relationships.

MARTIN NEVELS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Martin Nevels. Martin is a very special young man who has proven the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by being selected to the People to People World Leadership Forum.

Since People to People International was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, the organization has been a leader in provide educational world tours. Acceptance into the World Leadership Forum demonstrates Martin's academic excellence, community involvement, and leadership potential. This forum will help further provide Martin the tools to become a leader for the next generation.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Martin Nevels for his acceptance into the People to People World Leadership Forum and for his efforts put forth in achieving this high distinction.

CALLING FOR RELEASE OF
ISRAELI SOLDIER BY HAMAS

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the fourth anniversary of the kidnapping of Israeli Staff Sergeant Gilad Shalit and call for his immediate and safe return to Israel.

Four years ago, Hamas militants attacked an Israeli outpost near the border between Israel and Gaza. Two soldiers, Staff Sergeant Pavel Slutzker and Lieutenant Hanan Barak, were killed and Staff Sergeant Gilad Shalit was kidnapped. Less than a month later, two other Israeli soldiers, Sergeant Major Ehud Goldwasser and Sergeant First Class Eldad Regev were captured and killed by Hezbollah. On July 16, 2008, their bodies were returned in exchange for over 200 prisoners demonstrating Israel's special concern for the redemption of their captured soldiers—going so far as trading live and dangerous terrorists for the remains of their fallen heroes.

Hamas continues to inhumanely hold Staff Sergeant Shalit for ransom and has denied

him basic medical needs. Since his capture, Gilad Shalit has been deprived of every basic right: a captured soldier should be able to expect visits by the International Committee of the Red Cross, the ability to send and receive letters to his family, and protection from being used involuntarily for propaganda footage. The captivity of Shalit is unacceptable and in clear violation of the laws of the Geneva Convention. I urge Congress to reaffirm Israel's right to defend itself and that the path to peace in the region lies in the recognition of Israel's right to exist, the dismantling of Hamas' terrorist infrastructure, and the release of Gilad Shalit.

As we continue working to secure Staff Sergeant Shalit's safe return, we also keep Corporal Shalit's parents, Aviva and Noam, his older brother Yoel, and his younger sister Hadas in our thoughts.

IN HONOR OF THE LATE WASCO
TRIBAL CHIEF NELSON
WALLULATUM

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the great Oregon tribal leader, Chief Nelson Wallulatum of the Wasco Tribe, who passed away on Sunday, June 13, 2010. He was laid to rest in a traditional Wasco ceremony at 4:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, before the Sun rose that day. He had led his people, and served on the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, for more than 50 years. Chief Wallulatum was 84 years old.

Nelson Wallulatum became chief of the Wasco Tribe in 1959. Historically, the Wascos are a tribe of the Columbia River, particularly in the Gorge area, and in modern times they are one of the three tribes of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. Pursuant to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs constitution, as chief of one of the three tribes, in 1959 he also became a lifetime tribal council member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, a duty he fulfilled with enthusiasm, dignity and intelligence.

As the Wasco chief and a tribal council member, he was steadily and deeply involved in the governance of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs during a period of great history and change in Indian affairs. He was an unparalleled expert in the Warm Springs constitution and the 1855 Tribes of Middle Oregon Treaty with the United States, and fought to preserve and strengthen the sovereign authority of the Warm Springs Tribes across a time that moved from federal policies of Indian termination to today's well-established self-determination and tribal-federal mutual government-to-government relations. As you might imagine, Chief Wallulatum's leadership tasks brought him on many occasions to Washington, DC, to address both the administration and the Congress on the issues of his people and all Indian people. Over the many years, he was well known and respected by members of Oregon's congressional delegation, as well as by congressional leaders in national Indian issues and policy, before whom he often testified.

Chief Wallulatum was instrumental in the return of 60,000 acres to the Warm Springs Reservation, securing and developing treaty-protected fishing access sites along the Columbia River to replace those inundated by hydroelectric reservoirs, and the settlement and safeguarding of the Confederated Warm Springs Tribes' water rights.

In addition to being a guiding hand in the governance of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, as chief of the Wasco Tribe, Nelson Wallulatum was a principal keeper of the history, culture and traditions of the Wasco people. His authority in these matters was sought by Congress, and was recognized by tribes and their organizations, at whose gatherings he frequently conducted prayers and blessings.

Finally, it must be noted that, throughout conducting the affairs of his nation and his people, Chief Wallulatum did so with good humor, wisdom, and kindness. He was a gentleman of strength and dignity, and a historic leader for the Wasco people and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. He will be missed.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank you and our colleagues for joining me in tribute to Chief Wallulatum.

GRANTING SUBPOENA POWER TO
COMMISSION INVESTIGATING BP
DEEPWATER OIL SPILL

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I oppose H.R. 5481, which gives subpoena power to the National Commission on the British Petroleum Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling. This is an overly broad grant of power to a presidential commission. This commission was created by Executive Order without any input from Congress and appears designed to perform oversight and policy functions that should be performed by Congress. Furthermore, this commission may be used to promote the anti-freedom and economically destructive "cap-and-trade" legislation, as well as provide justification for the administration's policies of restricting offshore drilling.

