

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING THE SWINNEY FAMILY AS BENTON COUNTY FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

#### HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Swinney family, for the honor and recognition of being named the Benton County Family Farm of the Year.

For more than 60 years the Arkansas Farm Family of the Year Program has honored farm families all across the state for their outstanding work both on their farms and in their communities. Recognition from the program is a reflection of the contribution to agriculture at the community and state level and its implications for improved farm practices and management.

Kent Swinney, with the help of his wife Carol and their three children Troy, Dwayne and Brandon, run a soybean, green bean, cattle, and Bermuda hay farm in Gentry, Arkansas.

Mr. Swinney has devoted his life to farming, spending his childhood on the farm with his father and grandfather and I am pleased to see he is passing along his passion to future generations of Arkansas farmers.

Arkansas is proud of the Swinney family for their commitment to farming and their commitment to farming as a family. This honor reflects the family's dedication to farming and the importance of farming as Arkansas's number one industry. I wish them continued success in their future endeavors and look forward to the contributions they will offer in the future of Arkansas agriculture.

### COMMERCE FOR DEFENDERS ACT OF 2010

#### HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, today I rise on behalf of all of America's Veterans and proudly introduce the Commerce for Defenders Act of 2010—a bill to create a Veteran Owned Small Business Preference in the Surface Transportation authorization—SAFETEA-LU, and set the precedent for continuing this important preference in the upcoming authorization.

For more than two hundred years, brave Americans have answered the call to serve our Nation at home and abroad, and my fellow West Virginians have long been among the first to report for duty.

Our Nation's veterans are true American patriots. Theirs is a proud story of service, sacrifice, and uncommon acts of heroism. They make each of us so very proud.

Aristotle said, "Men acquire a particular quality by constantly acting a particular way

. . . you become just, by performing just actions . . . brave by performing brave actions."

We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to, and have great respect and deep admiration for, the 23 million men and women across America, who wore a military uniform in service to these great United States.

Madam Speaker, for 34 years I have been privileged to represent the people of southern West Virginia, and it is with humble sincerity I say, our Nation's veterans are never far from my mind.

There are 170,783 Veterans in my State of West Virginia—51,500 in my Congressional District alone—and that number is growing every day.

I am disheartened that our Veterans—the Defenders of our Freedom and American Way of Life—have given so much to their fellow Americans; yet, they face many hardships in their return to civilian life.

In a Nation such as ours, it is a stunning reality that today our brothers and sisters who have served around the globe to preserve democracy and promote freedom, are struggling with life in their home towns. Our Veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan are currently faced with a 21 percent unemployment rate.

Creating a Veterans' preference in the Transportation sector is very simple. It seeks to give America's veterans an opportunity advantage in the contracting process for their service to our country—a means to attach importance and to acknowledge our fellow Americans who have put their life on the line to preserve our way of life.

The propensity of this bill is at the same enormous and reasonable.

The number of Veteran owned businesses available to contract in the transportation construction industry would be quite small in comparison to the potential \$500 billion authorization bill proposed by Chairman OBERSTAR. However, for Veterans who have returned home from deployment; who are trying to put their life and families back on track; who have been plunged into the extremely competitive marketplace—creating this preference is the very least we can do and will make a difference for many, many veterans.

There is an exponential effect created by this preference, as Veterans are known to hire other Veterans—spreading the potential benefit beyond prime contractors on to subcontractors and employees, as well as those who provide products and services to them—such as truck drivers, mechanics, surveyors and repair technicians, landscapers, bricklayers, carpenters, and concrete and masonry suppliers—and the list goes on.

The bill will not burden states with verification processes, as the Veterans Administration already has Veteran Owned Small Business registration process in place. The law that created this existing database requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make the database available to all federal departments and agencies and to notify each department and agency of the availability of the database. To ensure a Veteran Owned Small

Business is eligible a state would simply check that the business is registered with the Veterans Administration—saving time and money for all involved.

This bill does not interfere with Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contracting goals currently enshrined in federal transportation law—in fact, it is my hope that the many women and minority veteran's small business owners will benefit from this opportunity. This Veterans preference would not create any new eligibility requirements for the DBE program and it would not infringe upon the importance that Congress has repeatedly placed on the DBE program.

Madam Speaker, from the battlefield to the marketplace, our veterans—America's patriots—exemplify sacrifice and commitment to duty.

I urge my colleagues to vote for The Commerce for Defenders Act of 2010—so that we may respectfully and gratefully fulfill our duty to support our Veterans—and, in one small part, to acknowledge the great sacrifice so many have so willingly made for all of us.

### CALLING FOR RELEASE OF ISRAELI SOLDIER BY HAMAS

SPEECH OF

#### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2010*

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 1359, which calls for the immediate and unconditional release of Gilad Shalit and other Israeli soldiers who are being held illegally by terrorist organizations. On June 25, 2006, Hamas terrorists based in Gaza led an illegal raid into Israel, where they attacked a military post and killed two Israeli soldiers before kidnapping then-corporal Gilad Shalit. Since then, Hamas has held Mr. Shalit without access to medical treatment, legal counsel, or humanitarian organizations. For 4 years, Mr. Shalit has been kept from his family, which has had to watch helplessly as Hamas cynically exploited videos of their loved one.

As I have said many times before, only a just, permanent, and peaceful settlement between Israelis and Palestinians can ensure the security and welfare of both peoples. The way forward in the Middle East will require compromises by all parties, but certain things are nonnegotiable. Hamas must end terrorist activities, renounce violence, and recognize Israel. Human rights and international humanitarian law must be respected by all, and Hamas bears the responsibility to meet this standard by immediately and unconditionally releasing Gilad Shalit. I stand firmly with his family and all Israelis who continue to suffer until justice is done.

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HONORING THE DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP OF LINDA SUTHERLAND

**HON. ALAN GRAYSON**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication and community leadership of Linda Sutherland in honor of Children's Awareness Month. As executive director of the Orange County Healthy Start Coalition, Mrs. Sutherland helps provide nutritional education and counseling services to pregnant woman and mothers with infants in order to ensure healthy pregnancies and babies. For 10 years, under Linda Sutherland's direction, new and expecting mothers in Central Florida have had access to support and important resources that will ensure their child receives the highest quality of health care. Children's Awareness Month focuses on bringing attention to the emotional, physical, and mental health needs of our children and youth. Linda Sutherland's leadership with the Healthy Start Coalition encourages the strengthening of maternal and child health by ensuring that all Florida families have access to a continuum of affordable and quality health and related services.

Mrs. Sutherland is a graduate of Marymount College where she graduated with a degree in Business Administration. She was then elected and served for the next 12 years as an Orange County School Board Member. Over the past two decades, Mrs. Sutherland has been given numerous awards for her professional and personal achievements and contributions. The Who's Who of International Women, Orange County Public Health, and the Florida School Board Association are just a few of the organizations who have recognized her outstanding leadership and active involvement in the Central Florida community. Linda Sutherland also serves as a peer reviewer for The Maternal Child Health Journal and contributes to the State of Florida March of Dimes Planning Committee.

Madam Speaker, Mrs. Sutherland's advocacy on behalf of women and children in the Central Florida community simply cannot be measured. Throughout the last 25 years, Mrs. Sutherland has demonstrated that a single person can make a difference in many lives. The Healthy Start Coalition transforms families every day by working together to reducing infant mortality and low birth weight babies. It gives me pleasure to honor Mrs. Linda Sutherland who deserves this recognition for her incredibly charitable work and philanthropy in the Central Florida community.

CONGRATULATING VOLLEYBALL STAND-OUT MEGAN C. HODGE ON HER ACCOMPLISHMENT ON THE U.S. NATIONAL TEAM

**HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN**

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a talented young Virgin Islander, Megan C. Hodge, a member of the

U.S. National Volleyball Team and a senior member of Penn State University Nittany Lions who was recently named the 2010 Penn State Female Athlete of the Year and was also a co-winner of the prestigious Honda-Broderick Cup, awarded to the Top Collegiate Woman Athlete in the country. Megan is the first Penn State University student athlete to win the Honda-Broderick award in the school's 155 year history. Megan, who is an outside hitter led the Penn State Nittany Lions to an unprecedented third straight NCAA title in December 2009, the crowning moment of a 102-match winning streak. She was named the 2009 American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I National Player of the Year, College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All American of the Year for Volleyball, and Big Ten Player of the Year. Megan is part of the winningest class in the Penn State volleyball program history with a career record of 142-5.

Madam Speaker, Megan excels off the court as well as on the court. She graduated last month with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Penn State University. She was honored as an ESPN the Magazine Second Team Academic All-American in 2008 and garnered first team accolades in 2009. Later that year, she went on to become Academic All American of the Year for volleyball. She is a three time Academic All-Big Ten honoree.

Madam Speaker, today, Megan will be welcomed home to the Virgin Islands by her friends and family and proud Virgin Islanders who commend her achievements as a star athlete and a star student. The daughter of Michael and Carmen Samuel Hodge, who themselves are former members of the U.S. Virgin Islands National Volleyball team, Megan who grew up in North Carolina, returns to the islands for a much needed rest and relaxation.

Madam Speaker, I proudly rise to congratulate Megan and her family on her achievements on and off the volleyball court. She exemplifies the ideals of excellence that we all wish will inspire other young people in the Virgin Islands and around the country that hard work, dedication and a commitment of being nothing less than the best is the standard that we all should live by.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Preservation of Access to Care for Medicare Beneficiaries and Pension Relief Act.

This important legislation will ensure that Medicare and TRICARE beneficiaries will be able to keep their doctors by retroactively reversing a 21 percent decrease in physician reimbursement that occurred on June 1, 2010. Additionally, this measure would provide physicians a 2.2 percent increase in physician reimbursements through November 30, 2010.

While I am pleased that the House is considering a 6 month fix, I continue to support a permanent solution. It is not fair to medical providers to face the continued uncertainty of

temporary fixes. I am proud that I supported and the House passed a permanent fix last November, and would urge my colleagues in both the House and Senate to recommit themselves to passing legislation to permanently fix this problem.

DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA) AS A NATIONAL SECURITY INTEREST AND ASSET

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I join my colleagues in strong support of NASA programs across the country, and I share their concerns regarding the administration's proposal to cancel NASA's Constellation Program, which includes the Orion Crew Capsule, the Altair Lunar Lander, and the Ares I and Ares V rockets.

These programs, which together comprise our human spaceflight program, were authorized in both 2005 and 2008 by Republican and Democratic Congresses respectively. It is under the Constellation program that NASA is currently developing new launch vehicles and spacecraft capable of travel to the moon, Mars and other destinations. Not only does cancelling the Constellation Program jeopardize America's leadership role in human space exploration, but it will have detrimental effects on our economy and national security.

Take, for example, the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. The Johnson Space Center has the lead to manage the Constellation Program and several of its major elements, including the Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle and the Altair Lunar Lander. Without Constellation, the Johnson Space Center could lose anywhere from 4,000 to 7,000 high-tech jobs. If the JSC loses 4,000 direct jobs, an additional 2,315 indirect jobs would be lost, totaling 6,315; loss of income and expenditures locally would be over \$567 million. If the JSC loses 7,000 direct jobs, an additional 4,052 indirect jobs would be lost, totaling 11,052; loss of income and expenditures locally would total almost \$1 billion.

When speaking of the decision to cancel the Constellation Program, Administrator Bolden stated that "NASA intends to work with the Congress to make this transition smooth and effective, working responsibly on behalf of the taxpayers." To the contrary, I believe that the best use of taxpayers' money is to continue the investment in NASA to build America's scientific future. That future will create jobs.

The present administration's plan for the Constellation Program would cause drastic job loss across America and would place America in a behind the edge position as it relates to competitiveness in scientific research. NASA and the space industry are critical to Houston's economic success in both the short and long term. According to the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, NASA accounts for nearly 16,800 direct federal jobs and serves as the engine for another 3,100 civilian jobs that together supply more than \$2.5 billion in payroll into Houston's regional economy. The Johnson Space Center is the primary location

for training astronauts for spaceflights and this move; yet, the proposed budget will effectively cancel America's human spaceflight program.

In his statement announcing NASA's budget, Administrator Bolden stressed that changes in the FY 2011 budget would be "good for NASA, great for the American workforce, and essential for our nation's future prosperity." Madame Speaker, while I seek the same objectives, I strongly disagree with the closing of this project and I believe it will hurt America's scientific progress. Additionally, the aerospace industry would lose as many as 20,000–30,000 jobs nationally in either of these scenarios.

Given our current economic downturn, we cannot take the possibility of these job losses lightly and the Johnson Space Center is just one example of what the cancellation of this program would do to other NASA centers nationally. It will take years for the commercial spaceflight industry to get up to speed to reach the level of competence that exists at NASA today.

Our government has already invested literally years and billions of dollars into this program. We should build upon these investments and not abandon them. Our country can support the commercial spaceflight industry, but not at the expense of our human spaceflight program, which for years has inspired future generations and driven technology that enhances our quality of life. This technology is crucial to our national security. NASA conducts aeronautics research to address aviation safety, air traffic control, noise and, emissions reductions and fuel efficiency. NASA's contribution to our knowledge of air and water supports improved decision making for natural resource management and emergency response, thus enabling us to better respond to future homeland security threats.

Knowledge of Earth's water cycle is a critical first step in protecting our water supply; water flows over the Earth's surface in oceans, lakes, and streams, and is particularly vulnerable to attack. NASA sensors also provide a wealth of information about the water cycle; and contributes to improving our ability to monitor water resources and water quality from space; we must also protect the quality and safety of the air we breathe; airborne contaminants can pose danger to human health; and chemical, nuclear, radiological, and biological attacks are plausible threats against which we can protect.

I have asked my colleagues in Congress to join me in my efforts to restore funding for the Constellation to the FY 2011 budget for the following reasons:

1. Elimination of the Constellation program will present homeland security implications for cyberspace, critical infrastructure, and the intelligence community of the United States;
2. Elimination of the Constellation program will compromise the effectiveness of the International Space Station as it relates to the strategic importance of space station research, and intelligence;
3. Continuation of NASA's Constellation program is crucial to improving national security, climate, and research in science and medicine.

It is my hope, that this Congress will continue to support NASA's Constellation program and to support balanced energy policies that promote economic growth and will help us meet our clean energy goals.

H. RES. 1150

Whereas the United States has invested in human flight program since May 5, 1961, a program that has been a source for the United States leadership role in space exploration and advancement in scientific research; and is a national security interest and asset for the Nation.

Whereas the Constellation program is a human space flight program that includes: the Ares I launch vehicle, capable of launching to low-Earth orbit; the Ares V heavy-lift launch vehicle, to send astronauts and equipment to the Moon; the Orion capsule, intended to carry astronauts to low-Earth orbit and beyond; and the Altair lunar lander and lunar surface systems astronauts will need to explore the lunar surface.

Whereas the President's Fiscal Year 2010 Budget provided \$18,700,000,000 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); the Budget funds a program of space-based research to advance our understanding of climate change and its effects, as well as human and robotic space exploration; and the budget supports the use of the Space Shuttle to complete assembly of the International Space Station.

Whereas the 2010 NASA budget funded a program of space-based research that supports the Administration's commitment to deploy a global climate change research and monitoring system.

Whereas 2010 NASA budget was to fund the safe flight of the Space Shuttle through the vehicle's retirement at the end of 2010. An additional flight will be conducted if it can be completed safely before the end of 2010.

Whereas the President's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget proposes to eliminate the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)'s Space Shuttle and Constellation program and allocate \$6,000,000,000 over 5 years for the purpose of developing commercial space flight.

Whereas the Congress recognizes the policy outlined in section 501(a) of the National Aeronautics and Space Authorization Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16761(a)), that the United States shall maintain an uninterrupted capability for human space flight and operations in low-earth orbit, and beyond, as an essential element of national security and the ability to ensure continued United States participation and leadership in the exploration of space.

Whereas eliminating the Constellation upon retirement of the Space Shuttle will create a national security risk to the United States and will diminish the Nation's efforts to advance scientific research in space.

Whereas the United States will for the first time since its space program began, be without a human space flight program.

Whereas transferring funds from the Constellation program to the development of commercial space programs to carry human and crew into space is taking a chance on an unknown quantity and is an unnecessary and unreasonable risk this country must not take.

Whereas the retirement of the Space Shuttle this year will leave the United States vulnerable and depending on Russia to put United States astronauts in orbit without the Constellation program; in May of last year when it became clear the United States had no one else to turn to, Russia raised its prices from \$48,000,000 to \$51,000,000 per launch for each astronaut.

Whereas the Constellation program is not just about going to the moon, as the United States has a commitment to the International Space Station (ISS), and with the Space Shuttle being retired this September, the Constellation is the only system under development that will give NASA the future

capability to launch and retrieve crews to and from the ISS.

Whereas decreasing the use of the International Space Station would impact the ability to sustain its systems and physical infrastructure.

Whereas the Constellation program should be funded to continue use of the International Space Station to support the agency and other Federal, commercial, and academic research and technology testing needs.

Whereas partnerships between universities and NASA centers should be established to provide research opportunities for conduct of research in the United States International Space Station National Laboratories for the next generation of scientists in order to ensure effective utilization of the International Space Station research capabilities.

Whereas NASA conducts aeronautics research to address aviation safety, air traffic control, noise and, emissions reductions and fuel efficiency.

Whereas NASA's contribution to our knowledge of air and water supports improved decisionmaking for natural resource management and emergency response, thus enabling us to better respond to future homeland security threats.

Whereas knowledge of Earth's water cycle is a critical first step in protecting our water supply; water flows over the Earth's surface in oceans, lakes, and streams, and is particularly vulnerable to attack.

Whereas NASA sensors provide a wealth of information about the water cycle; and contributes to improving our ability to monitor water resources and water quality from space; we must also protect the quality and safety of the air we breathe; airborne contaminants can pose danger to human health; and chemical, nuclear, radiological, and biological attacks are plausible threats against which we can better protect the United States through NASA's research: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

- (1) NASA is a national security asset and interest for the United States;
- (2) elimination of the Constellation program will present Homeland Security implications for cyberspace, critical infrastructure, and the intelligence community of the United States;
- (3) elimination of the Constellation program will compromise the effectiveness of the International Space Station as it relates to the strategic importance of space station research, and intelligence;
- (4) continuation of NASA's Constellation program is crucial to improving national security, climate, and research in science and medicine; and
- (5) the United States should maintain its funding of the Constellation program and should begin funding commercial space in 5 years and not sooner.

#### RECOGNIZING THE HART FAMILY AS WASHINGTON COUNTY FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the John Robert Hart family for earning the 2010 Farm Family of the Year award for Washington County, Arkansas.

Working for generations on the farm, the Hart family has a history rooted in Arkansas agriculture. John grew up on his farm and continues to run it today with his wife, Carolyn.

Today the Harts have a 250 acre farm where they produce dairy and poultry products, as well as three different varieties of hay. The family is dedicated to agriculture and plans to continue running the farm for generations to come.

Because of this lifelong commitment, their hard work and dedication the Hart Family is most deserving of the Washington County Farm Family of the Year Award. Recognition from the program is a reflection of the contribution to agriculture at the community and state level and its implications for improved farm practices and management.

Arkansans are blessed to have such outstanding farm families like the Harts who are dedicated to providing agriculture services to their community and country. I ask my colleagues today to join with me in congratulating the Harts on their achievements and wish them continued success in farming.

#### INTRODUCING THE GULF CORPS CONSERVATION ACT OF 2010

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Gulf Coast Conservation Corps Act of 2010, which will help to create jobs in the Gulf Coast region. The program will assist those who have been unemployed due to the oil spill off the Gulf of Mexico that took place on April 20, 2010. In a program similar to the Civil Conservation Corps created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt during the Great Depression, the Gulf Coast Conservation Corps will be a public-private partnership benefiting our nation for years to come.

We find our country in much the same position as it was when President Roosevelt created his Corps. Then, there was a staggering number of unemployed who went to work to conserve our national parks. Today, it is a devastated Gulf Coast. Even before the oil spill, the region was suffering under extraordinary unemployment levels. The tourist industry contributed 620,000 jobs and over \$9 billion in wages to the Gulf region. The fishing industry supports over 200,000 jobs with related economic activity of \$5.5 billion. With so much of the federal waters unavailable for fishing and so many tourists cancelling planned vacations, the need is dire and we must get people back to work.

The Corps will provide workers with the means, training and knowledge they need to alleviate the worst environmental disaster in the history of our country. These are not "make work" jobs. The work is not "busy work." The cleaning and restoration of the Gulf is not optional. And because it will likely take years to finish, it is imperative that we have the necessary resources in place to ensure that it is completed. Participants will do the necessary work to get the Gulf Coast back on track. The Corps will be a committed labor force, performing the hard work that will move the United States beyond this environmental disaster.

As President Roosevelt said, "All work undertaken should be useful—not just for a day, or a year, but useful in the sense that it af-

fords permanent improvement in living conditions or that it creates future new wealth for the Nation."

Madam Speaker, the work of Gulf Coast Conservation Corps is, to say the least, useful. I urge my colleagues to support this vitally important piece of legislation.

#### TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL HARRY C. ADERHOLT

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Brigadier General Harry C. "Heinie" Aderholt, a true American hero and one of the founders of the U.S. Air Force Special Operations. On May 20, 2010, I and many others across the State and Nation were saddened to hear of the passing of General Aderholt.

Heinie, as he was affectionately known by all who knew and loved him, began his military service with the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 and retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1976. He was also known as "Air Commando One," for his work to form what was originally called the First Air Commando Wing. He was the last general officer to leave Vietnam.

During his service he was awarded the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with eight oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation Emblem and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon with oak leaf cluster. His other honors include the Order of the Sword, which the non-commissioned officers of the Air Force Special Operations Command awarded to him in January 2001, the prestigious Bull Simons Award, that recognizes those who embody the true spirit, values, and skills of a special operations warrior and he was also awarded the Order of the White Elephant by the government of Thailand, their highest award.

After his retirement from the Air Force, He founded the McCoskrie/Threshold Foundation, which provides medical ancillary assistance, supplies, and equipment to Central and South American countries as well as to Laos and Thailand. He also founded the Air Commando Association.

General Heinie Aderholt will be remembered for his valor, character, and strength. It was an honor to have known him as a relative, friend and great American Patriot, and his leadership will be missed by all who knew him. His influence for good for all America will live on.

A memorial service will be held at Hurlburt Air Park, Fort Walton Beach, Florida, on July 2, 2010 at 9 a.m.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Anne, his daughter Janet and son George and their families.

Thank you Heinie for all you did for America.

#### HONORING RAY ROBSON

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Pinellas County's Ray Robson who, at the age of 14, became America's youngest chess grandmaster.

Ray's passion for chess began at age three when his father, Gary Robson, brought home his first chess set. They played chess daily, with Ray's father beating him every time, until he was four. Ray continued to excel in chess, and his father soon lost track of how many times his son had beat him.

By the time Ray was 11, he earned the distinguished title of chess master, and still holds the distinguished honor of being the youngest chess master in Florida's history. Over the past four years, his record-setting performances have continued to resound throughout the chess community. In addition to being an international master, Ray was also the youngest person to qualify for the U.S. Chess Championship, the youngest recipient of the Samford Chess Fellowship, and the youngest participant for the U.S. at a World Team Championship.

Ray's dedication, perseverance, and achievements are truly remarkable. I cannot imagine the pressure he faced while challenging and defeating some opponents more than twice his age. I would also like to commend Ray's parents for their role in helping their son develop his talents and succeed. The national and international recognition Ray has earned is incredible, especially for a young man of only 15. It is my honor to stand before Congress and recognize the accomplishments of Ray Robson, and I wish him continued success in the future.

#### DEMOCRACY IS STRENGTHENED BY CASTING LIGHT ON SPENDING IN ELECTIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5175) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit foreign influence in Federal elections, to prohibit government contractors from making expenditures with respect to such elections, and for other purposes:

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Chair, I rise to urge my colleagues to support the rule and the underlying bill, the DISCLOSE Act. I strongly support the DISCLOSE Act, which recognizes the significant contributions of libraries, librarians, and library workers to our nation's communities.

In *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, the Supreme Court opened the floodgates to unrestricted special interest campaign donations in American elections—even from entities controlled by foreign governments. In that case, the Supreme Court ruled that all organizations, corporations, and unions are free

to take unlimited corporate money and make unlimited political expenditures.

The DISCLOSE Act would strengthen disclosure of election ads and would force corporate CEO's to stand by their ads by appearing on camera to say that he or she "approves this message."

This bipartisan legislation would control the flood of special interest money into America's elections. Powerful special interests and their lobbyists should not be able to drown out the voices of the American people with their pocketbooks.

The DISCLOSE Act would establish touch disclosure requirements for election-related spending by big oil corporations, Wall Street and other special interests, so the American people can follow the money and see clearly which special interests are funding political campaign activity and trying to buy representation in our government. This legislation would also prohibit foreign entities from manipulating the outcomes of American elections and help close other special interest loopholes.

Further, the DISCLOSE Act would ensure that social welfare organizations with membership of 500,000 or more, stand by their political ads and prohibits them from using corporate dollars for campaign purposes, while respecting privacy of their contributors.

I believe that people need to know who is paying to influence their elections.

According to a recent Washington Post-ABC poll, the American people agree. Eight in ten Americans opposed the high court's ruling, including seven out of ten Republicans, and 72 percent favored congressional action to curb the ruling.

Congress should act now to pass this important bill.

I strongly support the DISCLOSE Act and urge my colleagues to do the same.

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SUPPORTING NATIONAL PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION AND SPORT WEEK

SPEECH OF

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2010*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I would like to communicate my support for designating the week of May 2, 2010 as "National Physical Education and Sport Week." America faces an obesity crisis, and this problem is particularly harmful to our children. The childhood obesity rate has more than tripled since 1980, and today the CDC places the rate at approximately 17%. This crisis, however, does not affect all children equally. It disproportionately affects children from racial/ethnic minority groups and from low-income families. Although only 16% of Caucasians aged 12–19 are obese, 24% of African Americans and 21% of Hispanics are obese. Obesity in childhood is particularly troubling given that obese children often develop many diseases in their youth that typically occur in adults, such as Type II diabetes. Frequently, these children also develop risk factors for cardiovascular disease, including high cholesterol and high

blood pressure. Furthermore, obesity in childhood increases the likelihood of obesity and its associated health problems in adulthood, including coronary heart disease, stroke, and cancer. In addition to the negative health effects of childhood obesity, the crisis also proves costly to the health care system. It is estimated that childhood obesity costs the U.S. approximately \$3 billion a year, and this number will only grow worse if we fail to correct this problem.

Although many factors contribute to the increased obesity of our children, including the lack of nutrition in many children's diets, a key variable is that the American life style has changed to be more sedentary both in school and at home. Physical activity during the school day is restricted much more now than in the past. Only 15% of middle schools and 3% of high schools offer all their students physical education three or more days a week. Many schools offer PE only once a week, with recess seen as an extra rather than a key part of child development. In the past, children played outside for hours after school, but active outdoor time is now much rarer. A 2009 study found that children ages 8–18 watch an average of three hours of television a day. Although these factors affect all children, they are intensified for minority and low income children. Schools in low income areas often cut physical education to one day a week to focus on reading and math. Minimum wage jobs rarely offer the flexibility needed to get kids to sports practices and events; doing so is even harder when public transportation is necessary. Some communities lack safe places to play outdoors, so children engage in more sedentary activities inside. Frequently, low income communities lack grocery stores and options for fresh produce. We must work to reemphasize the importance of physical activity, so that each child has an equal chance at living a healthy life.

We cannot allow this unwholesome future to become the destiny of America's children. Let us instead face this problem, and help these children. We can begin to fight this epidemic by recognizing the importance of physical education and sport in children's lives. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to support House Resolution 1373.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 28, 2010*

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about the special order topic of financial reform. I would like to thank my colleague Congresswoman MARCIA FUDGE for bringing this issue to the floor tonight. I would also like to thank CBC Chair BARBARA LEE for her leadership on continuing to shine the light on important issues that matter to the CBC and our constituents as well as the Nation as a whole.

It is past time that we take strong action to reform our financial system to ensure that we

have strong measures in place to best prevent the economic crisis that we have been experiencing over the last few years. We had years without accountability for Wall Street and the Big Banks under President Bush and congressional Republicans which cost the people of this Nation 8 million jobs.

We will: Rein in Big Banks and their Big Bonuses, put an end to bailouts and the idea of "too big to fail," and create a consumer financial protection agency to protect and empower consumers to make the best decisions on homes, credit cards, and their own financial future.

Mr. Speaker, we can no longer afford to let the fox watch the henhouse. For eight years, President Bush and congressional Republicans looked the other way as Wall Street and the Big Banks exploited loopholes, gambled your money on complex schemes, and rewarded failure and recklessness. America's families and small businesses paid the price. We lost 8 million jobs and \$17 trillion in retirement savings and Americans' net worth.

This Congress and President Obama have made tough choices and taken effective steps to bring our economy back from the brink of disaster. The Recovery Act has already saved or created up to 2.8 million jobs and much of the TARP has been paid back. And now we are taking another key step forward with a final agreement on the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

As we rebuild our economy, we must put in place commonsense rules to ensure Big Banks and Wall Street can't play Russian Roulette again with our futures. Wall Street may be bouncing back, but we know from experience they're not going to police themselves.

Common-sense reforms that hold Wall Street and the Big Banks accountable will:

End bailouts by ensuring taxpayers are never again on the hook for Wall Street's risky decisions

Protect families' retirement funds, college savings, homes and businesses' financial futures from unnecessary risk by CEOs, lenders, and speculators

Protect consumers from predatory lending abuses, fine print, and industry gimmicks

Inject transparency and accountability into a financial system run amok

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WHAT'S IN THE LEGISLATION?

Creating a new Consumer Financial Protection Agency to protect families and small businesses by ensuring that bank loans, mortgages, and credit cards are fair, affordable, understandable, and transparent. We currently have rules that keep companies from selling us toasters that burn down our homes. We should have similar rules that bar the financial industry from offering mortgage loans to people who can't afford repayment.

Ending predatory lending practices that occurred during the subprime lending frenzy.

Shutting down "too big to fail" financial firms before risky and irresponsible behavior threatens to bring down the entire economy.

Ending costly taxpayer bailouts with new procedures to unwind failing companies that pose the greatest risk—paid for by the financial industry and not the taxpayers.

Tough new rules on the riskiest financial practices that gambled with your money

and caused the financial crash, like the credit default swaps that devastated AIG, and common sense regulation of derivatives and other complex financial products. Includes a strong "Volcker rule" that generally restricts large financial firms with commercial banking operations from trading in speculative investments.

Tough enforcement and oversight with:

More enforcement power and funding for the Securities and Exchange Commission, including requiring registration of hedge funds and private equity funds

Enhanced oversight and transparency for credit rating agencies, whose seal of approval gave way to excessively risky practices that led to a financial collapse

Reining in egregious executive compensation and retirement plans by allowing a 'say on pay' for shareholders, requiring independent directors on compensation committees, and limiting bank executive risky pay practices that jeopardize banks' safety and soundness.

New protections for grocers, retailers and other small businesses facing out-of-control swipe fees that banks and other credit and debit card issuers charge these businesses for debit or prepaid-card purchases. As a result, merchants stand to save billions.

Audits the Federal Reserve's emergency lending programs from the financial crisis and limits the Fed's emergency lending authority.

#### RETIREMENT OF NURSE LESLIE GOLDBERG

### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Leslie Goldberg, R.N. who is retiring tomorrow after 20 years of service as a nurse with the Attending Physician's Office here at the Capitol. Leslie is well known and loved by all who work in the Cannon House Office Building—Members and staff alike. She's run the Cannon Health Unit for most of her time on the Hill and she personifies service and caring.

Leslie graduated from the Jewish Hospital of Brooklyn and first worked as a nurse at New York University Hospital in neurosurgery. She went on to work at the Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents and then did insurance physicals for eight years prior to joining us on Capitol Hill.

She started with the Office of the Attending Physician in November 1990, and has taken excellent care of us ever since. She makes sure we get our flu shots, helps us find doctors, and tells us when we need to go home so we don't make others around us sick.

The nurses are also on call at numerous events where Members of Congress are in attendance. They are on hand for the Memorial Day Concert, the annual State of the Union, the inauguration ceremonies. They work long hours and are here whenever Congress is in session—no matter how late. Overtime is the norm for Leslie and her colleagues.

Until Speaker PELOSI made a lactation room available for nursing mothers returning to work, hundreds of new moms could tell you of

the time they spent in the Cannon Nurse Station with Leslie's full support. She has a photo wall of children to attest to this—with moms bringing in updated photos each year as their children grow up. My chief of staff is one of those moms and is very grateful for all of Leslie's help over the years.

Now, Leslie is turning to a new phase in life. She has two grandchildren on the way and she plans to be an active grandmother in their lives. She'll also be able to do more traveling and dedicate herself to volunteer priorities.

For someone who has spent her career caring for others, it is time for Leslie to get to care for her family and herself. We wish her all the best and thank her for her long, dedicated service to Congress. We'll miss her.

#### ADVANCED IMAGING TECHNOLOGIES (AIT)

### HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Madam Speaker, I recently read with interest an article by Ralph Nader discussing his concerns with the Transportation Safety Administration's (TSA) use of "whole-body imaging" scanning machines. These machines, now called "Advanced Imaging Technologies" (AIT), allow TSA screeners to search for security risks by looking under passengers' clothing in a particularly privacy intrusive inspection.

I share many of Mr. Nader's concerns, and include a copy of article from [www.commondreams.org](http://www.commondreams.org) for the record. Last summer I worked with many of my colleagues in the House on both sides of the aisle to pass an amendment to the TSA Authorization bill which addressed some of the problems with the TSA's use of these AIT machines. Our amendment prohibited the use of AIT for mandatory primary screening at airports, required the TSA to give passengers the option of a pat-down search, and prohibited TSA from storing, transferring, or copying AIT images of passengers.

These technologies need not invade Americans' privacy so intrusively in order to secure our flights and passengers effectively. After the failed Christmas Day bombing attempt, which AIT may or may not have helped prevent, I renewed my call for the inventors and manufacturers of AIT machines to enhance privacy protections to permit broader deployment of these technologies without the trade-off to Americans' rights of privacy.

Some AIT manufacturers have responded with scanners with "auto detection" capabilities, which reduce the costs and risks of error associated with human screeners. These scanners also produce images that go beyond merely blurring faces to blurring the outline of the scanned passenger's body. As I observed last December, these technologies have already been deployed in Amsterdam at the very airport from which the Christmas Day bomber traveled to the United States. My staff has seen these machines in action, and I feel the TSA should look seriously at whether these enhanced scanners could replace the

privacy intrusive scanners currently deployed in airports across America.

I hope my colleagues will join with me in discussing the security and privacy issues surrounding AIT, and the concerns raised by Mr. Nader and others. We all want air travel to be as safe as possible, but this can be accomplished without sacrificing our privacy and dignity, and that of our fellow Americans.

[From [www.commondreams.org](http://www.commondreams.org), June 24, 2010]

NAKED INSECURITY

(By Ralph Nader)

If you are planning to fly over the 4th of July holiday, be aware of your rights at airport security checkpoints.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has mandated that passengers can opt out of going through a whole body scanning machine in favor of a physical pat down. Unfortunately, opting for the pat down requires passengers to be assertive since TSA screeners do not tell travelers about their right to refuse a scan. Harried passengers must spot the TSA signs posted at hectic security checkpoints to inform themselves of their rights before they move to a body scanning security line.

Since the failed Christmas Day bombing of a Northwest Airlines flight by a passenger hiding explosives in his underwear, TSA has accelerated its program of deploying whole body scanning machines, including x-ray scanners, at airport security checkpoints throughout the United States. Scanning machines peak beneath passengers' clothing looking for concealed weapons and explosives that can elude airport metal detectors. So far, TSA has placed 111 scanners at 32 airports. They expect to have 450 scanners deployed by the end of the year at an estimated cost of \$170,000 each.

Privacy, civil rights and religious groups object to whole body scanning machines as uniquely intrusive. Naked images of passengers' bodies are captured by these machines that can reveal very personal medical conditions such as prosthetics, colostomy bags and mastectomy scars. The TSA responded by setting the scanners to blur the facial features of travelers, placing TSA employees who view the images in a separate room and assuring the public that the images are deleted after initial viewing.

Yet, a successful Freedom of Information Act lawsuit by the Electronic Privacy Information Center against the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) uncovered documents showing that the scanning machines' procurement specifications include the ability to store, record and transfer revealing digital images of passengers. The specifications allow TSA to disable any privacy filters permitting the exporting of raw images, contrary to TSA assurances.

It begs logic that the TSA would not retain their ability to store images particularly in the event of a terrorist getting through the scan and later attacking an aircraft. One of the first searches by the TSA would be to review images taken by the scanners to identify the attacker.

The Amsterdam airport is using a less intrusive security device called "auto detection" scanning which generates stick figures instead of the real image of the person and avoids exposing passengers to radiation. Three United States Senators recently wrote to DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano urging her to consider these devices. (<http://bit.ly/bJFn5K>)

More pointedly, security experts, such as Edward Luttwak from the Center for Strategic and International Studies, have come forward questioning the effectiveness of whole body scanners since they can be defeated by hiding explosives in body cavities. The General Accounting Office, an investigative arm of Congress, has stated that it is unclear whether scanners would have spotted the kind of explosives carried by the "Christmas Day" bomber.

About one-half of these body scanning machines use low dose x-rays to scan passengers. Last May, a group of esteemed scientists from the University of California, San Francisco wrote to John Holdren, President Obama's science adviser, voicing their concerns about the rapid roll out of scanners without a rigorous safety review by an impartial panel of experts. The scientists caution that the TSA has miscalculated the radiation dose to the skin from scanners and that there is "good reason to believe that these scanners will increase the risk of cancer to children and other vulnerable populations." (<http://n.pr/bKGCKx>).

David Brenner, director of Columbia University's Center for Radiological Research, has also voiced caution about x-raying millions of air travelers. He was a member of the government committee that set the safety guidelines for the x-ray scanners, and he now says he would not have signed onto the report had he known that TSA wanted to scan almost every air traveler. (<http://www.columbia.edu/~djb3/>)

Passenger complaints to TSA and newspaper accounts of passenger experiences with scanners contradict TSA assurances that checkpoint signs provide adequate notice to travelers about the scanning procedure and the pat down option. Travelers, who reported that they were not fully aware what the scanning procedure involved, said they were not made aware of alternative search options. (<http://nyti.ms/9hGtUO>)

Many travelers complained about their privacy, and their families' privacy, being invaded. Some were concerned about the radiation risk, particularly to pregnant women and children. Some travelers felt bullied by rude TSA screeners. The Wall Street Journal reported that one woman who refused to go through the body scanner was called "unpatriotic" by the TSA screener.

Expensive state-of-the-art security technology that poses potentially serious health risks to vulnerable passengers, invades privacy, and provides questionable security is neither smart nor safe. For the White House it is a political embarrassment waiting to happen.

President Obama should suspend the body scanning program and appoint an independent panel of experts to review the issues of privacy, health and effectiveness. After such a review, should the DHS and TSA still want to deploy body scanners at airports, they should initiate a public rulemaking, which they have refused thus far, so that the public can have their say in the matter.

If you experience any push-back from TSA screeners when you assert your right to refuse to go through a whole body scanner and request a pat down security search instead, please write to [info@csrl.org](mailto:info@csrl.org).

Ralph Nader is a consumer advocate, lawyer, and author. His most recent book—and first novel—is, *Only The Super Wealthy Can Save Us*. His most recent work of non-fiction is *The Seventeen Traditions*.

RETIREMENT OF FRANK WILLIAMS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA'S BALDY VIEW CHAPTER

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of Frank Williams from the Building Industry Association's Baldy View Chapter.

Frank dedicated his career at the BIA to helping families achieve the American Dream of home ownership. He led the Baldy View Chapter with distinction, promoting quality communities, facilitating business opportunities for the Association's members, and always working to increase the public's awareness about the importance of home ownership.

Frank was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Building Industry Association Southern California, Inc. Baldy View Chapter in April of 1992. Working from the Association's Rancho Cucamonga offices, he planned, directed, budgeted and coordinated all programs and administrative activities of the Baldy View Region, which includes all of San Bernardino County and all areas east of the 605 in Los Angeles County.

Under Frank's leadership, the Baldy View BIA has become a true partner with Congress to help cultivate an environment where more Americans can turn the dream of home ownership into reality. I commend Frank for working with Congress to create the conditions necessary to make home ownership available to more families.

Frank Williams is the recipient of the 1998 Fair Housing Award from the Fair Housing Council of San Bernardino County. He was named the National Association of Home Builders "Gary Komarow Memorial Executive Officer of the Year" in 1999.

While the BIA is losing an exceptional leader, I know our community and our Nation will continue to benefit from Frank's enthusiasm and vision for the cause of housing. Frank has been a tireless community leader and advocate for affordable housing, and he has been instrumental in helping to promote home ownership on the national level. With Frank's dedication, we have been able to raise national awareness about the housing needs of Californians. I am confident his work will continue into the future.

Frank is the Founder, Chairman of the Board and President of Housing Action Resource Trust (HART), a non-profit affordable housing provider that has assisted 50,000 families to buy homes. He also serves as a Commissioner to the San Bernardino County Housing Authority and is a fully-accredited Commissioner on the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officers. In addition, he was recently appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to a Joint Land Use Task Force within the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

There are many grateful people who have benefited from Frank's mentorship and vision over the years. On Wednesday, July 7, Frank's colleagues, friends and family are gathering to thank him for his leadership and dedication to the cause of home ownership.

Frank Williams has been a champion for increasing home ownership and promoting community development. I am very proud to congratulate him on his retirement and I commend him for his dedication to furthering housing opportunities for Californians and all Americans.

HONORING THE 2010 NATIONAL JUNIOR DISABILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize the participants and sponsors of the National Junior Disability Championships. This annual competition, founded by Wheelchair Sports USA, has helped teach the value of sports to young athletes since 1984. It began as a small competition for wheelchair athletes ages 7 to 21. Since that time, it has continued to grow both in nature and number. The competition expanded in scope to include athletes with many different types of disabilities, not just those in wheelchairs. Athletes with spinal cord injuries, cerebral palsy, blindness, and many other disabilities now participate in the competition. Reflecting this expansion in mission, the sponsoring organization changed its name to Wheelchair & Ambulatory Sports USA. The diversity of sports offered also increased. Although only three sports were initially offered, athletes now participate in seven areas of competition. Over 300 athletes from around the country participate each year.