Instead of ratifying the Executive Branch's continued use of the deepwater disaster as an excuse to usurp more power, Congress should ensure that the Executive Branch actions do not allow British Petroleum to escape accountability for the damages caused by the spill and that any necessary policy changes are made by Congress.

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF BETH JACOB CONGREGATION

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the members of Beth Jacob Congregation, a Jewish congregation in Mendota

Heights, Minnesota, who will celebrate the 25th anniversary of their faith community on June 27th.

Beth Jacob was formed in 1985 when two Twin Cities synagogues, Sons of Jacob and New Conservative Congregation, merged. Founded as an orthodox synagogue in the early 1870s, Sons of Jacob was one of the oldest Jewish congregations in the Twin Cities, while New Conservative Congregation was one of the area's youngest congregations. Seemingly very different faith communities, the members of the two synagogues found that they possessed similar values and needs. The new faith community they formed adopted the name Beth Jacob Congregation. In 1986, the congregation selected Rabbi Morris J. Allen as its religious and educational leader, and in 1987 they broke ground to build their synagogue. Since then, Beth Jacob has steadily grown in size and influence thanks to the dedication and leadership of Rabbi Allen and the involvement and commitment of its members.

Beth Jacob is not simply a synagogue or a place of worship—it is a community. Its members are engaged in studying their faith and participating in Shabbat service. Additionally, members are active participants in their neighborhoods and cities. Beth Jacob is well known for its involvement in our community through interfaith dialogue programs, food shelf donations, assistance to immigrant workers, affordable housing initiatives, and disaster relief efforts. Its contributions to the Jewish community as well as the Twin Cities at large are unparalleled, and I am proud to say that such an active and dedicated Jewish Congregation is located in the Fourth Congressional District of Minnesota.

Madam Speaker, please join me in rising to honor the 25th anniversary of Beth Jacob Congregation, a faith community rich with tradition that is committed to serving the needs of its members and giving back to our community.

SUPPORTING HIGH-PERFORMANCE
BUILDING WEEK

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, the High-Performance Building Congressional Caucus Coalition has designated June 13–19 as "High-Performance Building Week." During this week, we are recognizing the importance of energy efficient building design, with the goal of driving our country toward a more sustainable future.

Buildings throughout our nation are responsible for over 39 percent of our annual carbon emissions, and for 12 percent of the potable water consumption as well as over 70 percent of the electricity use in the United States. The dramatic energy consumption of our buildings is damaging in the long run, and it is imperative that we make energy efficiency part and parcel of the building and operations of our places of work and shelter.

As a Californian, I recognize the importance of sound energy policy and environmental protection. California stands as a leader in these fields, having a range of accomplishments re-

lated to our environment and energy independence. The city of San Jose has already begun the process of retrofitting and meeting green building standards with its Green Vision program. Universities throughout the state have installed solar systems to power their electricity needs. Students from high schools and universities in my district have formed recycling initiatives, built solar cars and houses for competitions, and held eco-friendly fundraising fashion shows; each of these steps may seem small but is a critical part of a bigger national stride.

The efforts of Californians are echoed by many in the House of Representatives. I was privileged to be a part of establishing the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition in order to deal with problems including that of the built environment. We feel it is essential that the House gives priority to consideration of energy and environmental issues, and applaud resolutions like H. Res. 1407, supporting the ideals of "High-Performance Building Week," which focuses attention on all aspects of high-performance buildings, including the role they play in reducing impact of humans on our climate.

In addition to creating more energy-efficient buildings, we also need to address the efficiency of the electronics inside our homes. Our household electronics consume a massive amount of energy—the power to run them cost Americans \$80 billion last year, but that is a small number compared to the projected \$200 billion in electricity they will consume by 2030 unless something changes. We need to consider the potential for integrated smart electronics that will both heal the energy wounds we have created as well as provide a cost-effective solution for consumers. In April, I introduced the Smart Electronics Act, H.R. 5070, to help green the electronics industry by providing the private sector with reliable standards and incentives and by educating and empowering consumers to make smarter and more efficient choices—all of which help cool the planet and keep Silicon Valley innovative.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I commemorate the progress we are making toward a sustainably responsible future. Focusing on creating energy-efficient building envelopes as well as smarter electronics inside homes inspires our communities to work toward the next generation of energy independence and environmental justice.

DAXON JAMES WEAVER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Daxon James Weaver. Daxon is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 401, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Daxon has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Daxon has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably,

Daxon has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Daxon designed and constructed steps and handrails at his church to aid the older generations of his church to reach the pulpit to speak.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Daxon James Weaver for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE AUGUSTA STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S GOLF TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2010 NCAA DIVISION I NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PAUL C. BROUN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of the NCAA National Champion Augusta State University men's golf team. The Jaguars, competing in their first ever Division I National Championship, beat seven larger schools from prestigious conferences to win their first national title.

In a classic "David vs. Goliath" battle, this year's NCAA national championship came down to the wire as Augusta State defeated 10-time champs Oklahoma State 3-1-1 in the final match of the 112th NCAA Championships at The Honors Course just outside Chattanooga, Tennessee. Led by this year's National Coach of the Year Josh Gregory, the Augusta State men's golf team has stamped its name in the record books and established what I hope becomes a dynasty.