For some of these young athletes, the National Junior Disability Championships competition provides a pathway to qualify for the U.S. Paralympics team. More importantly, however, it provides these young people the opportunity to develop the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, hard work, and perseverance offered by sports. Participants also benefit in other ways. For example, research shows the importance of physical activity in both the physical and mental development of children. This event removes the barriers that so often prevent these young people with disabilities from participating in sports, allowing them to reap the benefits of athletic competition.

In closing, I would also like to congratulate the athletes participating in the National Junior Disability Championships. It takes great perseverance, commitment, and strength of spirit to participate in this type of competition. I wish you the best of luck as you prepare for your respective athletic events.

IN TRIBUTE TO BOBBY POPE

**HON. JIM MARSHALL**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Bobby Pope, of Macon, Georgia, who is retiring after a long and illustrious tenure as Athletic Director of Mercer University. I rise to thank Bobby for his extraordinary commitment to Mercer Athletics,

his promotion of academic and athletic excellence within the Atlantic Sun Conference, and his overall contributions to the local community.

Madam Speaker, for over 20 years Bobby Pope, Dean of the Atlantic Sun Conference, has served as the Athletic Director for Mercer University. During his tenure, Mercer athletics have thrived, and its student-athletes have achieved impressive success both on and off the field. The program now includes 14 NCAA Division I teams plus the addition of the first-ever fulltime coaches for men's and women's golf, tennis, and cross country. Largely thanks to Bobby, Mercer University will field Georgia's first NCAA Division I men's and women's lacrosse teams in the upcoming year. Bobby Pope's commitment to building and strengthening Mercer athletics can further be seen in the recent renovations of existing fields and the construction of a state-of-the-art facility for student-athletes and coaches.

With Bobby Pope at the helm, Mercer University has twice won the Atlantic Sun Conference's All-Academic Trophy. Since its inception in 2007, the Atlantic Sun Conference post-graduate scholarship recognizing excellence and integrity has been awarded to a Mercer student-athlete. During Bobby's tenure, the cumulative grade point average for Mercer Bear student-athletes never fell below 3.0—a testament to his commitment to academic excellence.

Madam Speaker, Bobby Pope's passion and commitment to athletics and promoting sportsmanship extend beyond Mercer University. He has been very active in the Atlantic Sun Conference—twice serving as Conference President, as well as serving as a member on numerous Conference committees. Bobby has also made innumerable contributions to the local community as treasurer of the Macon Touchdown Club and through his service on the Mayor's Recreation Master Plan Committee, as well as the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority. Indeed, he was recognized for his lifelong contributions to Middle Georgia Athletics when he was inducted into the Macon Sports Hall of Fame on April 28, 2006. Also, for over 35 years, his broadcast of local sports news on the "Saturday Scoreboard" gave us the good, the bad, and the ugly about our Georgia Bulldogs, Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, and other middle Georgia sports teams.

Also, for over 35 years, his broadcast of local sports news on the Saturday Scoreboard gave us the good, the bad, and the ugly about our Georgia Bulldogs, Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, and other Middle Georgia sports teams.

Madam Speaker, it is fitting for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to include this brief acknowledgement of the accomplishments of Bobby Pope as Athletic Director of Mercer University. As he assumes his new role as the Executive Director for the Mercer Athletic Foundation, Bobby will undoubtedly continue to contribute to the success and accomplishments of Mercer Athletics. Few leave such enduringly positive legacies.

## RECOGNIZING SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 28, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 284, introduced by Representative SESSIONS, which recognizes the hard work and importance of special education teachers.

In 1972, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that people with special needs or disabilities had the same right to the quality education in public schools as their nondisabled peers. This monumental case changed the way we view children with special needs as well as the increased need for teachers who are certified for educating children with special needs. Actually, today, about 10 percent of all school-aged children receive special education services. This number shows the necessity and importance of special education teachers nationwide.

It takes an exceptional person to educate children with disabilities. Special education teachers have to adapt to a wide variety of needs ranging from children who have autism, hearing and seeing impairments, and even orthopedic impairments. Special education teachers have to come up with individual-specific plans for each child enrolled in their class, tailored to help children reach their full learning potential. Special education teachers must possess unique characteristics including extreme patience, organization capabilities, and the ability to understand each individual's needs. What makes these unique characteristics and hard work of these educators especially significant is the fact that they help improve the lives of the neediest amongst us, the special education students. Therefore, it is evident that these special education teachers' hard work and dedication is truly deserving of the appreciation that Congress offers within H. Con. Res. 284.

DeKalb County School System located in the Fourth District of Georgia has a history of focused care and concern for students with special needs. In fact, DeKalb County School System has an internationally recognized Exceptional Education and Support Services Division that provides a support system for the students with special needs as well as for their parents. I am proud of programs within my district, such as this support division, that help special education teachers by giving them the option to offer this support system to their students. I want to personally thank the special education teachers in my district and across the United States.

I urge my colleagues to support this important resolution.

## RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CYBER DEFENSE COMPETITION

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 28, 2010*

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 1244,

"Recognizing the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition for its now five-year effort to promote cyber security curriculum in institutions of higher learning," as introduced by my fellow member of the Texas delegation, Rep. CIRO RODRIGUEZ.

Our nation's critical infrastructure is composed of public and private institutions in the sectors of agriculture, food, water, public health, emergency services, government, defense industrial base, information and telecommunications, energy, transportation, banking and finance, chemicals and hazardous materials, and postal and shipping. Cyberspace is their nervous system—the control system of our country. Cyberspace is composed of hundreds of thousands of interconnected computers, servers, routers, switches, and fiber optic cables that allow our critical infrastructures to work. Thus, the healthy, secure, and efficient functioning of cyberspace is essential to both our economy and our national security.

One of the most significant security challenges that our Federal government faces today is ensuring that we have an abundance of adequately trained individuals defending our information infrastructure. In the past, I have been proud to sponsor bills that would increase funding for cybersecurity education programs, to ensure that we have a properly trained workforce to protect this vital infrastructure. The National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC) is an important piece of the cybersecurity education puzzle.

Since 2005, the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition has given students in the field of cybersecurity the opportunity to showcase their abilities. Rather than having students design an "ideal" network, the CCDC requires participants to assume the administrative and protective duties for an existing "commercial" network. This allows participants to show their skill at "real world" situations, as very few cybersecurity workers will have the luxury of building a perfect system from the ground up. While we obviously want to build the most secure networks possible, our experts must be able to work with the infrastructure that exists, finding and eliminating weaknesses that may already exist, and making imperfect systems secure.

Over the last few years, the contest has grown to include regional competitions in Texas, Maine, Washington, California, and Minnesota, among other locations. This year, there were more than eighty schools that participated, from all parts of the country. The students participating in this contest have not only demonstrated their knowledge and understanding of this important function, but they have also had the opportunity to hone their skills by dealing with actual, real time issues. The National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition plays an important role in the development of our next generation of cybersecurity professionals, and I am proud to join Mr. RODRIGUEZ in recognizing it.

COMMENDING THE GEORGE MASON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' AND BOYS' SOCCER TEAMS ON WINNING THE VIRGINIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to proudly recognize the George Mason High School girls' and boys' soccer teams for winning their respective State 1A Soccer Championships. On June 12th at Radford University, the George Mason High School Mustangs of Falls Church valiantly defeated Radford High School 3-1 to capture their third consecutive state title. The following day, the boys' team displayed equally outstanding talent by defeating Radford 2-1 to capture their second consecutive state championship.

The girls' championship win follows a remarkable season of 18 wins, 3 losses, and 1 tie. Junior midfielder Hannah Walker scored twice and sophomore forward Leah Roth had a goal and an assist. Nichole Mitchell tough as the starting goalkeeper, only allowing one goal in the net from a penalty kick. After the final moment of the game, the George Mason players victoriously rushed the field and saluted their fans that had traveled 4 hours to watch the game.

The boys' championship game was led by Mustang seniors Nick Smirniotopoulos and Andrew Arias following a remarkable season of 19 wins, only 1 loss, and 4 ties. This is the second year in a row that the George Mason boys' soccer team has captured the state title. Smirniotopoulos, recently named to the 2010 All-Met team by the Washington Post, and Arias, each scored a goal to clinch the win. Just before halftime, junior goalkeeper Tyler Back made a remarkable save on a breakaway. Also standing as stalwarts on the defensive end were senior Natan Lailari and junior Franky Andrianarison. Like their counterparts on the girls' team, the lone goal scored against them came from a penalty shot.

I extend my congratulations to all of the athletes, coaches, and the entire George Mason High School community for their historic victories. Winning a state championship takes hundreds of hours of practice, preparation, and hard work. May your perseverance, strength, and diligence stay with you through all of your journeys in life.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE REGARDING ANNIVERSARY OF DISPUTED IRANIAN ELECTIONS

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2010*

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, it has been 1 year since Iran's disputed elections brought thousands into the streets to protest the regime's fierce grip on fundamental liberties. Today we pause to pay tribute to the faces of freedom that rose up in peaceful and spontaneous demonstrations across Iran only to be met with brutal violence by the thuggish

paramilitaries of the Iranian revolutionary guard.

In the days and weeks following the election, dozens of protestors were killed, hundreds were injured, others were arrested and tortured and some even died while in police custody. In the year since, Iranian authorities have cracked down on numerous other gatherings and severely curtailed the ability for Iranians to gather for national and religious holidays.

Although the 2009 election was not the first subject to serious irregularities, vote tampering and corruption, the obvious vote rigging that led some provinces to report a turnout greater than 100 percent created a tipping point.

At one point the anti-election momentum fueled a "Twitter revolution," as tech-savvy Iranian youth mobilized gatherings through texting and instant messages. It was a telling sign of the opportunity for technology to surpass censorship and galvanize a freedom movement.

The Iranian people take great pride in their nation's vibrant history as a crossroads of the world, but the dangerous policies of the current government have made them more isolated than ever.

The government's reckless management of the economy has prioritized enriching the mullahs and the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, while the average Iranian faces an unemployment rate approaching 30 percent.

The regime's illegal nuclear activities and dogged support for terrorist organizations have made Iran a pariah state in the community of nations. And now, with the recent passage of strict sanctions by the U.N. Security Council, the stagnant Iranian economy only stands to deteriorate further.

While tensions remain high between the United States and Iran, this resolution is a testament to our solidarity with the Iranian people and their courage to stand up for a better future. I am proud to be a cosponsor of the measure and I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

ON THE PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF GILAD SHALIT

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am very pleased that the House passed H. Res. 1359, a resolution calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit. It has been four long years since Gilad, then 19 years old, was kidnapped by Hamas. Hamas, in direct violation of international human rights law, has refused to allow Gilad any contact with his family, and has further refused to allow the International Committee of the Red Cross access to determine his well-being. It is a war crime for Hamas to hold Gilad hostage in order to compel the Israeli government to accede to Hamas' demands.

Madam Speaker, the time for Hamas to release Gilad Shalit is now. Right now. It is simply unconscionable for Hamas to engage in such a vicious and cruel exercise in inhu-

manity. One of both Israeli and American societies' highest and most noble ideals is to never leave a soldier behind. The passage of this resolution reaffirms the United States commitment to continue fighting for Gilad's unconditional and immediate release so that he may return to his family.

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER FOR HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE UAW

SPEECH OF

**HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2010*

Mrs. HALVORSON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in congratulating Ron Gettelfinger upon his retirement. Ron has been a true champion for American families, a leading advocate for American workers, and a dedicated president of the United Auto Workers.

I came to Congress to work on jumpstarting our economy and I'm reassured to know that under Ron's leadership, the UAW has been a steadfast voice for protecting American jobs and the rights of the hundreds of workers in my district. Prior to coming to Congress, I served in the Illinois State Senate and was proud to represent the hard working men and women, members of UAW Local 588, who work at the Ford Stamping Plant in Chicago Heights, Illinois. I'm now proud to represent members of UAW Local 2488, who work at the Mitsubishi Plant in Bloomington, Illinois. It has been an honor to represent all of these working families.

Ron's vision that our country's success is rooted in everyday working men and women is something many of us share and we are lucky to have had such a passionate advocate for this cause over the past eight years. It is this belief that has protected and advanced the rights of the American worker during Ron's tenure as UAW President. On behalf of the 11th Congressional District of Illinois, I thank Ron for his service and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

SIR PAUL McCARTNEY, GLADWELL'S "OUTLIERS" AND BP

**HON. CLIFF STEARNS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, I submit the following letter from my good friend Gene Jewett, who shares his thoughts on the phenomena of talent and the recent visit from Paul McCartney who received the Gershwin Award from the Library of Congress.

Dear Friends,

Recently, Sir Paul McCartney visited Washington where he exhibited his musical prowess for the politically powerful, initially at the Library of Congress and then at the White House. In the course of his performance on the first night, he revealed the process by which he had written one of his most famous tunes, one where the melody had come to him in a dream, a refrain that he was fortunate enough to recall. For days, he

hummed the tune (randomly entitled "scrambled eggs") to his band mates and everyone else in his greater circle of musicians, all in an attempt to determine whether it was a product of his own musical software or a reflection of a tune he had previously heard for which he was serving as a mere psychic conduit. When he finally accepted the song as his own, he re-dubbed it "Yesterday" and the rest is history. Over 3000 singers have recorded the song, a number which marks it as a continuing star in the firmament of pop music.

His story caused me to reflect on the phenomena of talent, particularly as alluded to by Malcolm Gladwell in his book, "Outliers." In this book, there's a central premise that suggests that great achievement is derived from spending at least 10,000 hours honing one's craft. Specifically, it uses as an example Paul McCartney and the Beatles playing in the clubs of Hamburg where they purportedly refined their songs. Notwithstanding the fact that the "Hamburg" Beatles played cover songs which could have encouraged them to write their original tunes, the more simple truth points to what McCartney observes in himself as some mystical talent with which he has been gifted, something for which he has no explanation. The difference between the Beatles and thousands of other bands can be found in these "gifts" of unusual talent.

Not to be too grand, but the book "the 100: A Ranking of the 100 Most Influential People in History" by M.H. Hart is a primer for the study of people with extraordinary talent and abilities. For example, Genghis Khan was a late bloomer and certainly had no training as a military leader, but no one else in military history save perhaps Alexander shows anything close to his record of achievements. And how many in the realm of physics approach the works of Newton, Maxwell and Einstein? I realize this is a leap from Sir Paul, but pure talent, while it surely needs to be developed, is really a gift that defies description. It seems that some things just "are" and that's the name of that tune. And upon such random distributions of talent and ability the upward curve of the course of history will continue to remain reliant.

Sir Paul, author of over 300 popular songs, also played "Blackbird," a very pleasing and interesting composition. But I was hoping he'd do, "Fixing a Hole" as a nod to BP who could certainly use a little mystical talent about now, no?

#### RECOGNIZING SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

SPEECH OF

#### HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 28, 2010*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 284, which recognizes the important role that special education teachers play in our Nation's schools. I thank my colleague, Congressman SESSIONS for introducing this resolution.

In 1972, the United States Supreme Court ruled that children with disabilities have the same right to receive a quality education as their nondisabled peers. Today, approximately 10 percent of our student population receives special education services.

It truly takes a special person to work with our special needs students. These teachers

often work well beyond the normal school day in designing individualized lesson plans for their students. Special education teachers have a tremendous amount of patience, flexibility, and creativity in dealing with special needs students. These teachers must also be able to adapt their teaching styles to accommodate the unique behavioral, social, emotional, or physical needs of their students.

Mr. Speaker, I would personally like to recognize the approximately 955 special education teachers in Los Angeles County. These individuals work extremely hard to provide a quality education to over 6,500 special education students. These extraordinary individuals work tirelessly and without complaint in trying to achieve successful outcomes for their students.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, we should pay tribute to the special education aides that assist the teacher in the classroom. These individuals are often overworked and underpaid and are frequently underappreciated for the positive contributions they make to our special needs students.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Con. Res. 284 in recognizing the important role that special education teachers play in our schools.

#### CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2194, COMPREHENSIVE IRAN SANCTIONS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND DIVESTMENT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

#### HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this legislation. The provisions contained in this act come after repeated attempts by the U.S. and partner nations to halt Iran's nuclear weapons program and curtail aggressive Iranian overtures around the globe—Tehran continues to sponsor, train, and equip terrorist organizations in the Middle East, act as a destabilizing force in Iraq and Afghanistan, and deploy Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps-Qods Force unconventional warfare operatives into the Western Hemisphere. The potential for a nuclear-armed Iran, when combined with the Iranian regime's volatile rhetoric and ambiguous intentions, poses a serious threat to the security of the United States, our troops serving in the Middle East, and our allies. The President and his administration have taken important steps to dissuade Iran from continuing to pursue nuclear weapons. The passage of this legislation sends a clear message that Iran's continued defiance will lead to significant, negative consequences for the Iranian regime.

In addition to imposing sanctions on refined petroleum to Iran, this legislation will broaden the entities affected by sanctions to include foreign entities that sell developmental energy technology, services, or information to Iran. This act also prohibits foreign banks from doing business in the U.S. if they deal with blacklisted Iranian institutions involved in the development of weapons of mass destruction or the promotion of international terrorism.

I commend my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for demonstrating such clear soli-

arity on this issue. I urge Iranian leaders to carefully consider the high costs of increased isolation brought about by their continued irresponsibility.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, during the vote on H.R. 5618, the Restoration of Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 2010, I was unavoidably detained—had I been present I would have voted against this legislation.

Americans are struggling to make ends meet in this economy and while I support giving unemployment benefits to people who lost their jobs, it is irresponsible for this Congress to add \$34 billion to the national debt to do so. This legislation should have been paid for with cuts to other programs. Last week the Treasury Department quietly announced that the estimated total debt for fiscal year 2010 will reach \$13.6 trillion, equal to 93.1 percent of our Gross Domestic Product. With the European Union in the midst of a sovereign debt crisis, this is the wrong time to add to our already staggering national debt.

Had I been present for the vote on H.R. 5623, the Homebuyers Assistance and Improvement Act of 2010, I would have voted in favor of this legislation. Unlike H.R. 5618, the cost of this legislation is fully offset. The homebuyer tax credit has been very successful, and after its expiration on April 30th, home sales dropped by more than 30 percent. Extending this credit by 90 days and fully offsetting its cost is a responsible course of action I fully support.

#### HONORING PERCY P. CREUZOT, JR.

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a great husband, father, entrepreneur, community activist and all-around great American, Percy P. Creuzot, Jr., who passed on from his earthly life on Sunday, June 6, 2010. We are privileged and honored to salute him as a Great Houstonian for all of America to admire.

Percy Creuzot had a unique ability to reach out and help others. Mr. Creuzot effectively articulated that strong communities are created when we recognize that every member of the community is important. He demonstrated this belief in every aspect of his life.

In 1966 his family moved to Houston, Texas, where he was employed by Herff-Jones Jewelry, a graduation supply company. Percy's first entrepreneurial endeavor in Houston was a snow-ball shop in Houston on Dowling and McGowan. There was a dearth of restaurant chains and, even fewer operated in minority neighborhoods. Mr. Creuzot saw the need for uplifting his community with his cuisine and with that envisioned a need and market in Houston for Southern Louisiana foods. With the influence from family members he decided to open a small sandwich shop in

Houston's Third Ward community. The Scott Street location sold a variety of oyster, shrimp and roast beef po-boys; the business became known as "Frenchy's Po-Boy." As the business showed promise, expansion into other endeavors was likely. With the motivation of a close friend, Mr. Creuzot dove into the fried chicken business and "Frenchy's Creole Fried Chicken" is a bustling business to this day.

In 1977, Percy expanded his business interests and opened Frenchy's Sausage Company. The goal was to produce and market Creole foods to restaurants and grocery stores in the Houston area. The business grew successfully and is now run by Percy's son, Percy III, and has become a leading producer of Creole foods and various processed meats in Houston and surrounding areas.

Percy's civic/community involvements began with a desire to enhance the success of Texas Southern University. Percy was a tireless supporter of Texas Southern University and, after being appointed by Texas Governor Bill Clements to its Board of Regents, he faithfully served for 12 years which included being its Vice Chairman. Governor Clements also appointed Percy to the Texas Private Industry Council and he was appointed to the Houston Citizen's Review Board where he served with distinction. Percy also was an active member of the National, Texas, and Houston Restaurant Associations as well as serving on the Catholic Charities' Board of Directors. Percy was a long time member of Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Pi Phi (Nu Boule) Fraternities and the Knights of Peter Claver. Until his death, Percy provided financial support to the United Negro College Fund, the Urban League, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, University of Houston, Texas Southern University, Xavier University and Hampton University.

Percy is survived by his wife, Sallie Creuzot; daughter Angele; sons Percy III (Cheryl) and John; grandchildren Simone and Terry Williams, Percy IV, Coline and Phillipe Creuzot, Ethan Creuzot; great-grandson Christien Gilliam; his sister, Martina Cox (Dr. Frank); and numerous nieces and nephews. He also left to treasure his memories many in-laws, colleagues, friends, community members, numerous Houstonian mentees including Anthony Gaynor and Charlie Reado, as well as countless high school and college students.