Jake Amos, Olle Bengtsson, Jacob Carlsson, Taylor Floyd, Brendan Gillins, Mitch Krywulycz, Carter Newman, Henrik Norlander, Patrick Reed, Shawn Yim, Coach Josh Gregory, students, faculty, and supporters should all be immensely proud. I congratulate them all, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their success and wishing them all the best in future seasons.

RECOGNIZING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED STATES-JAPAN TREATY OF MUTUAL COOPERATION AND SECURITY

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 1464, which commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security and affirms our alliance with Japan and commitment to peace and prosperity for the U.S. and Japan, as well as the Asia-Pacific region.

The U.S.-Japan Alliance, rooted in our shared values and democratic ideals, provides a climate of stability for East Asia that has enabled all nations of the region to develop and prosper. I do believe the time has come to rethink our large military footprint near Okinawa.

The Japanese are our partners and allies; a large military presence within their country is likely seen by a younger generation as unnecessary and unwelcome.

The U.S. and Japan should enhance regional cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region. We should work together to respond to natural disasters and to provide humanitarian relief in the region. We must make efforts to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and seek the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons. We must deepen our cooperation and strengthen our Alliance.

As the Treaty marks its 50th Anniversary, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution to recommit ourselves to further build a strong and cohesive U.S.-Japanese Alliance.

TRIBUTE TO 2LT JOHN L. McMAHAN

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kentucky National Guardsman 2LT John L. McMahan who earned the rare honor of receiving the Kentucky Medal of Valor for his heroic actions on January 27, 2010 in Perry County, Kentucky.

Lieutenant McMahan was en route to a military drill on that January morning when he discovered an overturned vehicle in the bitter-cold winter stream of Lotts Creek in Perry County. In true first-responder style, his training kicked into high gear when he realized a woman was trapped inside the vehicle. McMahan dispatched a call for assistance and waded in the freezing water for more than 30 minutes, calming the woman trapped inside, until firefighters arrived to extricate her. When help arrived, he did not back away. McMahan joined the crew in carrying her out to safety.

McMahan is no stranger to risking his own life for others. In addition to service for his country, he is also a Captain and 17-year veteran with the Kentucky State Police. McMahan is only the 47th Kentucky National Guardsman to receive the Kentucky Medal of Valor and it is an honor well deserved.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring John L. McMahan for his selfless public protection and service to the families of eastern Kentucky, our Commonwealth and our great Nation.

SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF YEAR OF THE FATHER

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to support the designating of 2010 as the Year of the Father. One-hundred years ago, Father's Day was founded by a mother who recognized the vitally important role of fatherhood. As a father myself, I am honored and humbled by this annual day of recognition and celebration, and happily re-

call all the positive memories and influences my own father had with me.

I'm sure that most people in this room already know of the importance of fathers. Fathers bring love, care, and emotional support that work in tandem with the support of mothers to bring about positive development for their children. For some, however, fatherhood is a foreign concept. Twenty-three percent of families with children in 2008 were maintained by single mothers. Approximately sixty percent of children born during the 1990s lived or would live significant portions of their lives without fathers. For minorities, the numbers are even more daunting, with only thirty-five percent of African American children living with two married parents, and only fifty percent of children having regular contact with their fathers.

For these same minority families, being a father is simply not the same. Barriers like education and access to jobs continue to restrict the involvement of men who would otherwise be involved fathers. While it is important to promote and celebrate the significance of fathers, it is equally important to recognize that fatherhood comes with varying obstacles and responsibilities for every background. To fully promote a healthy nation and support the ideals behind designating 2010 as the Year of the Father, it is crucial that we pursue more opportunities for non-custodial and would-be fathers to live up to their potential, and the potential of our present and future generations.

It is my hope that by declaring 2010 as the Year of the Father, we would not only be honoring and recognizing the importance of fathers to the family, but also encouraging reform to make fatherhood a reality for countless Americans.

HONORING OUR NATION'S HEROES FROM THE KOREAN WAR

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in our solemn recognition this morning of the 60th anniversary of the Korean War as we pay tribute to the American heroes who served in the finest tradition in that so called "Forgotten War."

To this member though, Korea was far from a forgotten war. It was war in which more than 36,000 Americans lost their lives defending our ideals of freedom and democracy against communist aggression.

It was 60 years ago that North Korean troops stormed across the 38th parallel into South Korea, launching a three-year conflict that culminated in an armistice in 1953. The ferocious North Korean attack caught the South Korean army by surprise—they rapidly advanced, seizing the capital in a few short days. Concerned over the spread of communism, President Truman ordered U.S. forces to defend South Korea as part of a United Nations Task Force. Unfortunately, that initial effort did little to stop the advance and our forces suffered heavy losses during their first significant engagement of the war.

For the next couple of months, the situation looked extremely dire as U.N. forces were beaten back all the way to Pusan. There, however, we held the line with the Battle of Pusan

Perimeter. The now famous Inchon Landing further turned the tide by enveloping North Korean forces and forcing them to retreat. Ultimately, China entered the war, a stalemate developed, and the war ended much where it began at the 38th Parallel.