Madam Speaker, Percy P. Creuzot, Jr.'s life should serve as an inspiration to us all. Through his life and through his legacy he has challenged those who are caught in the grips of poverty to take control of their own destinies. By his openhandedness to his community, he is a shining example of how those more fortunate should share their lives with others.

Madam Speaker, a great American is gone from our midst, but we have been empowered to carry on his work and continue to press toward the mark. His family, friends and everyone he has touched will be in our thoughts and prayers.

HONORING MRS. RUBY BATTS  
ARCHIE

HON. THOMAS S.P. PERRIELLO

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a legend, a lion, and a leader, Mrs. Ruby Batts Archie, who died on Saturday, June 26.

Born February 9, 1934, in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Ruby Batts was the only daughter of Helen Louise Batts. She married Cephus N. Archie on November 23, 1961, and they enjoyed forty-eight years of marriage. She was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in Rocky Mount, North Carolina and Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia, where she received both her bachelors and masters degrees in English. She also received an honorary Doctorate of Literary Letters from Virginia University of Lynchburg (VA).

Mrs. Archie was a retired educator who served for 37 years in the Danville Public School System, including time as the Head of the English Departments at both Langston High School and George Washington High School. These decades of hands-on experience and leadership in the schools made her an invaluable advocate for education throughout her career in local government. She was a former Mayor for the City of Danville from 1998 to 2000, had previously served as Vice Mayor from 1996–1998, and at the time of her death was a member of the Danville City Council with 16 years of service.

Mrs. Archie worked extensively as a member of community and national organizations, not only on educational issues, but also mental health, business development, and community service. Her memberships are too many to list, but one especially close to her heart was Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, where she was a sitting member of its international board of directors and held numerous positions in her chapter, Alpha Phi Omega, including president and treasurer, and in regional and national sorority committees. Additionally, she was a presiding officer of the Order of the Eastern Star; a member of the board of directors of both the Boys and Girls Club and the Salvation Army; and a faithful member of Loyal Baptist Church where she served as a former chairman of the Board of Education and Sunday School teacher and currently served as the chairman of the Deaconess Board. Mrs. Archie was deeply concerned for Southside Virginia's economic future, having watched too many of her finest students leave the region never to return, and worked to create jobs beyond Southside's traditional textiles and tobacco. Her expertise was recognized by Governors George Allen and James Gilmore, who appointed her to serve on the Southside Business and Education Commission from 1995 to 2003.

Those who worked closely with Mrs. Archie throughout the years have expressed deep sorrow for her loss and gratitude for her innumerable contributions to the community. She was endlessly dedicated, dependable, and generous of her time and talents, and she held others to her high standards of hard work, integrity, and citizenship. Students and colleagues recall her warm smile, her style

and graceful carriage, and her zeal for proper usage of the English language. In her work in the City Council, she was calmly bipartisan, always striving to build bridges. She was an effective representative of her constituents, a tireless educator, and an inspiration to countless individuals whose lives she touched.

Mrs. Archie was just days away from retirement when she died last weekend, and had hoped to devote her time to two of her greatest passions, travel and enjoying the company of her grandchildren. Because her passing was far too soon, she was unable to savor this well-earned retirement—a truth emblematic of a woman whose life was full of future projects and plans, and who believed her work was never done.

Ruby is survived by her mother, Helen; her devoted husband, Cephus; her children Keith, Trina, and Carla; her grandsons Cedric, Deondre, and Milek; and her cousins Charles and Barbara. On behalf of Virginia's 5th District, I honor the passing of one of our finest public servants, and ask that her legacy be remembered for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CYBER DEFENSE COMPETITION

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 28, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. I rise today to express my support for H. Res. 1244, sponsored by Representative CIRO RODRIGUEZ of Texas, recognizing the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC) for their five-year effort in promoting a cyber security curriculum in institutions of higher learning. I believe that because the contestants are tested on their operational and management skills in network infrastructures and keeping defense systems safe from hackers, the CCDC not only benefits the competitors but support educators, students, the community, and the Government.

Cyber defense is important to my constituency in Georgia, as well as to our nation as a whole because as our technology capabilities grow nationally so does the threat to our network operations. I share the concerns of many Americans that information privacy and security is compromised as more and more information becomes electronic. Everyday, Americans fill out doctor's forms, insurance forms, credit card forms, and other documents that are digitized and stored at a data center somewhere. Too often, we find out that this information has been compromised in some way, whether intentionally by a hacker or accidentally through poor data management. Once compromised, one can never know how their personal information could have been accessed and how it may be used in the future. As more and more data becomes electronic, clearly we should invest in a cyber security system that is capable of protecting this data.

I am proud to recognize the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition today because it is not only a way to allow talented individuals an opportunity to provide infrastructure assurance and security; it also challenges

students to protect corporate network infrastructures and business information systems.

I congratulate the 2010 National Collegiate Cyber Defense Champions on their win and I urge my colleagues to support this important resolution.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,038,916,836,943.40.

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 \$2,400,491,090,649.60 so far this Congress.

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

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, because of a necessary absence, I missed the recorded vote on H.R. 5623, the H.R. 5618, the Restoration of Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act. (Rollcall vote No. 398) Had I been present and voting on this vital legislation, I would have voted yes.

Since Congress first provided the emergency extension on unemployment benefits in H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, I have voted to continue the extension at least seven times. As our nation recovers from the worst recession since the Great Depression, it is very promising that almost 431,000 jobs were added in May, the most in four years. But we cannot reverse two years of recession overnight, nor can we turn the tide on a decade of declining middle class economic security. There is still much to be done to help the nearly eight million people who lost work during this economic crisis return to payrolls. Providing unemployment insurance benefits so that families can continue to put food on the table and pay their mortgage, is necessary to the economy's continued recovery.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CYBER DEFENSE COMPETITION

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 28, 2010*

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 1244, "Recognizing the National Collegiate Cyber De-

fense Competition for its for its now five-year effort to promote cyber security curriculum in institutions of higher learning," as introduced by my fellow member of the Texas delegation, Rep. CIRO RODRIGUEZ.

Our Nation's critical infrastructure is composed of public and private institutions in the sectors of agriculture, food, water, public health, emergency services, government, defense industrial base, information and telecommunications, energy, transportation, banking and finance, chemicals and hazardous materials, and postal and shipping. Cyberspace is their nervous system—the control system of our country. Cyberspace is composed of hundreds of thousands of interconnected computers, servers, routers, switches, and fiber optic cables that allow our critical infrastructures to work. Thus, the healthy, secure, and efficient functioning of cyberspace is essential to both our economy and our national security.

One of the most significant security challenges that our Federal government faces today is ensuring that we have an abundance of adequately trained individuals defending our information infrastructure. In the past, I have been proud to sponsor bills that would increase funding for cybersecurity education programs, to ensure that we have a properly trained workforce to protect this vital infrastructure. The National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (CCDC) is an important piece of the cybersecurity education puzzle.

Since 2005, the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition has given students in the field of cybersecurity the opportunity to showcase their abilities. Rather than having students design an "ideal" network, the CCDC requires participants to assume the administrative and protective duties for an existing "commercial" network. This allows participants to show their skill at "real world" situations, as very few cybersecurity workers will have the luxury of building a perfect system from the ground up. While we obviously want to build the most secure networks possible, our experts must be able to work with the infrastructure that exists, finding and eliminating weaknesses that may already exist, and making imperfect systems secure.

Over the last few years, the contest has grown to include regional competitions in Texas, Maine, Washington, California, and Minnesota, among other locations. This year, there were more than eighty schools that participated, from all parts of the country. The students participating in this contest have not only demonstrated their knowledge and understanding of this important function, but they have also had the opportunity to hone their skills by dealing with actual, real time issues. The National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition plays an important role in the development of our next generation of cybersecurity professionals, and I am proud to join Mr. RODRIGUEZ in recognizing it.

H.R. 5629, THE OIL SPILL ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2010

**HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce H.R. 5629, the "Oil Spill Ac-

countability and Environmental Protection Act of 2010", legislation to respond to the ongoing Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster and to address several shortcomings in the law to ensure that a similar tragedy cannot happen again.

To understand the intent of this legislation, it is important to understand the historical context in which H.R. 5627, the "Oil Spill Accountability and Environmental Protection Act", is being introduced.

On April 20, 2010, a blowout from the mobile offshore drilling unit (MODU), the Deepwater Horizon, led to an explosion in the Gulf of Mexico that left 11 crew members missing and presumed dead. The Deepwater Horizon was owned by Transocean Ltd., and leased, at the time of the explosion, to BP p.l.c. (BP), which owns a majority stake in the Mississippi Canyon Block 252 (MC 252) site and had contracted the rig to drill a prospect well.

Following the explosion, the Deepwater Horizon sank on April 22. Since the explosion, oil has been spilling from the well into the Gulf of Mexico. In response to the Deepwater Horizon disaster, BP has made numerous attempts to stop or contain the flow of oil into the Gulf. U.S. Government and independent scientists estimate that the most likely flow rate of oil today is between 35,000 and 60,000 barrels per day.

In light of the April 20 explosion and the ongoing release of oil into the Gulf of Mexico, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has held three hearings investigating the potential causes of this disaster, and exploring potential changes to the laws and agencies under the Committee's jurisdiction to ensure that a similar event cannot happen in the future.

While the causes of the explosion aboard the Deepwater Horizon, and its eventual sinking, remain under investigation, the hearings before the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure have uncovered several shortcomings in current law that may have allowed the causes of this disaster to be set in motion.

For example, through the Committee hearings, our Members received testimony on how the MODU, Deepwater Horizon, was registered in the Marshall Islands and, therefore, was not subjected to as rigorous of a vessel safety inspection by the Coast Guard as a similar U.S.-flag vessel.

The Committee also learned that, because of the unique nature of offshore drilling, Federal oversight of the Deepwater Horizon drilling operation was divided between the Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service and the Coast Guard, with no clear final say of Federal authority over the operations onboard the drilling rig.

The Committee also learned that apparent shortcuts were taken in the development, approval, and implementation of oil spill response plans for the Deepwater Horizon drilling operation, and, in hindsight, these response plans were wholly inadequate to address a worst-case scenario involving a blowout from the well head.

The Deepwater Horizon disaster has also demonstrated that the current limits of liability, including the levels of financial responsibility for responsible parties, are insufficient to address a potential worst-case scenario on the release of oil for offshore facilities, and have called into question the current limits of liability for other vessels as well. With the expected

costs of the Deepwater Horizon disaster expected to be in the tens of billions, and the agreement by BP to set aside \$20 billion in escrow to cover potential costs related to the spill, it is clear that the \$75 million liability cap for offshore facilities needs to be significantly increased or removed. As noted in testimony before the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, it is plausible that any limitation on liability, no matter how large, actually encourages risky behavior by externalizing the true cost of an oil spill response or damages over and above the cap. In addition, the Committee received testimony from the U.S. Coast Guard that suggests that the current limits of liability for certain classes of vessels do not adequately reflect the potential risks or impacts of a release of oil.

Finally, the Committee investigated the unprecedented use of more than 1.5 million gallons of chemical dispersants in relation to the Deepwater Horizon disaster, and has called into question the potential short- and long-term impacts that increased use of these dispersants may have on the Gulf of Mexico and the natural resources that utilize this area.

Today, my Committee colleagues and I introduce H.R. 5629, the "Oil Spill Accountability and Environmental Protection Act of 2010", to address these and other shortcomings that may have allowed the Deepwater Horizon disaster to occur, and to help, ensure that similar events cannot happen in the future.

In many ways, the events leading up to the introduction of this legislation are similar to those that compelled Congress to enact the original Oil Pollution Act of 1990. Up until this year, the events surrounding the release of approximately 750,000 barrels of oil from the Exxon Valdez in the Prince William Sound, Alaska, defined our understanding of the likely impacts from a domestic oil spill.

Yet, the events of the past three months have forced us to realize that the protections included in the original Oil Pollution Act of 1990 are inadequate to address the current state of oil development technologies.

What has become evident is the potential adverse impacts of a "worst-case scenario" from modern exploration sites, such as that being explored by the Deepwater Horizon, are very different from those created by the release of oil from a tanker. This disaster has compelled us to reexamine the framework for Federal oversight and regulation of potentially-limitless sources of oil, deep beneath the surface of the ocean, and the difficulty in controlling and remediating potentially massive releases of oil beyond the reach of direct human control.

This disaster also requires that we reassess the potential scope of impacted lives and livelihoods and the natural resources related to a massive oil release, and the capability of Federal, state, local, and private resources to prevent or address such a release.

In addition, this disaster requires that we reexamine the wisdom of oil exploration policies that push the envelope on drilling technologies without any assurance that these underwater resources can be shut down or adequately controlled and cleaned up if something goes wrong.

Finally, this disaster has forced us to reexamine the safety standards for offshore oil exploration and production activities to minimize the potential for future losses of life.

In short, this legislation amends or repeals several laws within the jurisdiction of the Com-

mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure to address the following areas: (1) Liability and Financial Responsibility; (2) Improvements in Safety; (3) Increased Oversight of Oil Spill Responses; (4) Improvements in Environmental Protection; and (5) Funding for Agency Response Activities.

A summary of the bill follows:

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, H.R. 5629, THE "OIL SPILL ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2010," JUNE 29, 2010

#### LIABILITY AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Repeal of and Adjustments to Limitations on Liability: H.R. 5629 removes the existing statutory limitation on liability for offshore facilities (such as the Deepwater Horizon rig) to apply to all spills on or after April 19, 2010, to ensure that the responsible party or parties will be responsible for 100 percent of oil pollution cleanup costs and damages to third parties. Directs the President to review the existing limitations on liability for vessels and onshore facilities, and authorizes the President to revise the liability limitations upward to an amount commensurate with the risk of discharge or any increase in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is greater.

Evidence of Financial Responsibility for Offshore Facilities: H.R. 5629 increases the minimum level of financial responsibility for an offshore facility (such as the Deepwater Horizon rig) to \$1.5 billion. Directs the President to review the minimum level of financial responsibility for an offshore facility every three years, and to revise the level upward to reflect the potential risk of a release to human health and the environment. Authorizes the President to require, on a case-by-case basis, additional levels of financial responsibility based on risk. Requires existing offshore leaseholders to demonstrate the new levels of financial responsibility within six months of the date of enactment of this Act.

Damages to Human Health: Under current law, impacts to human health are not recognized as a valid claim under the Oil Pollution Act. H.R. 5629 authorizes individuals to seek compensation from responsible parties for damages to human health resulting from a release of oil.

Modernize Federal Maritime Laws: H.R. 5629 amends the Death on the High Seas Act (enacted in 1920) and the Jones Act (enacted in 1920) to authorize the recovery of non-pecuniary damages currently allowed under general maritime law. Repeals the Limitation of Liability Act of 1851, which limits the liability of a ship owner to the value of the vessel and freight.

#### IMPROVEMENTS IN MARITIME SAFETY

Americanization of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone: H.R. 5629 requires all vessels (including Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODUs) such as the Deepwater Horizon) engaged in oil drilling activities in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (200-mile zone) to be U.S.-flag vessels owned by U.S. citizens. Americanization ensures that the vessels are subject to U.S. safety regulations and that all of these vessels employ U.S. citizens (who, thus, pay U.S. taxes).

Safety Management Plans and Safety Standards for Mobile Offshore Drilling Units: H.R. 5629 requires that all MODUs develop and implement a safety management plan to address all activities on the vessel that may threaten the safety of the vessel or its crew. Requires the U.S. Coast Guard to develop standards to address a worst-case event involving a discharge of oil and gas.

Approval of Oil Spill Response Plans: H.R. 5629 requires the Coast Guard to concur in the oil spill response plan for an offshore fa-

cility (the well). Clarifies the respective authorities of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) with respect to onshore facilities.

Coast Guard Maritime Safety Workforce: H.R. 5629 requires the Coast Guard to increase the number of qualified marine inspectors, marine casualty investigators, and marine safety engineers.

Licensing Requirements for MODU Captains: H.R. 5629 requires that a MODU (such as the Deepwater Horizon) is, at all times, under the command of a licensed and proficient master who is responsible for the safety of both the navigational and industrial functions (e.g., drilling operations) on the MODU.

#### INCREASED OVERSIGHT OF OIL SPILL RESPONSES

Evaluation, Approval, and Public Availability of Oil Spill Response Plans: H.R. 5629 ensures that EPA, the Coast Guard, and DOT have the authority to require owners and operators of vessels and facilities engaged in oil-related activities to submit their oil response plans for approval, and make the plans publicly available. Clarifies that the agencies with jurisdiction must review, and, where necessary, revise, inspect, and enforce the provisions of a vessel or facility oil spill response plan.

Repeal of Response Plan Waivers: H.R. 5629 repeals the authority for the agencies with jurisdiction to allow any tank vessel or onshore or offshore facility to operate without an approved oil spill response plan. The bill preserves waiver authority for nontank vessels.

Oversight of Oil Spill Claims; Acceleration of Claims to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund: H.R. 5629 authorizes the President, in the event of a spill of national significance, to require a responsible party (or guarantor) to provide the United States with information on claims for damages made against the responsible party or the Trust Fund. Amends the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to allow claimants to pursue compensation from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund within 45 days of a denial of a claim by the responsible party.

#### IMPROVEMENTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Use of Dispersants and Other Chemicals: H.R. 5629 directs the EPA to undertake a rulemaking to revise the list of approved dispersants and other chemicals that can be used in relation to an oil spill. Directs the Administrator to establish minimum toxicity and efficacy criteria for dispersants, provide for independent verification of industry-provided data, require public disclosure of the formula for listed dispersants, and provide a mechanism for delisting a dispersant based on potential impacts to human health or the environment. Requires specific approval of the Federal On-Scene Coordinator, in coordination with EPA, before use of a dispersant or other chemical in relation to a future oil spill.

National Oil Spill Database: H.R. 5629 requires the President, acting through EPA, the Coast Guard, DOT, and other Federal agencies to develop a publicly-available, national database to track all discharges of oil or hazardous substances into the waters of the United States, adjoining shorelines, or the waters of the contiguous zone.

Reforms of Federal Agencies, Laws, or Programs to Ensure Effective Oversight, Inspection, Monitoring, and Response Capabilities to an Oil Spill: H.R. 5629 directs the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Spill and Offshore Drilling, established by Executive Order, to evaluate the current division of responsibility among the different Federal agencies, and to submit recommendations to Congress on changes to the current responsibilities of Federal agencies, including the creation of new agencies

to regulate offshore drilling operations. Requires the Commission to develop recommendations to ensure that offshore drilling is overseen by career professionals who will give safety the highest priority, and not be improperly influenced by political appointees or the regulated industry.

FUNDING FOR AGENCY RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

Authorized Level of Coast Guard Personnel: H.R. 5629 authorizes an end-of-year strength for active-duty Coast Guard personnel of 47,300 for fiscal year 2011, of which not less than 300 personnel shall be assigned to implement the activities required of the Coast Guard by this Act.

Authorization of Appropriations from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund: H.R. 5629 specifically authorizes appropriations from the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund for the Coast Guard, EPA, and DOT to carry out this Act.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MARINES CHRISTOPHER ARNOLD, JOEL RANGEL, AND CLAYTON YOUNG

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Master Sergeant Christopher Lee Arnold, Master Sergeant Joel Ascension Rangel, and Gunnery Sergeant Clayton Roy Young of the Marine Battle Color Detachment who are each retiring after more than 20 years of service in the Marine Corps.

The Battle Color Detachment features the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, the Silent Drill Platoon, and the Marine Corps Color Guard. All are attached to Marine Barracks, Washington, DC, also known as the "Oldest Post of the Corps." These Marines appear in hundreds of ceremonies annually across the country and abroad.

I would like to express my personal gratitude to these three Marines who were a part of the Marine Battle Color Detachment when they visited Connecticut's First Congressional District in October of 2008. In conjunction with a traveling replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall during its 25th anniversary, they gave a moving performance before the residents of the Connecticut State Veterans Home and over 3,000 attendees at Rentschler Field in East Hartford. These Marines have performed and helped facilitate many events such as these in Connecticut, across the country and around the world. Everywhere the Marine Corps Battle Color Detachment performs, they instill in all an enormous amount of pride for our Armed Forces and the nation as a whole. This Congress and the people of the United States of America owe these three recently retired Marine NCO's a significant debt of gratitude for all of their service:

Master Sergeant Christopher Lee Arnold began his enlistment on July 1, 1990 and will retire on July 31, 2010 after twenty years of service.

Master Sergeant Joel Ascension Rangel began his enlistment on September 12, 1989 and will retire on June 30, 2010 after twenty years of service.

Gunnery Sergeant Clayton Roy Young began his enlistment on August 15, 1988 and will retire on August 31, 2010 after twenty-two years of service.

RECOGNIZING SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

SPEECH OF

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 28, 2010*

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today before you, expressing my strong support for H. Con. Res. 284, appreciating the work and recognizing the special education teachers of our nation.

First, I would like to thank Congressman PETE SESSIONS of Texas and all of the co-sponsors, for recognizing these important people in our education system. I would also like to extend my gratitude to Chairman GEORGE MILLER and Ranking Member JOHN KLINE of the Committee on Education & Labor for supporting this resolution. This bill recognizes the profound dedication that these teachers have for their students, and the general community.

I would like to commend our special education teachers for continuing a phenomenal job. Not only do I respect their enduring patience and commitment, I applaud them on how much they have contributed to their local education systems. On a daily basis, these individuals must be able to motivate their students and push them past their limitations, and at the same time help them to mature and become productive members of society.

Not only have these teachers helped the many special needs students to achieve in school, but they have also formed a support system for the many parents and families. They are the warm counsel to the students and their loved ones. They are entrusted to help the students succeed in their education. These teachers continue to encompass a genuine and dedicated work ethic.

In American Samoa's education system, we have implemented a significant amount of special education programs into our schools. Importantly, we have integrated the special needs students in the mainstream education system. I would personally like to commend those teachers, for their enthusiasm and effort with our children. We, as the Congress, must continue to provide the tools and support for the special needs teachers and their students, especially during these times of economic strife.

We are reminded that in 1972 the United States Supreme Court granted children with disabilities with the same right to receive 'quality' education. Without our special education teachers and the efforts of many others to provide for the children with special needs, this clearly would not have been possible.

Even as these individuals are faced with maybe, the most emotional and mentally stressful challenges, their continuous work in fostering and assisting our children is inspiring.

I strongly urge my colleagues to pass this resolution.

RECOGNIZING SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 28, 2010*

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today in support of H. Con. Res. 284, "Recognizing the work and importance of special education teachers." I would like to thank my colleague from Texas for shedding light on this very demanding and vital occupation.

Special education teachers teach students with both physical and mental impairments. A physical impairment is defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as: "Any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: neurological, musculoskeletal, special sense organs, respiratory (including speech organs), cardiovascular, reproductive, digestive, genitourinary, hemic and lymphatic, skin, and endocrine."

A mental impairment is defined by the ADA as: "Any mental or psychological disorder, such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities."

Neither the statute nor the regulations list all diseases or conditions that make up "physical or mental impairments," because it would be impossible to provide a comprehensive list, given the variety of possible impairments. However, the number of disabilities covered by the ADA continues to grow, as has the number of people diagnosed with learning disabilities. For example, it is estimated that between 3 and 5 percent of children have met criteria for diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). This represents approximately 2 million children in the United States, and means that in a classroom of 25 to 30 children, it is likely that at least one will have ADHD. In total, according to the U.S. Department of Education, approximately 6,500,000 children (roughly 10 percent of all school-aged children) receive special education services.

Mr. Speaker, it is said that "The highest cost of an education is not getting one." In 1972, the United States Supreme Court ruled that children with disabilities have the same right to receive a quality education in the public schools as their nondisabled peers. Because of this ruling, special education teachers had to be prepared to handle these students and their individual needs.

Special education teachers work with children and young adults who have a range of disabilities. A small number of special education teachers work with students with severe cognitive, emotional, or physical disabilities, primarily teaching them life skills and basic literacy. However, the majority of special education teachers work with children with mild to moderate disabilities, modifying the general education curriculum to meet the individual needs of the child and providing required corrective instruction. Today there are over 370,000 highly qualified special education teachers in the United States.

Special education teachers use various techniques to promote learning. Depending on

the student, teaching methods can include intensive individualized instruction, problem-solving assignments, and small-group work. Special education teachers ensure that appropriate accommodations are provided, such as having material read orally, or lengthening the time allowed to take the test for students who need special accommodations to learn the general curriculum or to take a test. In some cases, teachers also provide students with career counseling or help them learn life skills, such as balancing a checkbook.

Helping these students can be highly rewarding and gratifying for the teacher, but the work also can be emotionally demanding and physically draining. Teachers are often consumed with paper work and burdened with a heavy workload—not to mention administrative responsibilities. The teacher is responsible for assessing the student's progress toward gaining the knowledge necessary to pass the course as well as consider the students' progress coping with their learning disability.

I applaud the steadfastness of all teachers for their diligence in teaching our youth and preparing them for the future. I am grateful for special educational instructors, who not only must deal with the curriculum of a classroom, but must also manage all of the other factors that may impede learning. Because of this, I strongly support H. Con Res. 284 and I encourage my colleagues to join me.

RECOGNITION OF DENNIS GUEST  
FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

**HON. MARY JO KILROY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dennis Guest, Executive Director of the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), as he retires from a lifelong career as an affordable housing advocate. During 24 years at CMHA, Dennis supervised 250 employees administering Housing Choice Vouchers for approximately 12,500 families, distributing over \$77,000,000 to rental property owners, and managing 3,147 apartments in Franklin County, Ohio.

Dennis facilitated the Rebuilding Lives Initiative and fostered partnerships with the City of Columbus, Franklin County, Community Shelter Board, United Way, ADAMH Board, and other non-profit organizations to provide the best housing and supportive services to 34,000 residents. As a result of his hard work and dedication, CMHA is strategically positioned for success well into the future.

Prior to this position, Dennis served as the Director of Housing Management at the San Francisco Housing Authority and the Executive Assistant at the Oakland Housing Authority. He was also a VISTA Volunteer at the Seattle Housing Authority and Assistant Public Housing Manager in Detroit, Michigan.

Devoted to public service, Dennis sits on the Funders Collaborative of the Community Shelter Board, Joint Columbus and Franklin County Housing Advisory Board, Housing Vision Council of United Way, and is President of the Assisted Housing Services Corporation.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in wishing Dennis and his wife Bernadette a happy retirement after years of dedication to

the affordable housing needs of Columbus and Franklin County, Ohio.

HONORING THE CITY OF  
CHANDLER

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize the City of Chandler on its 50th anniversary of incorporation on July 10th.

Alphonso Chandler and his brother Haskell moved their families from Georgia to the area located between Kickapoo Creek and the Neches River in 1859. As one of the first settlers in the area, Alphonso built a general store on his property. A U.S. Post Office was added in 1873, under the name of Stillwater. The Cotton Belt Railroad later made its way to the area in 1880, and Mr. Chandler deeded land to the Texas and St. Louis Railroad for tracks and a depot. Mr. Chandler also donated property for schools, churches and a cemetery. A new community grew around the railroad.

What many may not know is that Chandler is the birthplace of Senator Ralph Yarborough who represented Texas in the U.S. Senate from 1957 to 1971. Many of his personal and public effects can be found at the Chandler Public Library.

Chandler has become a gateway to Lake Palestine, a beautiful body of water that is home to many migratory birds and waterfowl, as well as great fishing and recreational boating. Traveling on South FM 315, one might catch a glimpse of our nation's emblem, the bald eagle, soaring over the lake.

Chandler is a growing community and its citizens live by its motto, "City with a Heart." I would like to congratulate the City of Chandler on its 50th anniversary of incorporation and recognize its citizens, both past and present, who have given so much to build a vibrant community.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR  
AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3962, which will protect patient access to their doctors and prevent a 21 percent cut in Medicare payments to doctors, and also boost physician payments by 2.2 percent through November 30.

Congress has spent the last decade—under both Republican and Democratic leadership—overriding the Sustainable Growth Rate, SGR, formula to prevent America's doctors from facing pay cuts in Medicare and to ensure seniors can keep their doctor.

Last November, the House passed H.R. 3961, the Medicare Physician Payment Reform Act, permanently fixing the SGR. Democrats have long recognized that this formula is fundamentally flawed and have been working

to fix it only to be stymied by Republicans in the Senate. This bill, though necessary, will require Congress to review the formula again in December when the current fix expires.

Temporary fixes are not the answer. We must have a permanent solution to this problem to protect our Medicare patients and retired military veterans.

I urge my colleagues to work toward a permanent fix of the Sustainable Growth Rate.

HONORING SERGEANT DAVID  
PARKS

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant David Parks's 31 years of exemplary service in law enforcement, in honor of his retirement from the Newark, California, Police Department.

Sergeant Parks began his law enforcement career as a 2-year public safety officer with the Brisbane Department of Public Safety. He was then hired as a police officer with the Newark Police Department in September 1981, where he served for 29 years.

As a police officer at the Newark Police Department, Sergeant Parks served 1 year as a fraud detective and 3 years as a Crimes Against Persons detective. In July 2004, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and served in a variety of positions including patrol sergeant, community safety team sergeant, and detective sergeant.

During his tenure with the Newark Police Department, Sergeant Parks had held many collateral duties such as field training officer, FTO; FTO Sergeant, criminal evidence response team, CERT, member; CERT supervisor; trauma response team; traffic officer; acting sergeant; SWAT team member; Alameda County arson task force member; and composite sketch artist.

I join the City of Newark in expressing appreciation for Sergeant Parks's leadership and commitment during his service in the Newark Police Department. I rise to thank him for his stewardship for public safety and wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING SCOTT URBAN

**HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. WALZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Scott Urban, a teacher from Mankato West High School in Mankato, MN.

Scott was one of two recipients this year to receive the Minnesota WEM Foundation Outstanding Educator Award for Teacher Achievement.

This award recognizes exemplary teachers who support, inspire and assist students to attain greater learning. The recipients of this award are nominated by students, parents, colleagues, and community members—the people who know the difference a good teacher can make.

As a teacher on leave from Mankato West, I have had the honor to teach with Scott.

I've seen how Scott's passion for teaching and outstanding leadership inspires students to achieve their true potential. He encourages students to learn the material not for a test, but to increase their knowledge and shape their world view.

Scott's success with students is truly unmatched. Over the past 11 years at Mankato West, students in his AP government and politics class have maintained an 80 percent pass rate on the national AP exam, well above the state and national averages. Last year, 85 students took the exam in his class and 46 achieved the highest possible score, five out of five.

Students in Scott's advanced placement government and politics class come away with a superior knowledge of our political system and a deep appreciation for our democracy.

For 27 years Scott has challenged every student that walks into his classroom to go beyond what is expected. His efforts have impacted a generation of students and we in Minnesota are lucky to have him. I can think of no one else who deserves this award as much as he does.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Scott Urban for his life of dedication and service to his community and his country.

BP DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL  
SPILL

HON. JOHN J. HALL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. HALL of New York. Madam Speaker, the tragic BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico has cost the nation billions of dollars in economic damages to the United States, as well as widespread devastation of our natural resources. There is an immediate need to act—to stop the leak, clean up the oil, and repair our fragile economy and ecosystem. But we will be making an irreparable mistake if we do not take this opportunity to examine our energy needs for the future.

Historians will look back on this era as a turning point. The BP disaster and its resulting damage to our economy and to nature will reshape Americans' support for renewable energy versus continued dependence on oil.

It is impossible for us to comprehend the magnitude of the oil spill in the Gulf; we may not be able to calculate the true costs for years. But in the midst of unprecedented tragedy, we see hopeful signs of change.

The military—one of the largest users of energy—is looking at alternative sources of power. In my district in New York's Hudson Valley, the United States Military Academy at West Point is beginning to use solar and wind energy.

Renewable energy is being produced in other places unimaginable not long ago. More than 1,300 billboards in Florida will be converted to solar and wind energy by the Lamar Advertising Company. This is notable because it showcases renewable energy as a practical and accepted corporate solution.

Further, billboards are visible. The solar panels and small wind turbines will create awareness about renewable energy, sending a

message that renewable energy is not some far away idealist dream. It's doable, and it's doable now.

The kilowatt production from this project will be significant. Just as important, the hardware is made in the United States. In Times Square, office equipment provider Ricoh just completed a solar-powered electronic billboard. Hardware came from companies based in California, Ohio, and Rhode Island.

Renewable energy is a growth industry here at home. In my congressional district, a solar-cell company moved into existing manufacturing space, which had been vacant. Where did the previous jobs go? China.

My congressional district is also home to SpectraWatt, which has started to manufacture advanced silicon photovoltaic cells at the Hudson Valley Research Park in Hopewell Junction, NY. When I toured this facility with Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis in late March, 60 people were on the payroll. Since then, nine additional employees have been hired and additional hires are expected soon.

As we ponder the sobering consequences of the BP oil spill in the Gulf, I ask my colleagues to not only look at our immediate crisis, but to also consider an energy policy that spurs the development of renewable technologies. As we invest in renewable energy and rebuild our energy infrastructure, we can also boost our manufacturing base and create a broad array of quality jobs. Now is the time to rebuild: our economy and our environment depend on us.

HONORING JOHN BRYANT BEALL,  
SR.

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize Mr. John Bryant Beall, Sr. Mr. Beall is a World War II veteran who will finally receive a significant military honor at the Edom July 4th Celebration.

President Coolidge once said, "A nation which forgets its defenders, will itself soon be forgotten." I am proud of Mr. Karl Little, who helped Mr. Beall realize this honor, and everyone who is taking the time on Independence Day to honor him.

Mr. Beall will be awarded the Bronze Star Medal during a ceremony on July 4th. He joined the U.S. Army in February of 1943 and reached the rank of Private 1st Class before his discharge in November of 1945. Mr. Beall served on the front lines of combat in two campaigns in Central Europe.

Mr. Beall was one of five brothers that were raised in Edom. Mr. Beall, along with three of his brothers, served in World War II, while his oldest brother was too old to serve in the military. It is certainly a testament of courage and patriotism for the Beall family to risk so much in the defense of our nation.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the entire 5th Congressional District of Texas, to thank Mr. Beall and his family for their service to our country. We should be eternally grateful for our servicemen and women in the past and present who have fought to preserve liberty for our generation and generations to come.

HONORING THE BICENTENNIAL OF  
THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY  
IN COATESVILLE

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th anniversary of the oldest, continuously operating steel mill in the United States located in 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 Coatesville's iron and steel 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 leaders. Today, the world's largest steel producer, ArcelorMittal, operates the facility and employs 820 men and women there.

The plant is responsible for several historically significant achievements. Rebecca Lukens is recognized as America's first female chief executive officer. In addition, the rolling plates for the *Cordorus*, the first iron-hulled vessel, and the *Nautilus*, the first nuclear submarine, were manufactured at the facility. More recently, the "steel trees" from the World Trade Center, which stood tall after the September 11, 2001 attack, returned home to Coatesville where they were manufactured.

Dedicated employees with work ethics as strong as the steel plates they forge also have been integral to the success of the plant. 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 products.

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 effort of employees, past and present, to produce world-class products and an enduring legacy for the City.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, June 29, 2010, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall vote 401.

Had I been present for rollcall 401, on a motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 5623, the Homebuyer Assistance and Improvement Act, I would have voted "aye."

## THE FORGOTTEN WAR

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, half way across the world, nearly 37,000 Americans gave their lives in a struggle against communism from the summer of 1950 to the summer of 1953. How does one forget?

Overshadowed by World War II and Vietnam, the Korean War has commonly been referred to as "The Forgotten War", although it figures prominently in the development of historical events. Friday, June 25, marks the 60th anniversary of the Korean War. In the early hours of June 25 1950, communist forces from the north crossed the 38th parallel and invaded the Republic of South Korea. Two days after the North Korean invasion, President Harry S. Truman authorized the use of American military forces in Korea. Nearly two million Americans stepped up in attempt to triumph evil in the Korean theatre.

The Korean War was a civil war; Koreans fought and killed each other on their own soil. The economic and social danger to the Korean nation was incalculable. It was also one of the first episodes of the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union. Others, including a communist China, joined in based on their ideologies.

Remembering the Korean War is painful for many veterans who fought in it. Those who were there remember the violent hand to hand combat and the extreme conditions they faced. Maybe that's why it's forgotten. Or maybe it's due to the fact that history frowns upon conflicts in which there is no clear winner. But for whatever reasons there are, the Americans who served, the lives that were lost, and the cause that was fought for should never be forgotten.

It might not have been the most glorious war in our history, but nearly two million Americans rose up to triumph evil on the Korean Peninsula during those violent years. That's pretty unforgettable.

HONORING DR. LOUIS FISHER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

**HON. BILL DELAHUNT**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the many Members in the House of Representatives who—like myself—have benefited from this honorable man's brilliance and dedication, I wish to commend Dr. Louis Fisher, Ph.D., for his forty years of exemplary service to the United States Congress as a member of the professional staff of the Library of Congress, both with the Congressional Research Service and the Law Library.

We, and the many colleagues who served before us, have each been the beneficiaries of the years Lou Fisher has devoted to assisting the Congress in understanding the U.S. Constitution and acting to preserve the responsibilities and prerogatives of the Legislative

Branch while respecting those of the Executive and Judicial Branches. He has made a unique, profound and lasting contribution to the vitality of the Congress and the Republic.

Highlights of his career include his assistance in authoring the new constitutions of Russia, the Ukraine, Bulgaria, Albania, and Hungary following the fall of the Soviet Union; his dedicated service as Research Director for the House Iran-Contra Committee; and his extensive testimonies on war powers, state secrets, executive spending discretion, presidential reorganization authority, Congress and the Constitution, the legislative veto, the item veto, executive privilege, executive lobbying, covert spending, the pocket veto, recess appointments, the budget process, the balanced budget amendment, biennial budgeting, and presidential impoundment powers. He is renowned as a prolific author of books, textbooks, articles and papers on Congress, the Constitution, Presidential power, and other topics, all too numerous to list, and was the 2006 recipient of the Neustadt Book Award for Military Tribunals and Presidential Power.

With gratitude for his contributions to the Congress and the Nation, we extend our deep respect and heartfelt esteem to Dr. Fisher and offer our affectionate wishes for his health and happiness in retirement.

IN PRAISE OF THE TRANS-ATLANTIC LEGISLATORS' DIALOGUE MEETING HELD IN MADRID, SPAIN

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues in the Congress to another successful meeting of the Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue (TLD) that was held in Madrid, Spain from June 4–6, 2010. Chairwoman SHELLEY BERKLEY, yet again, showed her strong commitment to furthering the transatlantic relationship in her leadership of a bipartisan delegation, which included Vice-Chairman JIM COSTA (D-CA), Vice-Chairman CLIFF STEARNS (R-FL), Rep. BART GORDON (D-TN), Rep. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART (R-FL), Rep. MARIO DIAZ-BALART (R-FL), Rep. PHIL GINGREY (R-GA) and Rep. VERN BUCHANAN (R-FL). I wish to recognize and thank Chairwoman BERKLEY and the entire U.S. delegation for their contribution to a constructive dialogue with Members of the European Parliament.

The TLD is the formal response by the European Parliament and the U.S. Congress to the commitment in the New Transatlantic Agenda of 1995, which enhances legislative ties between the European Union and the United States. The TLD biannual meetings foster transatlantic discourse and encourage the exchange of views on topics of mutual interest. With the additional powers provided by the Lisbon Treaty to the European Parliament, it is more imperative now that legislators engage in this dialogue and seek joint solutions to the pressing issues that affect citizens on both sides of the Atlantic.

The most recent meeting in Madrid addressed a wide range of common challenges, including energy security and climate change,

cooperation in both responding to international crises and in providing development aid, and current economic challenges within the Eurozone, the United States, and the world.

The session addressing the transatlantic response to volatile regions of the world was moderated by the Honorable Miguel Angel Moratinos, Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs and current President of the EU General Affairs Council. Members discussed the Middle East, Afghanistan and Pakistan, Iran, Somalia, and Cuba and stressed the need for transatlantic engagement to address these shared foreign policy interests.

There was also an extensive session on the implications of the Lisbon Treaty for Europe, the transatlantic relationship, and the TLD. The newly enhanced legislative power of the European Parliament reinforces the relevancy and importance of TLD meetings in fostering transatlantic cooperation.

In conclusion, I submit the joint statement that was agreed upon by American and European legislators at the 68th TLD meeting held in Madrid. It underscores the rich agenda of this meeting and highlights the many areas in which there was strong transatlantic agreement.

TRANSATLANTIC LEGISLATORS' DIALOGUE 68TH MEETING OF DELEGATIONS

[From the European Parliament and the United States Congress, Madrid, Spain, 3–6 June 2010, Joint Statement]

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We, the Members of the European Parliament and the United States House of Representatives, held our 68th Interparliamentary meeting (Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue) in Madrid, from 3–6 June 2010.

Building on the joint statement issued following our last meeting in New York on 4–7 December 2009, we reasserted the importance of regular dialogue on political, social, economic and environmental challenges that affect all of our citizens. We agreed to report back to our parent bodies on the content and outcome of our discussions in Madrid, in particular in the areas where joint efforts are likely to produce positive outcomes.

The first experiences with the Lisbon treaty, and the enhanced powers it gives to the European Parliament, were evaluated and we concluded that this emphasizes the need for continued and expanded dialogue and interaction between legislators in the United States Congress and the European Parliament.

In the field of civil liberties, we recognised that we share many common values yet we also recognised that we may have different approaches to finding optimal solutions. It was noted that these differences in approach are being addressed with a view toward coming to a permanent agreement on the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program (TFTP). We welcomed the intensified contacts, also on the level of the relevant committees, to understand differences and explore common ground. We took note of the EU-US and Member States 2010 Declaration on Counterterrorism of 3 June 2010 'Forging a durable framework to combat terrorism within the rule of law'.