The timeline of the Korean War itself does little to capture the individual stories of heroism and sacrifice. Our soldiers endured the harshest of conditions and the coldest of winters. Ultimately, 36,000 lost their lives and many thousand more were wounded or captured. Their sacrifice was not in vain and their defense of our ideals bore fruit that can be seen today. The clearest evidence is that South Korea has emerged as a democratic and economic powerhouse while North Korea languishes in an isolated morass of its own making.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to take the time today to reassure our heroes of the Korean War that they are not forgotten. Instead, they remain an inspiration to us and to all who have worn the uniform and who will volunteer to do so in the future. Only they have the firsthand knowledge of the hardship and challenges faced on that distant battlefield but they can rest assured that they have the heartfelt thanks and grateful appreciation of our nation for their service half a world away.

RECOGNIZING JUNETEENTH
INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize Juneteenth Independence Day which we observe with Resolution 546, sponsored by Rep. DANNY DAVIS of Illinois. The House of Representatives notes the importance of effectively understanding our past as the foundation of a progressive and egalitarian future.

We remember June 19, 1865, "Juneteenth," as the day of the announcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in the last of the States in the Union. Though President Abraham Lincoln intended the Emancipation Proclamation to go into effect on January 1, 1863, slaves in the last of the slaveholding territories, namely Texas, did not hear of their freedom until 1865. Galveston, Texas is recognized as the birthplace of Juneteenth and as of this March, 36 states have recognized the day for observance. Now, 145 years later, we remember Juneteenth as a turning point in the history of Black Americans.

This celebration of freedom and equality is an important patriotic symbol in the history of the Nation. Juneteenth is an opportunity for us to pause and remember the difficult road to advancement and to reflect on the importance of that political organizing in Galveston by former slaves to celebrate their freedom and new status. Juneteenth is one of the earliest landmarks of the active political involvement of Black Americans following the sacrifices made by the more than 200,000 people who fought and died in the Civil War.

We are also reminded of the many achievements and contributions Black Americans

have made to the country in all fields. We highlight the work done by civil rights leaders and activists who have carried on the spirit and legacy of emancipation. In particular, we salute those men and women serving in our armed forces, who could not serve today without the rights afforded them by the work of previous generations of Black Americans who fought in every conflict since the Nation's founding. Culturally, we must recognize the magnanimous impact of Black artists, performers and academics in shaping American identity well beyond the 21st century.

While Juneteenth started in Texas, its impact and importance to the United States' commitment to independence and liberty is felt nationwide. Freedom is at the core of the legacy of the United States and of all its citizens, regardless of race or personal background. I am proud to celebrate and recognize the significance of Juneteenth today and forever in our Nation's history.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT
BRYAN HOOVER

HON. KATHLEEN A. DAHLKEMPER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life of a fallen hero from Western Pennsylvania. Staff Sergeant Bryan Hoover of Lyndora, Pennsylvania was only 29 years old when he made the ultimate sacrifice defending our nation in Afghanistan.

On June 11th, a suicide bomber detonated an explosive near the Bullard Bazaar in Zabul Province in southern Afghanistan where Staff Sergeant Hoover and his fellow soldier, Sergeant First Class Robert Fike, also of Western Pennsylvania, were on foot patrol. Both these brave men were killed in the explosion. They were members of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's Company C, 1st Battalion, 110th Infantry, based in Connellsville.

Staff Sergeant Hoover was passionate about his service to his country, and dreamt of joining the military even as a child. He enlisted in the Army National Guard in 2005 and previously served in the Marines. Bryan served a total of four tours overseas, two in Afghanistan, one in Iraq and one in Kuwait. He truly lived to serve our nation.

To his fellow soldiers, he was one of them, but to the students of Elizabeth Forward High School in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, he was known as Coach Hoover. Bryan was the assistant cross country and track coach at his alma mater, where he graduated in 2000. Bryan loved sports, and was a talented athlete himself who particularly enjoyed hockey. He earned a degree in sports management from California University of Pennsylvania.

For his brave service and sacrifice, Staff Sergeant Bryan Hoover was awarded the Purple Heart.

Bryan is survived by his father, Melvin Hoover; his brothers, Richard and Ben; his sister, Samantha; his grandfather, Ray Bradford; his stepmother, Elaina Evans, and his fiancé, Ashley Tack. His mother, Debra Jean, preceded Bryan in death.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Staff Sergeant Bryan Hoover in the RECORD of the

United States House of Representatives for service, sacrifice, commitment to his country and to our freedom.

While we struggle to express our sorrow over this loss, we can take pride in the example Bryan set as a soldier. Today and always, he will be remembered by family and friends as a true American hero, and we cherish the legacy of his service and his life.

As I search for words to do justice to this valiant fallen soldier, I recall President Abraham Lincoln's words as he addressed the families of soldiers who died at Gettysburg:

We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God be with all of you, as I know He is with Bryan.

MRS. LUCILLE ROCHS' 95TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an extraordinary woman, Mrs. Lucille Rochs, who has devoted her life to the service of her friends and neighbors in Texas.

In life, it is rare to come across an individual who is so dedicated and so driven that one can follow the path of their life. Most of us leave our marks, but only the exceptional, few leave their footprints. I am humbled and honored to share Lucille's story and to be able to brag on her today, because she is one of those rare individuals.

Lucille makes her home in the city of Fredericksburg, Texas. Although she began her career as a teacher and educator, she has continued in her retirement as an advocate, philanthropist, fundraiser, and mentor for the vulnerable and less fortunate. Mrs. Rochs has focused her time serving seniors and abused children in numerous organizations throughout Gillespie County.

She has worked tirelessly for community organizations like the Gillespie County Child Services board, the Region 8 Texas Department of Child Protection Council, and the Gillespie County Committee on Aging. In addition she has served on organizations like the Hill Country Community Needs Council, Texas Retired Teachers, the Gillespie County Cancer Society, and the Hill Country Higher Education Initiative.

What makes this lengthy record of service all the more impressive is that Sunday is Mrs. Rochs 95th Birthday. To this day, she continues her active community service and keeps a schedule that puts mine to shame. It is my great honor to represent Lucille in this House. She is a treasure to her community and an inspiration to those of us who have followed behind her.

I wish Lucille a happy and healthy birthday and hope that she is able to continue her public service for many more years. I know that I join with everyone in Fredericksburg when I

thank her service. May God bless her and her family in the same way that she has been a blessing to us all.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE KOREAN WAR

SPEECH OF

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, sixty years ago today, half a world away, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea invaded the Republic of Korea. Soon after, President Harry Truman committed American forces to assist the South Koreans. So began a struggle between those seeking freedom and those seeking to expand the dark shadow of communism. An estimated one hundred thousand Americans were wounded, fifty thousand killed, and five thousand missing in action during the conflict.

Korean War veterans are a unique class of Americans. Those who served their country during 1950 to 1953 were raised during the Depression and had experienced World War II, either in the military or on the home front. They grew up in a time of great patriotism—a time when words like duty, honor, and country carried great weight. When their tour of duty ended, most of them returned to the States with little fanfare, picked up their pre-war lives, and carried on.

In the eyes of history, the Korean War is often referred to as the "Forgotten War." But millions of Americans, including me, have not forgotten the heroism exhibited by the men and women who placed themselves in harm's way. Without their sacrifice, it is unlikely that South Korea would have become the free and prosperous nation that it is today. Therefore, I was honored to cosponsor H.J. Res. 86, which recognizes the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War and reaffirms the U.S.-Korea Alliance. I'm pleased that this resolution recently passed the House by voice vote.

While we must not forget the past, we must also act swiftly and decisively in the present. In May, after the tragic sinking of the Cheonan, I cosponsored H. Res. 1382 to express sympathy for the families of those killed by North Korea, and solidarity with the Republic of Korea. As evidence of the U.S. commitment to defending the Republic of Korea, this Resolution passed with overwhelming bipartisan support. Tolerating continued North Korean hostility will only serve to weaken inter-Korean relations and result in the further destabilization of the region.

Despite the recently-renewed conflict, we should recognize that South Korea's progress is an encouragement and a model for other nations. After hostilities subsided in 1953, Korea was faced with the daunting task of recovering from the carnage and bloodshed of war. South Korea was an economically weak nation; in fact it was one of the poorest nations on earth. Yet today, the Republic of Korea has one of the most vibrant and successful export-oriented economies in the world. This historical record provides hope that, with our persistent efforts, both harmony

and prosperity are possible on the Korean Peninsula.

We must remember the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives so that South Korea could be the free and flourishing nation that it is today. In their honor, we continue the struggle for peace on the Korean Peninsula.

HONORING MARGARET DUNNING

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Miss Margaret Dunning, a remarkable Michigan citizen, upon her one hundredth birthday on June 26, 2010.

Miss Dunning was born on June 26, 1910, in Redford, Michigan to Charles and Bessie (Rattenbury) Dunning. Although Margaret was given little chance of survival when her mother experienced complications during her birth, Margaret has not only survived but thrived. Margaret attended the old Plymouth High School which now houses Central Middle School graduating in 1929. After attending the University of Michigan for two years, Margaret went on to study at the Hamilton School of Business in Ypsilanti.

Miss Dunning was employed at the Phoenix Mill Ford plant during the 1930s and also worked as a bank teller and assistant cashier in local Plymouth banks. Having devoted her time to the American Red Cross during World War II, Miss Dunning purchased Goldstein's Apparel in 1947 and renamed the store Dunning's, selling it after 20 years. Margaret still resides in the home on Penniman built by her mother.

Margaret Dunning's love of her community led her to become a major benefactor when the Plymouth Historical Society expressed their desire to build a permanent home. As the result of her generosity, a 15,000 square foot building now stands at the corner of Main and Wing in her beloved Plymouth. Miss Dunning championed the Plymouth Historical Society again when they expanded their museum and is a permanent member of the Historical Society's Board of Directors. She also was instrumental in the construction of the Dunning-Hough Library.

Margaret Dunning still enjoys a love of travel, particularly to Europe. She has a notable collection of classic cars stored in her garage, which she has affectionately dubbed Gasoline Alley. Margaret selects one of her prized automobiles every August to drive in the Woodward Dream Cruise.