In the same spirit we discussed issues concerning energy and climate change. We exchanged views on adopted legislation on the EU side, in particular the 2020 goals, and on pending legislation on the US side. We emphasized the importance of sustainable policies on both sides of the Atlantic which could facilitate agreement in the larger international context. In this respect the upcoming COP 16 in Cancun was noted. We discussed the aim of 'greening the economy', including alternative energy sources, to provide the opportunity of enhancing the quality of the environment and improving the economic situation, as well as the perspective of setting common standards for new and environmentally friendly technologies, such as electric vehicles. The national security implications of energy sources and independence were also discussed.

In the presence of the Director General for External Relations of the European Commission, Mr. Joao Vale de Almeida, the prospects for bilateral and global cooperation between the EU and the US were discussed and our shared commitment for disaster relief in third world countries and our common interest in stable and sustainable development in all areas of the world were recognized.

In the presence of the Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs and current President of the EU General Affairs Council, Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos, we exchanged views on regions in the world where tensions are high. In this respect we focused attention on the situation in the Middle East, in Afghanistan and Pakistan, in Iran, Somalia and Cuba.

An extensive discussion was held on the latest financial and economic developments in Europe, the US and the world. With regard to Europe, government interventions to stabilise the situation in Member States and the Eurozone are needed. We recognised the global character of the crisis and its effects and therefore emphasised the importance of coordinated action. In this respect the prospects for common approaches regulating the financial sectors of the economy were explored.

We evaluated the state of play of the Transatlantic Economic Council (TEC) and ways to enhance EU-US economic cooperation. The transatlantic market should be allowed to develop its full potential in particular through reducing non-tariff barriers and joint efforts to find common standards. The importance of a successful outcome of the Doha Round was reiterated. We welcomed a proposal to submit a TLD paper to our respective administrations on ways to expand US-EU trade and economic cooperation.

Finally, we reviewed progress in strengthening the Transatlantic Legislators Dialogue, in particular:

- the growing interest in communication among Members of our institutions, both in general and on specific topics,

- the strengthening of the TLD in the Congress by enhancing its status, increasing stability of membership and involving the Speaker of the House of Representatives,

- the opening on 29 April 2010 of the European Parliament Liaison Office (EPLLO) in Washington,

- the steps in expanding contacts among staff of our institutions,

- and discussed options for further enhancing it, such as:

- inviting EU and US officials to provide perspectives on strategic issues related to financial recovery and economic growth,

- expanding interaction between the US Congress and the European Parliament in Brussels and in Washington, including through video-conferencing,

- the possibility of joint hearings and the issuance of joint statements.

In conclusion, we reaffirmed our commitment to strengthening the transatlantic relationship and working in partnership to solve common challenges. We pledged to continue improving the effectiveness of our dialogue in order to realise the full potential of our interparliamentary relationship, as well as to ensure the relevance of the TLD's work to the European Parliament and the United States Congress.

#### ANNEX: STATEMENT ON IRAN

We, the members of the Transatlantic Legislators Dialogue, condemn the systematic violations by the Iranian regime and its agencies of the human rights of the Iranian people. The actions of the regime are denying the Iranian people the basic human rights as described in the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights. We call on our respective Administrations to strengthen their efforts to assist the Iranian people in achieving the rights that they are due, through effective means to counteract the regime's repression.

We welcome the coordinated strategy and concerted action by the US government and the European Union to halt the threat posed by Iran's nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs.

#### CELEBRATING THE HOWARD K. WATKINS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE PROJECT

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Howard K. Watkins Photographic Archive Project, aptly recognized as the current "Fresno Photo Laureate."

Since his arrival in Fresno in 1973, Howard K. Watkins has been photographing and documenting events in the greater Fresno area. His collection of 200,000 photos is the largest of its kind and includes: elected officials, community and business leaders, members of the judiciary and legal community, celebrities, numerous community groups, parades, political rallies, athletes, historic buildings and several award winning photographs.

Influenced by the historic Pop Laval Photographic Archive Collection and encouraged by others, Mr. Watkins has partnered with the Fresno Regional Foundation and the Henry Madden Library at California State University, Fresno to provide a permanent home for all to enjoy. Therefore, Fresno State is helping to establish the Howard K. Watkins Photographic Archive Project with the goal of making the photographs publicly accessible as an online historical archive.

Mr. Watkins began taking photos in junior high school with a simple Brownie camera. He pursued his passion for photography as a hobby as a young adult and continued throughout his career as an attorney with Fresno County Legal Services and the Office of Fresno County Counsel. Mr. Watkins became the official photographer for the Fresno County Supreme Court and has taken photographs for the State Bar of California and the California Supreme Court.

Now retired from a distinguished thirty-three year career in the legal field, Mr. Watkins is devoting most of his time to indexing his photographic collection and raising the funds needed to make his photos accessible for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise with me today to express our appreciation for Mr. Watkins' unwavering dedication and commitment to keeping the greater Fresno legacy alive through the Howard K. Watkins Photographic Archive Project.

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT ON H.R. 5641: TO AMEND TITLE 38, U.S.C., TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE NURSING HOME CARE FOR VETERANS WHO ARE UNABLE TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY AT NON-DEPARTMENT MEDICAL FOSTER HOMES

#### HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. BUYER. Madam Speaker, today, I am introducing H.R. 5641, a bill to allow the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to enter into contracts with adult foster homes to provide life-long care to veterans unable to live independently.

Adult foster homes are designed to provide non-institutional long-term care to veterans who prefer a more personalized, familial setting than traditional nursing homes are able to provide.

VA has been helping to place veterans in adult foster homes since 2002 and over time more than 600 veterans in need have paid to receive such care. As we speak, 219 veterans are living in these special homes.

The need for long term care is increasing as veterans from past conflicts get older, and it will continue to grow as wounded warriors return home from Iraq and Afghanistan with severe injuries that require life-long assistance. While nursing homes will always be a valuable tool for providing lasting care, for some the individualized, home-like atmosphere of an adult foster home is a much more attractive alternative than the prospect of moving into a traditional nursing home.

The advantages of adult foster homes are clear. Veterans who opt for foster home care will move into a home owned or rented by their chosen foster home caregiver. The caregiver—who has passed a VA screening, federal background check, and home inspection and agreed to undergo annual training—resides with the veteran and provides them with 24-hour supervision and personalized care. For as long as that veteran resides in the home, VA adult foster home coordinators and members of a VA Home Care Team will make both announced and unannounced visits at least three times every month to ensure the veteran is safe and the home and caregiver are in compliance with VA's high quality standards.

Additionally, the Home Care Team will provide veterans with comprehensive, interdisciplinary primary care and provide the caregivers with supportive education and training.

Many veterans who choose to reside in an adult foster home would otherwise be in need of nursing home care and would qualify for VA benefits to receive it. However, because VA is not authorized to provide veterans with assisted living benefits, these veterans must pay for the care they receive in adult foster homes out of their own pockets.

Twenty four percent of veterans who have received care in a Medical Foster Home qualify for VA's highest priority group due to having disabilities rated 50% or more service connected or having otherwise been found unemployable due to service connected conditions. Given that many of the veterans who are benefitting from this individualized, non-institutional care are disabled, afflicted with chronic disease, often elderly, and frequently 70% or more service connected, placing the entire cost burden for adult foster homes on their backs is no way to thank them for their valiant years in service. What's more, it creates an inequity of benefits between those who can afford to pay for such care and those that cannot.

The legislation I am introducing today would give VA the authority to enter into a contract with a certified adult foster home to pay for care for certain veterans already eligible for VA paid nursing home care. By doing so, it would ensure more veterans have the option to choose a treatment setting that best suits their needs free of financial constraints.

Our veterans in need of life-long care have earned the right to decide which long-term care environment would make them feel most at home. And, I encourage my colleagues to join with me in cosponsoring this legislation to make that decision easier.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ADVOCATES FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, the Advocates for Self-Government, one of the freedom movement's leading organizations, is celebrating their 25th anniversary this year. I am pleased to take this opportunity to congratulate the Advocates on this anniversary and wish them continued success in promoting liberty.

The Advocates were founded by my friend, the late Marshall Fritz. Marshall saw that the growth of the freedom movement was handicapped by the lack of an organization to help activists better communicate the freedom philosophy to the general public. In order to remedy this situation, Marshall rallied a group of activists and donors and founded the Advocates in order to teach libertarians how to effectively communicate their principles.

Under the leadership of Marshal from 1985 until 1991; Carole Ann Rand from 1991 until 1995; and Sharon Harris since 1995; the Advocates has helped countless libertarians by providing them with the intellectual resources necessary to effectively battle for a free society.

Without a doubt, the Advocates are best known for the "World's Smallest Political Quiz." Created by Marshall and based on an original idea by David Nolan, this quiz graphs an individual's political philosophy based on responses to a series of ten questions that measure one's commitment to economic and personal liberty.

Under Marshall's leadership, the Advocates undertook an aggressive program of promoting the quiz, distributing millions of copies of the quiz to libertarian activists. They also

generously provide free copies of the quiz, as well as libertarian literature and other outreach materials, free of charge to liberty-minded groups such as the Republican Liberty Caucus and Young Americans for Liberty.

The quiz has been taken over 15 million times online, has been reprinted in dozens of newspapers and magazine, is referenced by major high school and college textbooks, and is used by educators in classrooms across America. The quiz is responsible for many people's first contact with libertarian ideas. While traveling around the country, I have often heard people say, "I never knew I was a libertarian until I took the quiz."

The Advocates also recently revamped their Libertarianism.com web site, featuring commentary on the libertarian position on a variety of issues from notables in the freedom movement. I was honored when the Advocates asked me to participate in this project.

As they prepare to celebrate their 25th anniversary, it is a pleasure to thank the founder, the staff and the donors of the Advocates for Self-Government for all they have done for the cause of liberty. I wish them continued success.

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CALLING FOR RELEASE OF  
ISRAELI SOLDIER BY HAMAS

SPEECH OF

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2010*

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1359, calling for Hamas to unconditionally release captured Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit. On June 25, 2006, Hamas terrorists illegally crossed into Israel from the Gaza strip, killed two Israeli soldiers, and kidnapped Corporal Gilad Shalit. Tomorrow marks the fourth year Gilad Shalit continues to be held captive by Hamas. He has been held in violation of international humanitarian law, without access to proper medical care, without access to his loved ones, and without access to the International Committee of the Red Cross, despite that organization's repeated requests to visit him.

I also rise today to strongly reaffirm America's unwavering commitment to the safety and security of the Jewish State of Israel. Israel and America's shared goal of a peaceful resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can only be achieved when Hamas renounces acts of terrorism such as rocket attacks against civilian populations, suicide bombings in civilian areas, and the extortionist capture and detention of Israeli soldiers.

We continue to stand with the Shalit family in this very difficult time, and are praying for the safe and timely release of their courageous son.

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TRIBUTE TO TRISH LOWREY  
HOOPER

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of a distin-

guished Californian, Trish Lowrey Hooper, a longtime resident of the 14th Congressional District, who died after a fall on Thursday, June 3, 2010. She lived 87 full, productive, and compassion-filled years.

Trish Hooper was a devoted wife, a loving mother, intrepid traveler, painter, writer, and passionate American who worked tirelessly for justice, women's rights, and democratic values. As a child she lived in New Jersey, California, and Hawaii, and was a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College.

Trish Hooper had a great sense of *joie de vivre*. She was fascinated by everything and fascinating to be with. She married John Hooper, an attorney, and they spent the years of World War II on military bases. On returning to San Francisco, John Hooper practiced law and Trish raised their four children. In a characteristic action, she, John, and the children traveled by freighter to France in 1957, where they spent ten years with John working with NATO and she coping with the challenges of raising children in houses in Paris, Switzerland and Italy. She wrote charmingly of these European years in her memoirs.

In 1967, Trish and John Hooper moved to Woodside and immersed themselves in local issues. They worked tirelessly with the candidate who would later be their son-in-law, Paul N. "Pete" McCloskey, in his successful campaign to represent the people of the Mid-Peninsula area in the United States Congress.

Trish Hooper could prick the conscience of a community with her powerful thoughts and her pen. She had a conscience, she had integrity, and she had a magnificent mind. She went toe-to-toe with people and their ideas, always maintaining a level of civility and dignity while doing so. She always had the last word because her words were so powerful. She could move an individual with a paragraph, writing scores of powerful Letters to the Editors of newspapers and magazines across the country. Her work improved the editorial pages of local papers as well as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Time, and Newsweek. She wrote three volumes of memoirs and illustrated them with her own paintings. Her watercolors helped raise money for causes she loved, including animal welfare, death with dignity, and freedom of choice for women.

One of her most recent letters was published in the Almanac, a venerable weekly published on the San Francisco Peninsula, on May 12, 2010. In this letter she excoriated Arizona's new immigration law. She wrote that "this new law increases the underlying racism which seems to have replaced the message held with such pride by the Statue of Liberty, a gift from France: 'give me your tired, you poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free . . . I lift my lamp beside the golden door.'

The message of 'freedom, democracy, and international friendship' is put aside as this vaunted compassionate country loses its bearings. Urged on by hate-mongers and the shrill voice of 'Gotcha!' plus cries of 'down with government,' we're teetering on the brink of a new brand of isolationism."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest sympathies to Trish Hooper's daughters Margo Hooper and Helen Hooper McCloskey, her sons John C. Hooper and Lawrence Hooper, her sister Helen Virginia Brown, her brother Charles F.

Lowrey, and her five grandchildren. We honor the memory of Trish Hooper for the life she lived so well and for her extraordinary service to our Nation. She was a force of nature and will be sorely missed and never forgotten by anyone who was privileged to know her. Trish made our community better and our country stronger. Her brand of citizenship stands as the highest standard for all of us to emulate.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF DR. WALTER LEAR

**HON. CHAKA FATTAH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Dr. Walter Lear. Dr. Lear was a committed physician, outspoken health advocate for gay and lesbian people, and a great Philadelphian. A native of Brooklyn, New York, he was born in 1923 and went on to receive degrees from Harvard College (B.S.), Long Island College of Medicine (M.D.), and Columbia University (M.S.). In the 1960s, Dr. Lear left New York to become the Philadelphia health commissioner and later became the executive director of Philadelphia General Hospital and then the regional health commissioner for the Pennsylvania Department of Health. As one of few "out" gay public officials, Dr. Lear was a leading advocate for the inclusion of sexual orientation in civil rights provisions barring discrimination. Additionally, he was influential in ensuring the passage of the Philadelphia Gay Rights Bill in 1982.

Throughout his career, Lear sought to improve the lives of ordinary people by broadening access to quality healthcare, especially to those who were marginalized in society because of their sexuality. In 1979, Lear and a small group of others founded Lavender Health, which would become the first health center in Philadelphia dedicated to meeting the unique needs of the city's gay and lesbian community. Lavender Health, now known as the Mazzoni Center, continues to provide a much needed resource in Philadelphia as it is the only organization to provide comprehensive health and wellness to LGBT people. Furthermore, the Mazzoni Center is the oldest AIDS organization in Pennsylvania and the fourth oldest in the nation.

Lear's determination to help others was truly unmatched and the extent of his work is far reaching. He helped found the Gay and Lesbian Community Center (now the William Way Center), the Philadelphia AIDS Task Force, and the Maternity Care Coalition of Greater Philadelphia. In addition, he also convened the first national conference on AIDS in the 1980s before the disease received any widespread attention from the media or government. In the 1970s, he was a part of a small group that helped to desegregate medical schools in Philadelphia. Moreover, Lear was visionary in his advocacy for expanded access to healthcare beyond gays and lesbians, to include communities of color facing similar barriers to care. Toward the end of his life, his research interests included documenting the 100+ year struggle to obtain universal healthcare.

Lear was not only an advocate for LGBT issues, but also vocal in his support for the

wellbeing of all Pennsylvanians. As an active member in the American Public Health Association (APHA) for over 50 years, Lear championed a number of causes involving minority health, social justice, and health issues facing lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. The APHA recognized Lear's vast work and activism at their 134th annual meeting where they awarded him the Helen Rodriguez-Trias Award for Social Justice. Sadly, Dr. Lear died on May 29, 2010. He is survived by his loving partner of over 50 years, James F. Payne, his former wife, Evelyn Lear; a son, Jon Stewart, and a daughter, Bonnie Stewart. I express my sincere condolences to his family and friends, and honor the great work he has done for the City of Philadelphia and the Nation.

REPUBLICAN YOU-CUT PROPOSAL

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with Americans who are telling this Congress to stop spending.

More than a million votes have been cast this week as part of the You-Cut initiative, which gives Americans the chance to say what spending we need to eliminate.

This week, the American people said we need to stop paying federal workers to conduct union activities.

These are bureaucrats who are paid by taxpayers but spend 100 percent of their time helping their unions. Their salaries should be paid for by union leaders—not hard-working American families.

These workers cost taxpayers \$1.2 billion

This is not the ethical government the American people were promised, and today, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote to stop this unfair funding.

INTRODUCING THE END BIG OIL  
TAX SUBSIDIES ACT

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to introduce the End Big Oil Tax Subsidies Act, legislation that will end the expensive and unnecessary subsidies that the American people provide to the world's largest and most profitable companies. The legislation leaves untouched the tax treatment for small, independent companies.

Every year, Americans file their tax forms, contributing to our nation's defense, education, and infrastructure. Yet the biggest oil companies retain staggering tax benefits that shield these companies from their tax burdens. These benefits may have made sense decades ago for a fledgling industry, but today there is no need to protect the largest and most profitable companies in the world from burdens that every other taxpayer faces.

In 2008, the top five oil companies made a combined profit of \$100 billion. In 2009, ExxonMobil hit an all-time record \$45.2 billion

in profits, yet paid no U.S. federal income taxes. In fact, they received a \$156 million tax refund. To be sure, these companies face other tax liabilities. But the cornerstone of financing the federal government is the federal income tax and here Big Oil can largely offset its income with these tax subsidies. It is patently unfair that ordinary Americans must pay into a system that subsidizes this mature industry.

At time when we are working to rebuild our economy and curb the deficit, America cannot and should not subsidize the most profitable corporations in the world. President Obama's FY 2011 Budget proposed ending many of these tax breaks, which could reduce the deficit and fund national priorities from education to clean energy. At the recent G-20 Summit in Pittsburgh, the administration agreed with the other G-20 nations to eliminate these subsidies.

The unique tax breaks enjoyed by the oil industry provide unnecessary and harmful incentives for exploration, drilling, and refining activities that keep America anchored to oil, a threat to our environment and our national security. The United States consumes 25 percent of the world's oil but has less than 3 percent of the proven reserves.

By continuing to artificially subsidize fossil fuels, we undermine investments that will guarantee our energy dependence. It is time for our country to shift gears, end the billion dollar carve-outs for the largest oil companies, and start investing our limited taxpayer dollars in America's future rather than America's past.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2194,  
COMPREHENSIVE IRAN SANCTIONS,  
ACCOUNTABILITY, AND  
DIVESTMENT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Conference Report for The Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010.

I can think of nothing more pressing to our national security than putting a stop to Iran's nuclear plans. Today, Iran learned that the United States Congress will not stop until we end the tyranny Iran's leadership is promoting.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, I spend a great deal of time focused on preventing Iran from developing an enrichment program that leads to nuclear weapons. Their current leadership is unstable, provocative, and would be a danger to the entire region armed with nuclear weapons.

Non-military options—including activities to disrupt Iranian research—are similarly problematic. This then leads us to consider military options. Here, all we need to do is look at Iraq to understand the difficulties of a military response in Iran.

In fact, during an unofficial "war-game" on Iran, former National Security Council official Ken Pollack said, "Compared with Iraq, Iran has three times the population, four times the land area, and five times the problems."

Some suggest precision strikes at Iran's nuclear facilities, as the Israelis did when they

successfully destroyed an Iraqi reactor in 1981. But Iran has learned from Iraq's mistakes. They have protected their facilities by burying them deep underground and dispersing them widely.

Additionally, virtually every military tool at our disposal—from limited and surgical to a major land war aimed at regime change—is impacted by one thing: oil. Iran could blockade the Straits of Hormuz and choke the supply of oil that is necessary to keep the lights on in the Pentagon and the tanks filled in our fighter jets, and double the price of fuel in the United States.

That's why the right set of economic sanctions is so badly needed, and why this conference report and the smart, tough sanctions it contains, advances our agenda of stopping Iran's quest for nuclear weapons.

This bill toughens penalties for those investing in Iran's energy sector and it also includes providing refined petroleum to Iran as a sanctionable offense. This bill also requires that any companies that want to do business with the U.S. government have to certify that they are not engaged in any activities that are considered sanctionable regarding Iran.

I am proud of this bill and what we have achieved as a Congress to bring more pressure on Iran.

A TRIBUTE TO CHESTER REED  
FOR A LIFETIME OF DEDICATION  
TO PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. JERRY LEWIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I join my colleague KEN CALVERT to pay tribute to Chester Reed, a hard-working, highly valued employee of the United States Postal Service. Chester will soon retire after 37 years as a forklift operator in the Postal Service's facility in Redlands, CA.

One item I should note: Chester is 95 years old, making him the oldest of the Postal Service's 596,000 career employees.

Joining the plant in 1973, this Ohio native and proud Riverside, CA resident started a career of service that was marked by never arriving late, never using a day of sick leave, and regularly working 12-hour days while volunteering to work more. His enthusiastic spirit has made him a favorite among his colleagues.