Madam Speaker, for one hundred years Miss Margaret Dunning has graced the world with her kindness, hard work, and community spirit. Miss Dunning's attributes her longevity to enjoying and participating in the beautiful world around her. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Miss Margaret Dunning upon reaching her one hundredth birthday on June 26, 2010, and to honor her commitment to her community and her country.

IN HONOR OF BILL RAMSEY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a modern agriculture pioneer, Mr. Bill Ramsey of Salinas, California, on the occasion of his recognition by the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California with its E.E. "Gene" Harden Award for Lifetime Achievement. Bill is a quiet, unassuming, and humble man. One would know by looking at him that he is a giant among men for his business and civic leadership.

Beginning in the 1960s, when he assumed key leadership positions within the Mann Packing produce company, Bill helped lead the growth of the U.S. fresh produce industry. Alongside his business partner and friend, the late Don Nucci, Bill helped expand the U.S. market for broccoli and all manner of value added and ready to eat fresh produce. If you have ever eaten broccoli, you can credit Bill's leadership with helping to get it to your plate fresh, safe, and at a reasonable price.

Mr. Ramsey's peers in the agricultural industry have recognized him in several ways. Mr. Ramsey served as both the Chairman of the Board of Western Growers Association and as President of the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California. Mr. Ramsey has also been honored as the Salinas Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer, as well as receiving the Harden Award which recognizes leadership qualities, devotion to the betterment of the agricultural industry, community service, and those with a high level of ethics and integrity.

Mr. Ramsey's devotion to his community goes well beyond the agricultural aspects. His contributions to the community of Salinas include being the President of the Salinas City School District Board of Trustees, Founder and Chairman of Valley of the World Awards for the National Steinbeck Center, Director of the California Rodeo, Distinguished Fellow (Agriculture) of CSU Monterey Bay, YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, Sun Street Center, and Salinas Rotary (Rotarian of the Year). Bill Ramsey has also honored his country by serving in the United States Navy.

Madam Speaker, I hope my fellow members of the House will join me in honoring Bill Ramsey for his many contributions to the agricultural industry, his local community, and his country. And while Bill will not hesitate to credit those around him for his success, it is appropriate that our Nation recognize what an important contribution that he has made to our health, economy, and culture.

TRIBUTE TO MONSIGNOR PAUL V. GARRITY

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. TIERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Monsignor Paul V. Garrity. For the past eighteen years, Monsignor Garrity has served as the pastor of St. Mary's Church in Lynn, Massachusetts. During those years, his contributions,

not only to St. Mary's but to the city itself, have been numerous.

Monsignor Garrity grew up in Somerville, Massachusetts. He is a graduate of St. John's College. In 1973, he was ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Boston. Prior to coming to St. Mary's, he served parishes in Billerica and Malden. He was also Director of the Catholic Center and was Campus Minister at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell.

In 1992, he was appointed pastor of St. Mary's in Lynn. Since then, he has transformed the parish into a vibrant, welcoming and diverse community. He has breathed new life into the St. Mary's community and engaged support from hundreds of volunteers.

During his tenure both a Haitian Community and a Congolese Community were established at St. Mary's parish. A strategic plan for St. Mary's High School was completed that led to a \$10 million capital campaign and the opening of the William F. Connell Center—a new state of the art academic building, the refurbishment of the school campus and the doubling of enrollment.

Monsignor Garrity's vision led to the conversion of a large, old convent building on the St. Mary's campus into 32 units of much-needed low income elderly housing with a service plan that is modeled like an assisted living arrangement. He was an advocate for the conversion of property located at the closed St. Jean Baptiste parish into low income housing to provide affordable home ownership opportunities.

At the request of Cardinal Sean O'Malley, he is currently serving on three Archdiocesan task forces: the Improved Financial Relationship Committee (IFRC), the Clergy Fund Review Committee and the Elementary School Task Force. Monsignor Garrity is a regular panelist on the RUACH Program, an inter-faith dialogue program on local cable TV and is active in ecumenical and interfaith activities in the Greater Lynn community. His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, named Monsignor a Prelate of Honor with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor in 1998, and Monsignor Garrity was made a Knight of the Holy Sepulcher in 1999.

Through his work, Monsignor Garrity has made a difference in the lives of so many in Lynn, and he will leave behind him an indelible imprint on the community.

I join my friends in the greater Lynn community and the St. Mary's parish family in extending my best wishes to Monsignor Garrity as he embarks upon his next assignment hoping that he understands that he will always be welcome "home" to St. Mary's and Lynn whenever he ventures this way.

COMMENDING KATHY DIXON AND
RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF FOSTER CAREGIVERS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend the heartfelt commitment of Kathy Dixon and foster caregivers for their tireless, selfless efforts to transform the lives of children who need another chance in life. Foster parents like Kathy wrap the necessities

of life in the warm heart of family, providing the opportunity for children and young adults to recover from their pasts and reclaim their lives. Foster caregivers remind us that the act of building a quality life for others is truly a remarkable and honorable achievement. All children deserve the best shot at life. Foster caregivers are those who have determined that the best shot does not end with heartbreak, but ends instead with the resolution to succeed.

I received letters from two of Kathy Dixon's foster children, Tynequa and Tony Wardlow. Kathy represents the very best in foster parenting, a courageous woman who has devoted her heart and soul to caring for young children who needed someone to care for and nurture them. As Tynequa writes, "She took me in when I had nowhere to go." Tony says that, "she is the one who picks me up when I fall." He writes that he prayed God would send him a mother who "would hold on to me like someone with a big heart." God, he said, sent him Kathy, "and so much more." Tynequa insists that Kathy has not only saved her life, but also has taught her "to stand up for what I believe in, have faith in myself, be responsible and respectful, get my education, don't be fake, don't have low self-esteem, don't buy friendship, and most importantly, don't give up on hope." I cannot imagine a greater gift in this world than what Kathy has given to her children.

I am pleased to work with many foster care organizations in my district in South Florida. Just recently I met with a group of foster youth—in their late teens and early twenties now—who came to Washington, DC as part of the Broward County Trip of a Lifetime, an annual effort to bring these young adults to our nation's capital to meet their congressional representatives and learn how our government works. I take enormous pride in the opportunity I had to sit down with these young men and women and hear their stories and hopes and dreams for the future. Several of these youth have children of their own now and are working hard to impart to their children the wisdom, love, and affection given to them by their foster families. And it is because of the support they had from their foster families that these youth now dream of becoming engineers, entrepreneurs, social workers, nurses, and much else. In South Florida, organizations like Forever Family have proved enormously successful at changing lives, finding stable homes for children and young adults in need, and setting hundreds of young people on the right path in life.

Madam Speaker, American society is forever indebted to the hard work, deep commitment, determined sacrifice, and unconditional love demonstrated by people like Kathy Dixon. She is an inspirational role model, not just to myself or any one of us here in Congress but, more importantly, to her own children, who recognize the transformation she brought about in their lives. As Tony writes, "God has blessed me with so many gifts that I will never forget."

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. BEVERLY TERRY'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MSU EXTENSION IN OAKLAND COUNTY

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Beverly Terry, Executive Director of the Oakland County Michigan State University Extension Office, on her retirement from the MSU Extension service. As a Member of Congress it is both my privilege and honor to recognize Ms. Terry for her many years of service and her contributions which have enriched and strengthened our community.

Ms. Terry's career began over 30 years ago when she joined the MSU Extension as the Presque Isle 4-H program assistant. She put her bachelors degree in community development from Central Michigan University and a masters degree in community services from Michigan State University to good use during her tenure with MSU Extension. Through her hard work, ingenuity, and dedication Ms. Terry eventually rose to the position of Executive Director of the Oakland County MSU Extension Office, serving the second largest county in the State of Michigan. As Executive Director, she has worked with her staff to develop and enhance critically important lifestyle and skill development programming.

Michigan State University Extension's mission is to help people improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs, and opportunities. Ms. Terry has been a tireless advocate and coordinator of this mission. She has overseen and advanced a variety of critical human services programs in Oakland County including 4-H youth development, the master gardener program, the family nutrition program, and the citizen planner program, just to name a few. Under Ms. Terry's leadership, these programs have prospered in the face of a challenging economy with uncertain funding.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Ms. Beverly Terry for her many contributions to our community and her leadership at the MSU Extension. I wish her many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING DIVISION I STATE
CHAMPION GIRLS' SOCCER NOVI
HIGH SCHOOL

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the Division 1 State Champion Girls' Soccer Novi High School. On June 19, 2010, the Novi Lady Wildcats sealed a 2-1 victory over Plymouth, marking the 4th Division 1 State Championship under the Head Coach Brian O'Leary since 2005.

After having amassed a division record of 8-1-1 and sharing the Kensington Lake Athletic Association's Central Division title with the Northville Mustangs, the Lady Wildcats

headed in to district play with overall regular season tally of 14–2–2. Novi dimmed the Knights of Walled Lake Northern 1–0 before crushing the Farmington Falcons 5–0 in the district semifinal. The 'Cats eliminated the North Farmington Raiders to win the District 9 crown.

Moving on to regional match-ups, Novi got past Fraser's Ramblers by a score of 2–1. The Lady Wildcats defense would prove impenetrable against both Troy and Rochester Adams as the Green and White eked out identical 1–0 scores against the opposition in regional final and state semifinal matches, setting the stage for a Wildcat showdown.

Facing their KLAA rival Plymouth Wildcats in the final match of the season, the Novi Wildcats buried a 12 yard penalty kick midway through overtime giving Novi the right to raise high the Division 1 State Championship trophy.

Madam Speaker, with a season record of 21–2–2 and having earned an astounding 4th state title in the last 6 years, the 2010 Novi Lady Wildcats deserve to be recognized for their determination, achievement, spirit and effort. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Wildcats for obtaining this spectacular title and in honoring their devotion to our community and country.

GRANTING SUBPOENA POWER TO
COMMISSION INVESTIGATING BP
DEEPWATER OIL SPILL

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5481, granting Subpoena Power to the Commission Investigating the BP Oil Spill. Last month, President Obama established the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, a panel that will be vital to investigating the disaster and assuring this does not happen again. However, this Commission does not have subpoena power—something critical to ensuring the full disclosure of evidence and witnesses.