Chester knows something about longevity. He was married for over 60 years. Prior to his time with the Postal Service, Chester served 25 years in the Air Force where he retired as a sergeant. He attributes his durability to his faith, no junk food, not much meat, and an onion sandwich every day.

Chester cites his time with the Postal Service as the best job he's ever had. Throughout his nearly four decades with the Postal Service, Chester represented the highest values Federal employees want to provide: courtesy, commitment, and a dedication to public service.

Retirement is something to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but rather the beginning of a new adventure. Chester has his sights set on world travel and pursuing his hobby of hang gliding. Madam

Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join Rep. CALVERT and me in sending our best wishes to Chester Reed.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE U.S. SOO  
BAHK DO MOO DUK KWAN FED-  
ERATION

**HON. JOHN H. ADLER**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the U.S. Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation, one of the largest uniform karate organizations in the world, practicing the official martial arts system created by legendary martial artist, the late Grandmaster Hwang Kee.

With over 5,000 members this martial arts system places emphasis on personal growth and values as directed by Grandmaster Hwang Kee. He not only wanted his students to be able to avoid outside physical conflict, but he wanted them to be able to avoid inner conflict as well. Most importantly, these students have developed the ability to improve themselves, their community, and the world for years to come.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in recognizing the outstanding work of the U.S. Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation.

IN RECOGNITION OF FRANK  
KAPPELER

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor and pay tribute to Frank Kappeler, one of eight surviving members of "Doolittle's Raiders" who passed away Wednesday, June 23, 2010, in Santa Rosa, California at the age of 96.

Lieutenant Colonel Kappeler was one of 79 U.S. Army Corps aviators who volunteered to fly the daring bombing mission over Japan four months after the surprise attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor.

Sixteen B-25 bombers and the men aboard launched from an aircraft carrier in the Pacific on April 18, 1942, and headed for Japan, knowing that they did not have enough fuel to return and even if they could get back, the large bombers were not able to land on the American carriers.

Lt. Col. Kappeler was the navigator on the No. 11 plane and was forced to bail out over China when the plane's engines stopped at 11,000 feet. Chinese partisans helped Lt. Col. Kappeler and his crew mates escape capture by Japanese forces.

He eventually escaped from China and spent the rest of WWII in the European theater, where he flew 53 combat missions.

He retired from the Air Force in 1966 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

The Doolittle Raid was a significant episode in the war in the Pacific because it demonstrated to both the American and Japanese people that Japan was not invincible and that

American forces could and would strike the Japanese homeland.

All of the planes participating in the raid were lost and 11 crewmen were killed or captured.

Lt. Col Kappeler is survived by his wife of 53 years, Betty Kappeler, his daughter, Francia Kappeler, and three grandchildren, all of Santa Rosa, California.

Madam Speaker, Lt. Col. Frank Kappeler is a true American hero who served his country with great distinction. It is therefore appropriate that we honor him today and send our condolences to his family.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL  
POLLINATOR WEEK

SPEECH OF

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, pollinators play a key role in the support of our ecosystem and agricultural production. Most Americans don't realize the day-to-day impact that bees, bats, birds, butterflies and other pollinators have on our crops, family gardens and natural habitats, but nearly 75 percent of the world's flowering plants and two-thirds of our agricultural crops depend on pollinators for survival. One out of every three bites of food we eat exists because of pollinators.

Pollinator species, especially bees, bats and butterflies, are extremely sensitive to changes in their environment. In particular, Colony Collapse Disorder is threatening entire varieties of bees, including three that have recently been added to the endangered species list. One-third of all bee colonies in the United States did not survive the 2010 winter. As most pollinators are "indicator species," their declining numbers provide cause for concern and should encourage us to examine how changing climate, increased pollution levels, and the increased use of toxic products and genetically modified crops is impacting our environment and our economy.

I applaud the goals of National Pollinator Week and look forward to working with my colleagues on the newly formed Pollinator Protection Caucus.

INTRODUCTION OF "STOP DECEPTIVE  
ADVERTISING IN WOMEN'S  
SERVICES ACT"

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Stop Deceptive Advertising in Women's Services (SDAWS) Act with 11 other Members of the House of Representatives. Senator MENENDEZ is introducing the companion legislation in the Senate as well.

Fake reproductive health clinics that sometimes bill themselves as legitimate crisis pregnancy centers entice women with unintended pregnancies through their doors under the pretense of providing a full range of reproductive options, and then try to dissuade women from

abortion by subjecting them to inaccurate medical information, anti-choice propaganda, and intimidation. This bill would help stop the fraud that these crisis pregnancy centers are perpetrating on the women of America.

The SDAWS Act directs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to promulgate rules declaring it an unfair or deceptive act for an entity, such as a crisis pregnancy center, to advertise as a provider of abortion services if the entity does not provide abortion services. Organizations that are not deceptive in their advertising or marketing will not be impacted by this bill.

The Stop Deceptive Advertising in Women's Services Act (SDAWS) serves to protect women seeking information about reproductive options from being subject to disturbing anti-choice propaganda and misinformation about the nature of abortion and its medical effects. Women have a right to unbiased pregnancy counseling, and should not be subject to deceptive advertising from anti-choice centers about the nature of their services.

Too many studies have documented that some CPCs are intentionally deceiving women, providing false or misleading information about the health effects of abortion, the effect of abortion on future fertility, and the mental health effects of abortion. Women deserve accurate medical information when making tough medical decisions. We must not allow this type of behavior to be perpetrated against women seeking reproductive health services.

SIR PAUL MCCARTNEY,  
GLADWELL'S "OUTLIERS" AND BP

**HON. CLIFF STEARNS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit a letter from my good friend Gene Jewett, who shares his thoughts on the phenomena of talent and the recent visit from Paul McCartney who received the Gershwin Award from the Library of Congress.

Dear Friends,

Recently, Sir Paul McCartney visited Washington where he exhibited his musical prowess for the politically powerful, initially at the Library of Congress and then at the White House. In the course of his performance on the first night, he revealed the process by which he had written one of his most famous tunes, one where the melody had come to him in a dream, a refrain that he was fortunate enough to recall. For days, he hummed the tune (randomly entitled "scrambled eggs") to his band mates and everyone else in his greater circle of musicians, all in an attempt to determine whether it was a product of his own musical software or a reflection of a tune he had previously heard for which he was serving as a mere psychic conduit. When he finally accepted the song as his own, he re-dubbed it "Yesterday" and the rest is history. Over 3,000 singers have recorded the song, a number which marks it as a continuing star in the firmament of pop music.

His story caused me to reflect on the phenomena of talent, particularly as alluded to by Malcolm Gladwell in his book, "Outliers." In this book, there's a central premise that suggests that great achievement is derived from spending at least 10,000 hours honing ones craft. Specifically, it uses as an exam-

ple Paul McCartney and the Beatles playing in the clubs of Hamburg where they purportedly refined their songs. Notwithstanding the fact that the "Hamburg" Beatles played cover songs which could have encourage them to write their original tunes, the more simple truth points to what McCartney observes in himself as some mystical talent with which he has been gifted, something for which he has no explanation. The difference between the Beatles and thousands of other bands can be found in these "gifts" of unusual talent.

Not to be too grand, but the book "The 100: A Ranking of the 100 Most Influential People in History" by M.H. Hart is a primer for the study of people with extraordinary talent and abilities. For example, Genghis Kahn was a late bloomer and certainly had no training as a military leader, but no one else in military history, save perhaps Alexander, shows anything close to his record of achievements. And how many in the realm of physics approach the works of Newton, Maxwell and Einstein? I realize this is a leap from Sir Paul, but pure talent, while it surely needs to be developed, is really a gift that defies description. It seems that some things just "are" and that's the name of that tune. And upon such random distributions of talent and ability the upward curve of the course of history will continue to remain reliant.

Sir Paul, author of over 300 popular songs, also played "Blackbird," a very pleasing and interesting composition. But I was hoping he'd do, "Fixing a Hole" as a nod to BP who could certainly use a little mystical talent about now, no?

RECOGNIZING THE JONES FAMILY  
AS THE SEBASTIAN COUNTY  
FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Jones family for its excellence in operating a thriving family farm and the honor of being named the Sebastian County Farm Family of the Year.

Cody and Angela Jones, along with their daughter Hallie, operate a successful farm consisting of three poultry houses, and twenty-four head of cattle located on one-hundred and sixty acres. Through inventive ideas such as automating many of their farm processes and utilizing LED lighting in their poultry houses, the Jones family is expanding the business at a time when many companies are scaling back.

The Jones' also share their knowledge of the industry with other farmers in the community. Cody serves as a board member of both the Sebastian County Farm Bureau and the University of Arkansas Extension Service and Angela serves as Chairperson for the Sebastian County Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

There is no doubt that the Jones' hard work and sharing of expertise benefits not just their farm but also farms and families within their community, the state and throughout America. I ask my colleagues today to join with me in congratulating the Jones family successes in the farming industry and the honor of being named Sebastian County Farm Family of the Year.

HONORING SERGEANT BARRY  
MICKLEBURGH

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Barry Mickleburgh's retirement from the Pleasanton, California Police Department, and to honor his 30 years of exemplary service in law enforcement and community service.

Sergeant Mickleburgh began his law enforcement career in 1981 as a security officer with the Alameda County Sheriff's Department. In 1982, he became a reserve Deputy Sheriff and in 1984, he was hired as a full-time deputy where he served at the Santa Rita Jail.

Sergeant Mickleburgh worked on a variety of assignments over the course of his career, including SWAT, Bicycle Officer, Field Training Officer, Detective, and Narcotic Investigator.

After being promoted to the rank of Sergeant on May 14, 2002, Sergeant Mickleburgh served as a patrol supervisor and the supervisor of the Special Operations Unit which addressed drug and vice related crimes. Sergeant Mickleburgh was also the Field Training Program coordinator and department liaison to the Department of Homeland Security.

Sergeant Mickleburgh received his AA Degree from Chabot Community College in 1981. While working full time, he earned his BA degree from San Jose State University in 1994.

Sergeant Mickleburgh has been instrumental in teaching Problem Oriented Policing. He became an expert in identifying problems that needed specific attention and he shared his knowledge with the rest of the police force.

Sergeant Mickleburgh has enjoyed a highly productive career. His employment file is filled with letters of commendation and appreciation for his attention to detail and his commitment to helping others. I join the City of Pleasanton in expressing appreciation for his commitment and leadership and I wish him all the best in his retirement.

HONORING THE USS McCAWLEY  
(APA 4) SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION

**HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the USS McCawley (APA 4) Survivors Association as they commemorate the 67th anniversary of the sinking of the "Mighty Wacky Mac." Last weekend, these members of America's "greatest generation" gathered together for a reunion in Florida to commemorate a fateful day in their lives.

Named after the eighth Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, the USS *McCawley* was commissioned in September, 1940 and received five battle stars for its service in World War II.

In the summer of 1942, *McCawley* sailed from the Atlantic Ocean through the Panama Canal and joined the Amphibious Force, South Pacific where she became the flagship of the Force commander, Rear Admiral Richmond K.

Turner. On August 7, 1942, *McCawley* participated in the counterinvasion of Guadalcanal, the first Allied amphibious operation of the Pacific War. *McCawley* continued to unload needed cargo even as nearby U.S. and Allied ships were lost or damaged and managed to destroy three to four enemy aircraft. According to Naval records, "over the following six months, *McCawley* made several transport voyages into the fiercely contested waters near Guadalcanal, taking in personnel and materiel that contributed to securing the island in February, 1943."

Unfortunately, on the afternoon of June 30, 1943, at the start of a campaign to seize the island of New Georgia, *McCawley* was attacked by enemy aircraft. *McCawley's* gunfire brought down four planes; but an aerial torpedo struck *McCawley's* engine room, killing 15 of her crew, and shut off all power.

Shortly after the crew was rescued by the USS *Ralph Talbot* (DD 390), *McCawley* was attacked by dive bombers, but little damage was done after the remaining salvage party manned the guns and successfully struck one of the three attacking planes. Later that afternoon, the salvage party boarded the USS *McCalla* (DD 488), and pulled away from the damaged ship with all remaining hands safely accounted for.

That night, the final blow came when *McCawley* was again torpedoed and sank 340 fathoms in a matter of seconds. According to the Department of the Navy, "the following day it was learned that six U.S. motor torpedo boats had torpedoed an 'enemy' transport in Blanche Channel, after having been informed there were no friendly forces in the area. USS *McCawley's* loss to 'friendly fire' led to the urgent imposition of measures to reduce the risk of further such accidents."

June 30th, 1943, was an unforgettable day in the lives of these sailors, and as the remaining survivors gather in Florida this weekend to remember that fateful day, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring their service.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL THOMAS H.  
MAGNESS IV

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to southern California are exceptional. Southern California has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Colonel Thomas Magness IV is one such individual. On July 1, 2010, Colonel Magness will be honored at the Change of Command Ceremony as the 58th Commander, Los Angeles District, for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Colonel Magness was born in Fort Campbell, KY. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and began serving in the Army Corps of Engineers. He later earned a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from the

University of Texas at Austin. His professional military education includes the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses and the Command and General Staff College.

Colonel Magness has served in the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, TX; the 1st Armored Division in Germany; and the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, TX. He has been a platoon leader, battalion supply officer, company commander, and battalion operations officer. He deployed with the 1st Armored Division as part of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Colonel Magness served as the District Commander for the Detroit District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Prior to coming to Los Angeles, Colonel Magness was a Senior Service College Fellow at the University of Texas at Austin. Colonel Magness has served as an instructor and assistant professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering at West Point. He has also served two tours as an observer/controller (trainer) at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, CA where he led the Sidewinder team, preparing engineer and maneuver support units and their leaders for combat operations.

Colonel Thomas H. Magness assumed command of the Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on July 10, 2007. Upon assuming command of the Los Angeles District, Colonel Magness understood the importance of managing water resources in a more comprehensive manner. Working closely with local watershed stakeholders, Colonel Magness took an innovative and forward looking approach to developing Corps of Engineers water resource projects. Among his many accomplishments while Commander, Colonel Magness played a significant role in advancing the construction of the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project, which is one of the largest Corps of Engineers projects in the Nation. When completed, the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project will provide Orange County with dramatically enhanced flood protection.

Colonel Magness' military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), and the Army Commendation Medal (four awards). He has been awarded the Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Ranger Tab. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia and is an Accredited Professional for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).

Colonel Magness is married to the former Michelle Carnes of Killeen, Texas. They have two daughters, Jenna and Shelby.

Colonel Magness' tireless commitment to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and his role as Commander of the Los Angeles District has contributed immensely to the betterment of southern California. I am proud to call Colonel Magness a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many people are grateful for his service and salute him as he completes his tour as the 58th Commander, Los Angeles District, for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. I also wish him well as he assumes command on July 8, 2010 to help rebuild northern Afghanistan with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

SUPPORT OF THE DIGITAL GOODS  
AND SERVICES TAX FAIRNESS  
ACT OF 2010

HON. RICK BOUCHER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mr. BOUCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act. I am pleased to be joined by my colleague from Texas LAMAR SMITH, the Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee, as the lead Republican cosponsor of the legislation.

Presently, consumers and businesses engaged in digital commerce may be subject to multiple, confusing and burdensome taxation because of inconsistent rules across the thousands of state and local jurisdictions. Disparate treatment of digital goods and services across these jurisdictions creates further confusion for consumers and businesses.

Digital commerce extends far beyond the digital music, movies and games downloaded by consumers to the electronic delivery of professional services, educational services and health care services.

The existing sales and use tax laws are inadequate and ill-equipped to address today's digital economy. The borderless marketplace and complex nature of digital transactions create new problems that must be addressed uniformly and on a national level to avoid double taxation and to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of digital goods and services.

Unfair, multiple and inconsistent taxation of these digital goods and services will increase costs for U.S. businesses and make them less competitive in the global economy. The additional costs will also hinder investment by high-tech businesses in the broadband networks used to provide new and innovative digital goods and services.

Unfair taxes on digital goods and services also discourage lower-income consumers from using innovative digital services and technologies.

The first state tax on digital goods was imposed in 2007. One year later, eleven additional states considered legislation to impose new taxes on digital goods, and in 2009 fourteen states considered legislation addressing the taxation of digital goods and services. Several states have attempted to impose telecommunication-specific taxes on downloaded music sold by communication providers, taxes which would not be imposed on similar products sold by non-communication companies.

A consistent, national framework for the state and local taxation of digital goods and services is therefore needed to ensure the fair, consistent and equitable taxation of these goods and services.

The Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act addresses this clear need by establishing a uniform national framework for the taxation of digital goods and services.

Our measure prohibits state and local jurisdictions from imposing multiple or discriminatory taxes on the sale or use of digital goods and services, ensuring that digital goods and services are not taxed differently from their physical counterparts.

It provides that taxes may only be imposed on the retail sale or use of digital goods or services, preventing repeated taxation of digital goods and services at multiple stages of the transaction.

The legislation also ensures that only the jurisdiction encompassing the customers' tax address may impose taxes on digital goods and services, preventing the consumer from being taxed by multiple states. For example, a consumer who lives in Virginia could download a digital application from a server in Washington while on vacation in Idaho. Without our national framework, all three states could potentially try and impose taxes on this transaction.

Our measure also prevents state and local tax administrators from retroactively construing taxes imposed on tangible personal property to also apply to digital goods and services through administrative rulings or regulations.

Finally, in recognition of the critical role that online health, energy management and education services play in our economy, our measure exempts these services from all state and local taxes.

Our legislation has been endorsed by a wide range of stakeholders, including the Recording Industry Association of America, Verizon, Apple, Time Warner and Electronic Arts, among others.

I hope my colleagues will join with us in acting into law the Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act of 2010.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,037,542,715,703.81.

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 \$2,399,116,969,410.01 so far this Congress.

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

HONORING BRENDA MARIE PAGE  
ON HER RETIREMENT

**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brenda Marie Page, who is retiring after more than two decades of dedicated service as Clerk and Master of Tennessee's 18th Judicial District.

A lifetime Middle Tennessean, Brenda attended Maplewood High School, then earned her degree at Middle Tennessee State University, my own alma mater. She began her career at Tennessee's Department of Education and went on to work as a secretary at Volunteer State Community College. Then-Dean of Students Tom E. Gray recognized her abilities and brought her in as secretary upon being elected judge, then Chancellor of Sumner County.

Brenda was appointed to the constitutional office of Clerk and Master of the 18th Judicial

District in 1988. In her role as Clerk and Master, Brenda has worn many hats. In addition to overseeing the operations and budget of the Clerk's office, Brenda is appointed Special Master in cases involving the division of property. She has played critical roles in the execution of thousands of civil and domestic cases throughout her 22 years of service.

Outside of her contributions to the district, Brenda has served as a division president of the State Court Clerk's Association and an active member of the County Officials Association of Sumner County. She has also served as treasurer of the Sumner County Democratic Party and has been a valued organizer for many years.

Brenda, I hope you enjoy a long and happy retirement with your husband, Robert, and your children and grandchildren. I wish you all the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF WESTERN  
RODEO DAYS IN FOLSOM

**HON. DANIEL E. LUGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. DANIEL E. LUGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Western Rodeo Days in Folsom, and call upon the public to join in the festivities and celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Folsom Pro Rodeo.

The Annual Cattle Drive, commencing tomorrow night, will travel to historic Sutter Street led by the second annual Running of the Bullpupes run followed by the Wells Fargo stagecoach and other entertaining events.

This year is the Folsom Pro Rodeo's 50th anniversary and is being held at the Dan Russell Arena on July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. The annual rodeo is a cornerstone of Folsom's link to its colorful past, and is thoroughly enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

The 50th Anniversary highlights include all the traditional rodeo events such as saddle and bareback bronco riding, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing, and bull riding. There will also be special events such as a performance by the Painted Ladies Drill Team, the rodeo clowns, the crowd-pleasing mutton busting, the arrival of a 35' American flag via parachute, and an in-arena fireworks and laser light show.

I would also like to commend the hundreds of volunteers and the community support that has made these events possible every year.

I am pleased to recognize Western Rodeo Days in Folsom for their contribution to the area, and extend my best wishes to the Folsom Chamber of Commerce for a successful rodeo season.

IN TRIBUTE TO LOS ROBLES  
HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTER

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to Los Robles Hospital & Medical Center, which has been designated eastern Ven-

tura County's first Level II Trauma Center by the Ventura County, California, Board of Supervisors.

Beginning tomorrow, Los Robles will provide Level II Trauma Treatment for residents living in the Greater Conejo Valley and the surrounding communities in eastern Ventura County. The Ventura County Medical Center in Ventura will provide trauma treatment for critical patients in western Ventura County.

With its designation as a trauma center, Los Robles will be staffed and equipped to provide trauma care for any type of emergency patient, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Ventura County had been only one of two counties in the state without an approved trauma plan. Two years ago, Ventura County began the process to develop a trauma plan and in March the state approved the county's plan to designate one trauma center in the west part of the county and one in the east.

To be designated a trauma center, hospitals must meet stringent requirements. Los Robles Hospital's Trauma Center will offer immediate availability of specialized personnel, equipment and services to treat the most severe and critical injuries. The Trauma Center includes ready-to-go teams that perform immediate surgery and other necessary procedures for people with serious or life-threatening injuries caused by traumatic events.