In the aftermath of 9/11, I supported similar legislation that gave subpoena power to those investigating the terrorist attacks. Now we face a different kind of attack from the oil gushing out of the Gulf of Mexico. Similar to the work done post 9/11, the clean up workers are getting sick from this toxic waste.

The Commission must have the ability to investigate the shortcuts, cost-cutting and lack of oversight by BP and other responsible entities. Such unprincipled actions cost the lives of 11 men, injured 17, and continue to destroy an ecosystem and change a way of life for those along the Gulf. In order for the task force to mitigate the risks of future oil spills, the Commission must have full understanding of what led to the explosion on the Deepwater Oil Rig.

We need answers to the causes of this ecological man-made disaster. We need to be able to prevent this from happening again. The oversight inquiries Congress has already conducted into BP, Transocean and Halliburton have yielded crucial information. And

now, with subpoena power, the Commission can conduct its investigation to the fullest.

HONORING SERGEANT FIRST
CLASS ROBERT FIKE

HON. KATHLEEN A. DAHLKEMPER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life of a fallen hero from Western Pennsylvania. Sergeant First Class Robert Fike of Conneautville, Pennsylvania was 38 years old when he made the ultimate sacrifice defending our nation in Afghanistan.

On June 11th, a suicide bomber detonated an explosive near the Bullard Bazaar in Zabul Province in southern Afghanistan where Sergeant First Class Robert Fike and his fellow soldier, Staff Sergeant Hoover, also of Western Pennsylvania, were on foot patrol. Both these brave men were killed in the explosion. They were members of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's Company C, 1st Battalion, 110th Infantry, based in Connellsville.

Robert Fike was passionate about his service to his country, and was the third generation of his family to be a member of the Armed Forces. He joined the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1993 after earning a degree in organic chemistry from Edinboro University in 1992. During his long military career, he served two tours overseas in Saudi Arabia from 2002 to 2003 and in Iraq from 2007 to 2008.

Protecting his community and his country was a way of life for Robert Fike. Every month, he drove the two hours from his home in Crawford County to Johnstown for specialized drills with the 20th Military Police Company. Robert also worked as a prison guard at the State Correctional Institute at Albion.

For his brave service and sacrifice, Sergeant First Class Robert Fike was awarded the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service medals and the Iraq Campaign Medal.

Robert is survived by his parents, James and Christine, and his 12 year old daughter, Mackenzie.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Sergeant First Class Robert Fike in the Record of the United States House of Representatives for service, sacrifice, commitment to his country and to our freedom.

While we struggle to express our sorrow over this loss, we can take pride in the example Robert set as a soldier. Today and always, he will be remembered by family and friends as a true American hero, and we cherish the legacy of his service and his life.

As I search for words to do justice to this valiant fallen soldier, I recall President Abraham Lincoln's words as he addressed the families of soldiers who died at Gettysburg:

"We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God be with all of you, as I know He is with Robert.

CALLING FOR RELEASE OF
ISRAELI SOLDIER BY HAMAS

SPEECH OF

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, earlier this year, the Jewish community celebrated the holiday of Passover, the Festival of Freedom. On that holy day, in thousands of synagogues and dining rooms, a somber yet determined prayer of hope was recited for Israeli soldiers held in captivity:

"Redeem them from amongst the kidnapped, and take them from slavery to freedom, from servitude to redemption, from darkness to light, and fully heal their wounds. Give them courage and spirit and strengthen their resilience."

Today, on the eve of a solemn anniversary, I would like to remind my colleagues of one Israeli who has remained in captivity for four years. On June 25th, 2006, Hamas and two other groups brutally and unjustifiably attacked an Israeli patrol, murdering two soldiers and kidnapping wounded Corporal Gilad Shalit, a member of the Israel Defense Forces' Armor Corps. Since then, Gilad Shalit has been denied medical attention, physical contact with his family, and visits from humanitarian groups like the International Committee of the Red Cross. This treatment constitutes clear violations of the Geneva Convention.

Moreover, Hamas has refused to negotiate the release of the abducted soldier despite the involvement of credible third parties and Israel's frequent acts of goodwill. For example, Israel proposed an exchange of hundreds of Palestinians being held in Israel for Shalit's freedom. Israel also takes a proactive stance in providing adequate humanitarian aid to Gaza's civilians. In fact, Israel recently eased the Gaza blockade. Yet Hamas continues to defy Israel's cooperative efforts and international pressure. By mocking diplomatic efforts to free Corporal Shalit peacefully, Hamas is exploiting the anguish of Shalit's family.

I am proud to have recently cosponsored bipartisan H. Res. 1359, which calls for the immediate and unconditional release of Gilad Shalit from Hamas captivity. This resolution sends the strong and undeniable message that the actions of Hamas are not only in violation of international custom and law, but they are also morally reprehensible and inhumane.

Corporal Shalit's release is not merely an Israeli goal; it should be the objective of the international community. Together, we should use available resources and strategies to obtain his immediate and safe release. I strongly call on President Obama, Secretary Clinton, and Ambassador Rice to advocate for Gilad Shalit's safe return and to stand beside Israel in its efforts to protect its soldiers and defend its citizens.