It involves working together with emergency services throughout the county including EMS services, ambulances, helicopters and other healthcare emergency resources in a coordinated and pre-planned way.

Being named the Trauma Center for eastern Ventura County speaks volumes to the solid commitment from the Los Robles Hospital's Trauma Team members, Emergency Department staff, hospital support staff and medical staff.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in congratulating Los Robles Hospital & Medical Center for being named the Trauma Center for eastern Ventura County and in thanking Los Robles doctors and staff for their commitment to providing high quality care for the most seriously injured patients.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANADIAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN MINNEAPOLIS

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my fellow Minnesotans in celebrating Canada Day and to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Canadian Consulate General in Minneapolis that serves the Upper Midwest region of the United States.

Canada and Minnesota are great neighbors, and the past 40 years have helped to strengthen our friendship through growing bilateral trade and investment ties. Canada remains as Minnesota's number one international trading partner, with an average of \$16 billion in trade each year. Approximately 141,000 Minnesota jobs and more than 8 million jobs across the United States result from trade with Canada. Additionally, our Canadian neighbors make 2 million visits to states in the

Upper Midwest and more than 645,000 residents of our region visit Canada each year for business and tourism.

I must also be highlighted that during peace and war time, Canada has always been a vital ally. During the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Canadian people have shared their enormous sacrifices with our military, and our nation is grateful for their deep contributions to national and international security.

It is an honor to join all residents in Minnesota's 4th Congressional District in commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Canadian Consulate General in Minneapolis, and for the celebration of the many ties between Canada and Minnesota on this grand opening of the "Canadiana" exhibit at the Minnesota History Center in Saint Paul.

FUNDING RELIEF TO MULTIEMPLOYER  
DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS

**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, Section 211(a) of the bill before us gives funding relief to multiemployer defined benefit plans, by giving them more time to make up for the severe investment losses that they suffered in 2008 and the first quarter of 2009.

One of the options would give multiemployer plans that meet a solvency test permission to amortize the net investment losses incurred either or both of the first 2 plan years ending after August 31, 2008 over 30 years. The other option—which can be elected independent of the plans' decisions on the first choice—would allow multiemployer plans to smooth those losses up to 10 years, in determining the actuarial value of their assets. The full market value of the investment loss is intended to be calculated as the difference between the actual market value of the assets and the expected market value of those assets, calculated using the assumed rate of return used by the actuary for valuation purposes, at the end of the relevant plan year, with adjustments for contributions and disbursements. In addition, it is also intended that multiemployer plans are to be permitted to reflect the full amount of those losses in their funding calculations, including those portions of the losses that will be recognized over a period of up to 10 years in the actuarial value of assets.

The bill limits the circumstances under which plans that elect either or both of the funding relief approaches may only be amended to increase benefits. It is intended that those restrictions apply for the first 2 plan years after the plan year in which relief is first reflected in the funding standard account. For instance, if the multiemployer plan chooses extended amortization for the losses incurred in the 2008 plan year, that would first be reflected in the funding standard account for the 2009 plan year, and the benefit-increase restrictions would apply for the 2010 and 2011 plan years; if extended amortization (or 10-year smoothing) is also used for losses incurred in 2009, the restrictions would apply for the 2011 and 2012 plan years. I note that a special effective date rule applies the restric-

tions only to benefit increases that become effective after the date of enactment.

The funding relief approaches are also intended to be available to plans that use actuarial funding methods that do not identify experience gains and losses as separate items. Treasury and the IRS is expected to allow all multiemployer plans to use the relief, either as an overlay to a funding method that otherwise does not produce experience gains and losses or by giving blanket permission to multiemployer plans to switch to a method that does produce them, effective for all relevant plan years, and without regard to procedural restrictions in relevant Treasury and IRS guidance (such as Revenue Procedure 2001-40) on the number of method changes a plan can adopt within a given period of years or the deadline for electing the change for a given plan year.

It is also intended that the funding relief approaches be made available in the case of a plan for which the deadline for determining funded status has already passed, and for a plan for which the deadline is approaching so quickly that plan sponsors and actuaries will have little time to take the relief into account in making these determinations. It is intended that Treasury and the IRS will provide a reasonable period for plan actuaries, if directed to do so by plan trustees, to withdraw their zone certifications for the first plan year that started after September 30, 2009, and substitute revised certifications if the result is different when the relief is taken into account. Treasury and the IRS is also expected to treat plan actuaries as not violating the deadlines for pending status certifications, even if they are completed within a reasonable period after the statutory due date, so that they can take account of changes due to the relief.

Finally, because time is of the essence, it is expected that the Secretary of the Treasury and IRS will issue guidance under this legislation promptly after the bill's enactment and that such guidance will provide that an action taken in good faith based on a reasonable interpretation of the legislation (including these statements) until the guidance is issued will be deemed to comply with the legislative provisions.

HONORING ROBERT L. TADE

**HON. DUNCAN HUNTER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to one of our nation's most dedicated veterans, Robert L. Tade, Commander, American Legion El Cajon Post 303, which I have the honor of representing.

In the early 90s, Rob joined the American Legion and quickly became involved in El Cajon Post 303, serving as Post Commander for the past 3 years. Having been a dedicated service member of the Armed Forces for over 40 years, Rob understands the importance of advocating patriotism and honor to our nation's youth and devoting time to fellow service veterans. Since he joined the American Legion, Rob has displayed an endless enthusiasm in ensuring the success of his post, having almost tripled the membership and instituting more than two dozen programs to support the local community.

On June 26, 2010, Commander Tade was bestowed with the California Department of the American Legion's highest honor: Legionnaire of the Year for 2010. He was selected out of 117,000 dedicated members who serve our worthy veterans and youth groups today. Rob is truly deserving of such an award and is a prime example of the patriotism that makes our country the best in the world.

Madam Speaker, let us all applaud the devoted service that Mr. Robert Tade has provided to El Cajon and the rest of San Diego. I urge all my colleagues to join me in celebrating the many achievements of this great public servant.

ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE BELEN HARVEY HOUSE

**HON. MARTIN HEINRICH**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. HEINRICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a notable constituent of New Mexico's First Congressional District, Ms. Maurine McMillan, who is the director of the Harvey House Museum in Belen, New Mexico.

The Harvey House Museum was founded in 1910 and served as an important gathering space for scores of railroad patrons during the first half of the 20th century. During that time, the Santa Fe line and its accompanying railroad industry defined development in central New Mexico but offered little in the way of comfort to travelers.

Fred Harvey's company brought elegant restaurants, hotel services and amenities to the traveling public throughout the Southwest and established a reputation for cleanliness and friendliness. At its peak, Mr. Harvey's company operated 84 unique Harvey Houses and was the first "chain" business in the world, with an average of one house every 100 miles of the Santa Fe rail line, from Kansas to California.

Many of those Harvey Houses have since been abandoned, demolished or converted to office or storage space for the railroad, but the Harvey House Museum in Belen has been preserved. It is now listed on the National Register and visitors are able to tour its many exhibits. Many community events are also held at the Harvey House Museum, earning the building high regard as a true "place of the heart" in New Mexico.

I am proud to honor Ms. Maurine McMillan of New Mexico's First Congressional District for her continued leadership in preserving the rich value of the Harvey House Museum of Belen to New Mexicans, on its 100th anniversary, this month of June, 2010.

HONORING OFFICER KELLY  
O'NEAL

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Kelly O'Neal's retirement from the Pleasanton, California Police Department, and to honor his thirty-four years of exemplary service in law enforcement.

Officer O'Neal began his law enforcement career as a Reserve Police Officer with the City of Pleasanton in 1976. For 8 years, he volunteered his time working alongside full-time officers during patrol operations and during special events.

Beginning in 1985, Officer O'Neal worked as a full-time police officer. He worked on a variety of assignments, including patrol, detective, two assignments as a Motorcycle Officer, and as SWAT team member.

During his 34 years of service, his true passion was investigating drug-related crimes. Not only was he widely respected in the law enforcement community as a Drug Recognition Expert Instructor, but also by those who he arrested because of the fair and understanding manner he treated everyone. In 1999, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the California Highway Patrol recognized Officer O'Neal for arresting over 100 drug- or alcohol-impaired drivers. He was selected as the Officer of the Year for his outstanding accomplishments.

Throughout his career, Officer O'Neal served as a Field Training Officer and was responsible for training dozens of officers. His passion for new and innovative firearms and safety training brought the most realistic training scenarios possible to fellow officers.

He gave everything he had to the department and its members, and set a fine example of responsibility and dedication.

I join the City of Pleasanton in applauding Officer O'Neal's leadership within the Pleasanton Police Department and expressing appreciation for his commitment to public safety. He is an outstanding role model for others in law enforcement to follow and I wish him well in his retirement.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2194,  
COMPREHENSIVE IRAN SANCTIONS,  
ACCOUNTABILITY, AND  
DIVESTMENT ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2194, the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act.

Mr. Speaker, it is in the national security interests of the United States and our allies to compel Iran's leaders to halt their nuclear program.

Sanctions, combined with unified international diplomatic pressure, are our best hope for peacefully achieving this goal.

The tools we use to confront this threat should not be go-it-alone military action, but diplomacy and international pressure.

I have long believed that Iran will only be convinced to give up their nuclear weapons program if a strong, unified international community rallies against Iran's nuclear ambitions.

With President Obama's diplomatic efforts over the past 18 months, we are getting closer to this reality.

This bill follows on President Obama's successful work to pass a very strong fourth round of sanctions through the United Nations Security Council.

The U.N. resolution brought Russia and China on board for globally-binding U.N. sanctions on Iran's banking, finance, shipping and energy sectors.

Now it is time for Congress to act.

The bill before us today complements the diplomatic gains made at the U.N. by expanding sanctions on foreign companies that sell Iran goods, services, or know-how that assist it in developing its energy sector.

In addition, H.R. 2194 imposes significant financial penalties and travel restrictions on Iran's human rights abusers.

Ultimately, this bill provides Iran, and the people and companies that do business with the Islamic Republic a stark choice: comply with the will of the international community, or face the consequences of diplomatic and financial isolation.

Until Iran makes the strategic choice to abandon their nuclear ambitions, this body and the international community have a responsibility to act.

I urge my colleagues to vote for this important legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GULF  
COAST RESTORATION ACT

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Gulf Coast Restoration Act, legislation that would create jobs and national service positions to clean and restore the Gulf Coast, and help rebuild communities throughout the Gulf Coast region. Funding for these jobs and services would be provided by BP in accordance with the company's liability under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

We have now learned twice—both in the wake of the Exxon Valdez spill and the ongoing cleanup of this disaster—that oil companies will never hold themselves accountable for their mistakes. Negotiating or trying to work with oil companies is futile. We have heard from BP over and over again that it is prepared to fund the cleanup of the Gulf Coast and compensate those whose livelihoods have been devastated by the spill. And over and over again, the American public has seen how unprepared BP was to handle a catastrophic event like the Deepwater Horizon incident. It's going to take Congress and the Administration to force oil companies to do their fair share. This bill will both help clean up the Gulf and provide a much-needed infusion of jobs into the region.

I want to thank Representatives ISRAEL, HIMES, CONNOLLY, LANGEVIN, SUTTON, HINCHEY, BLUMENAUER, and JOHN LEWIS for signing on as original co-sponsors. I also want to thank the continued commitment of the 54 members of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, who have endorsed the bill and whose dedication has been invaluable.

An estimated one million Gulf Coast residents will likely face permanent job loss as a result of the Deepwater Horizon accident, and experts predict that it will take years, if not decades, to recover from the environmental devastation. We've already heard that some fisheries and ecosystems will likely never fully

recover. If we learned anything from the Exxon Valdez spill, it's that we're going to need an enormous and continued effort to clean up this mess, and this bill will help us do just that.

PAULA HAWKINS POST OFFICE  
BUILDING

SPEECH OF

**HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 28, 2010*

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of legislation to honor Senator Paula Hawkins by designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 North Maitland Avenue in Maitland, Florida, as the "Paula Hawkins Post Office Building."

Senator Hawkins was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on January 24th, 1927 where she attended Utah State University. In 1947 she moved with her husband to Atlanta, Georgia, before finally relocating to Winter Park, Florida, in 1955 where she became active in local politics.

In 1972, she became the first woman elected to statewide office in Florida by winning a seat on the Florida Public Service Commission. After years of hard work and dedication, she ran for the U.S. Senate in 1980 and won, becoming the first woman to be elected to the U.S. Senate with no previous familial ties to the institution.

Serving a 6-year term in the Senate, Senator Hawkins worked hard to defend abused children, fought drugs, championed stay-at-home mothers and fought for freedom across the globe. Her signature pieces of legislation were the Missing Children's Assistance Act and the creation of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

We lost Senator Paula Hawkins this past December. On behalf of the Florida delegation, I would like to express my condolences to her family and friends. For her contributions as a Senator and her hard work for the State of Florida and the Nation, I rise in remembrance of the late Senator Paula Hawkins and also to express my support for this legislation in her honor.

HONORING OFFICERS DAVID  
CURTIS AND JEFFREY KOCAB

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of David Curtis and Jeffrey Kocab, Tampa police officers who were shot and killed in the line of duty Tuesday morning. Both officers were highly revered by their peers.

Officer Curtis is remembered fondly for his positive outlook on life, his rational demeanor, and his devotion to this family. Many of those who know him comment about his dedication to his wife, Kelly, and four sons Austin, Sean, Tyler, and Hunter. He chose to work midnight shifts so that he would have more time to spend with them.

Officer Kocab is described as a highly motivated individual—active and productive—always looking for the “bad guys” and an exceptional learner. He exuded a caring and compassionate temperament toward those around him. His colleagues comment that his family was the main focus of his life. He was tragically taken from his pregnant wife, Sara.

Fine officers such as David Curtis and Jeffrey Kocab, who so selflessly sacrifice their lives, keep us safe in our communities. Though truly proud to have such upstanding officers in my community, it is with great remorse that I rise and commemorate their lives. It is such a tragedy that these remarkable men were taken at the prime of their lives. I extend my condolences to their families, friends, and colleagues. Although I did not have the honor of knowing Officer Curtis or Officer Kocab, I am thankful to know that because of their tireless work, so many lives have been enhanced and made safer.

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IN HONOR OF ROBIN MOSELEY

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, during my 17-year service in the South Carolina State Senate, I met many dedicated Senate staffers who were devoted to serving the public. One of the most outstanding was Robin McIntyre Moseley of Irmo who was always enthusiastic about being accountable and accessible. She has been the right hand of State Senate Education Committee Chairman John Courson, who has been so successful serving South Carolina promoting quality education.

Robin is retiring on July 1, 2010, and her service was recognized by the South Carolina State Senate Resolution below that was unanimously adopted:

A SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING ROBIN MCINTYRE MOSELEY ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE STAFF OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE, THANKING HER FOR HER DEDICATION TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND WISHING HER WELL IN ALL OF HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS

Whereas, the members of the Senate have learned that Robin Moseley, Director of Research for Higher Education with the Senate Education Committee, will be retiring on July 1, 2010; and

Whereas, Senator John E. Courson hired Robin in January 1991 to assist him in his Senate office; and

Whereas, as Senator Courson's Chief of Staff, Robin has faithfully and compassionately assisted the people of Senate District 20, Richland and Lexington Counties, and throughout the State for twenty legislative sessions; and

Whereas, Robin has had a distinguished career of public service working for the Senate Invitations Committee and the Senate Education Committee; and

Whereas, Robin McIntyre Moseley is from Marion, South Carolina and is the daughter of Dorothy Dozier “Dot” McIntyre and the late Robert Joseph McIntyre; and

Whereas, Robin has two brothers, Joe and Al, and one sister, Betsy; and

Whereas, Robin is the proud mother of Scott Moseley, married to Melinda Moseley, and is the doting grandmother, known as “Grandma Robin,” to Alex and Kate; and

Whereas, Robin is a faithful and active member of McGregor Presbyterian Church in Irmo where she is an elder and Sunday school teacher, and has served as Clerk of the Session; and

Whereas, Robin is an involved member of the Irmo community and was the longest serving president of the Ballentine-Dutch Fork Civic Association; and

Whereas, in her free time, Robin enjoys gardening and photography. In 2005, she was honored when one of her many wonderful State House photographs graced the cover of the 2005 Legislative Manual; and

Whereas, Robin's decision to retire from her current position will leave her time to delight in caring for her grandchildren and spend time on her family's farm in Marion where her mother and siblings reside; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper for the members of the South Carolina Senate to recognize Robin's achievements on the occasion of her retirement. Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate:*

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Robin McIntyre Moseley on the occasion of her retirement from the staff of the South Carolina Senate, thank her for her dedication to the people of South Carolina, and wish her well in all of her future endeavors.

*Be it further resolved* that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Robin Moseley.

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TRIBUTE TO MS. EDNA MITCHELL-STEWART

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of the most admired, most loved and most influential members of my community, and of my congressional district. She was not a minister, she was not a physician, she was not an athlete, she was not a gangster and she was not a public educator or well known philanthropist. She was a queen, the queen of soul, the queen of soul food. She was the owner of Edna's Soul Food Restaurant where she fed kings and queens but never lost the common touch.

Edna and her father, the late Mr. Sam Mitchell Sr. opened Edna's in the 1960's and operated a number of businesses in the Garfield Park Community. Their good food, personality and community spirit propelled Edna's into becoming a community institution.

During his stay in Chicago, it was one of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s, favorite eating places and of course they fed him and his staff often times for free. Over the years Edna's became the place to be, it was a meeting place for ministers, politicians, business persons and others. I have held regular meetings there for both my political and government activities.

Mayors, governors, Presidents, entertainers, athletes and other well known personalities

were there on a regular basis. Edna and her family were not just proprietors; they were a community institution, her parents, her sisters, including Judge Judy Mitchell Davis, her brother Sam, Sister Alice, all contributed greatly to the community. One former governor always called it Edna's Kitchen and would inquire about meeting there. Governor Pat Quinn earlier this year proclaimed Edna's Day while feasting on black-eyed peas and cornbread.

Edna would hire young people and help them go to college. I cannot count the times she asked me about scholarships and financial aid for students.

Edna did more than just manage a restaurant. She was a guidance counselor, a community resource, she hired people fresh out of prison, she fed the hungry, she clothed those who were naked, and she gave hope to the hopeless and provided help for the helpless. She was active in her church, participated in politics and played a substantial role in community affairs.

Although Edna is gone, her spirit lives on in her recipes and in her legacy of generosity. Goodbye to our Queen of Soul . . . that is soul food.

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HONORING VENEZUELAN INDEPENDENCE DAY ON JULY 5, 2010

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, on July 5th, just one day after we celebrate our country's birth, Venezuela will celebrate its independence from Spain.

The Venezuelan people know and love freedom, but that land of heroes has been hijacked by a crazy, corrupt dictator, Hugo Chavez.

His government has limited freedom of the press by forcing independent TV stations and newspapers to shut down, has silenced its critics by jailing opposition party members and even members of the judiciary, and continues to put millions of dollars in the hands of terrorists and narco-traffickers around the world. Chavez has also deepened ties with Iran, through training exercises with Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps Qods Force.

Chavez is leading his nation down the road to tyranny and that, Madam Speaker, is unacceptable. Venezuela is the land of Simon Bolivar, home to his decedents, freedom-loving people who value liberty, justice and the rule of law.

As Chavez furthers his corrupt and anti-democratic activities in our hemisphere, the United States must stand firm on the side of freedom and support our democratic allies in the region and all the people who value democratic principles, both inside and outside of Venezuela.

I want to thank and commend all Venezuelans living in exile in the United States for

their dedication and commitment to preserving their culture and ensuring that freedom, democracy and justice once again ring true in Venezuela.

South Florida is home to the largest Venezuelan and Venezuelan American community in the United States. They have embraced the values and ideals that we as Americans hold true. They make valuable contributions to our Nation, serve in our military, and take an active part in the democratic process.

At the same time, they hold tight to their traditions, culture and language, work tirelessly to support and promote democracy in Venezuela and hope to one day soon be a part of a democratic Venezuela.

On their day of Independence, I urge the United States to stand in solidarity with the Venezuelan people in their struggle to preserve freedom and restore democracy.

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SPEECH OF

**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of approving stronger, tougher sanctions against Iran, protecting the security of the United States and sending a strong message that the U.S. government will not allow a nuclear-armed Iran.

As an original co-sponsor of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act, I am so proud that this Congress has put together the most comprehensive Iran sanctions legislation that the United States Congress has ever passed. It adds sanctions on refined petroleum, but more im-

portantly, it broadens the categories of sanctionable activities by applying sanctions on those who sell Iran technology, services, or know-how that help the country develop its energy sector.

It can not be overstated: A nuclear-armed Iran is an urgent and deadly threat to peace and stability in the Middle East and at home. As citizens of the United States—a global power and nuclear leader—we have a priority to make sure that nuclear capability does not get into the wrong hands. We must protect ourselves, and our ally Israel, from the dangers of the Iran regime.

This legislation will help us quash Iran's continued attempts at developing nuclear weapons. With Tehran importing 25 to 40 percent of its refined petroleum needs, these economic sanctions will have a dramatic impact on Iran's economy. They are critical to suspending Iran's nuclear program and ensuring security and stability in the Middle East and at home.