

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE VNA

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, today I am extremely proud to rise to honor the Visiting Nursing Association (VNA) of Western New York and recognize their 125 years of exemplary health care delivery in our community.

The VNA was one of the very first visiting nurse charities here in the United States. Over the years it has grown to be one of the largest home health care agencies in the nation, providing a range of services for all ages.

In 1885 Elizabeth Coe Marshall, a Buffalo teacher, founded what became the VNA when she recognized the need and collected donations to support a traveling nurse to serve the ill and indigent. Today the VNA of WNY is 900 nurses strong and provides a broad array of services that range from counseling new nursing mothers to providing health care that allows seniors to remain in the comfort of their own home. This devoted group serves 6,500 patients each and every day and makes more than one-half million home visits each year.

Over the decades the VNA of WNY has continued to adapt to meet the latest needs and incorporate today's technology. This has included rising to the demand to deliver H1N1 vaccines and integrating telemedicine into home care delivery.

Madam Speaker, it is with most sincere gratitude that I pay tribute to the Visiting Nursing Association of Western New York for their leadership in health care and 125 years of service and dedication to this great community.

RECOGNIZING BARBARA WOODS FOR HER DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Barbara Woods for her distinguished career with the Internal Revenue Service in Holtsville, New York, and to congratulate her on her retirement on Friday, July 2nd, 2010.

For the past ten years, Ms. Woods has served as a Case Advocate within the Taxpayer Advocate Service. In this capacity, she has devoted herself to helping citizens of Long Island navigate our nation's complex tax system. She has also shared her wealth of knowledge and experience with new Case Advocates undergoing training. Because of her, individuals on Long Island have been able to communicate successfully with the Internal Revenue Service, and will continue to do so well into the future.

I am proud to recognize Ms. Woods for her dedication and service.

COMMENDING TAIWAN

HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend the Republic of China, Taiwan, for assisting the oil spill relief efforts in the Gulf of Mexico.

In response to requests by the International Spill Control Organization and BP, the Environmental Protection Administration of the Republic of China, Taiwan, airlifted 600 feet of fire boom for use in the Gulf in order to contain surface oil and burn it offshore.

What is truly remarkable is the speed with which Taiwan has responded. When the request arrived in Taipei, Taiwanese officials and agencies worked expeditiously to process the request. Taiwan has joined seventeen other nations and various other international bodies in helping to mitigate the effects of the oil spill in the Gulf.

Taiwan's efforts should be recognized and commended. Taiwan has been most generous in helping the United States in its hour of need. We also remember Taiwan's humanitarian assistance to Haiti after its January earthquake. The world certainly could use more caring nations like Taiwan.

MEDIA MOGUL ADMITS HE HELPED WRITE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, Mort Zuckerman, the chairman and editor-in-chief of U.S. News & World Report and publisher of the New York Daily News, admitted on Fox News that he "voted for [President] Obama" and "helped write one of his speeches."

Perhaps the real surprise is not that a prominent member of the national media helped President Obama, but that he actually admitted to it on national television.

Mr. Zuckerman is not the only member of the media who has worked for President Obama. An astonishing 15 journalists have left a national media outlet to join either the Obama administration or a liberal group, according to a recent tally by the Media Research Center.

It's no wonder just 8 percent of Americans trust the media, according to a recent public opinion poll.

The national media should give Americans the facts, not cover for the Obama administration.

H.R. 2194, COMPREHENSIVE IRAN SANCTIONS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND DIVESTMENT ACT

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, Iran continues down a dangerous path that must be confronted with resolve and action. Unfortunately, instead of supporting the national interests of the United States, the Obama administration has attempted to aid hostile regimes over allies, supported dictators over democracy, and been more interested in talking to our adversaries than supporting our longstanding friends in the Middle East. To redirect U.S. foreign policy in the region, I am pleased to be a co-sponsor of H.R. 2194, the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act, which we are considering today.

The threat posed by Iran is clear. First, we know that Iran is developing nuclear weapons. In 2009, Dennis Blair, Director of National Intelligence testified before Congress that "Iran has the scientific, technical, and industrial capacity to eventually produce nuclear weapons." He went on to say that Iran could soon have enough highly enriched uranium for a nuclear weapon.

Second, we know that Iran has advanced short and medium-range missiles, and is rapidly developing capable longer-range missiles. Iran has already deployed the Shahab-3 missile, which has a range of over one-thousand miles. This missile can strike Israel and allies in Europe as well as American troops deployed in the Middle East, Asia and Europe. In February, Iran launched its first satellite into space. There are just relatively minor technological steps between a space launch and an inter-continental ballistic missile launch. In fact, a recent Air Force report said Iran's "ambitious ballistic missile and space launch development programs" could allow them to have an inter-continental ballistic missile capable of hitting the United States by 2015.

Third, we know Iran is the world's most active state sponsor of terrorism. According to our own State Department, "Iran's involvement in the planning and financial support of terrorist attacks throughout the Middle East, Europe, and Central Asia had a direct impact on international efforts to promote peace, threatened economic stability in the Gulf, and undermined the growth of democracy." Iran provides aid in the form of weapons, training, and funding to Hamas and other Palestinian terrorist groups, Lebanese Hezbollah, Iraq-based militants, and Taliban fighters in Afghanistan—and those are the ones we know about.

Finally, we know that Iranian leaders continue to call for the destruction of Israel. Israel is our most important ally in the Middle East. The United States has a strategic and moral responsibility to stand with them against all threats and aggression.

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To counter this clear Iranian threat, I am pleased the House is today considering the conference report for H.R. 2194. This legislation will dramatically limit Iran's ability to import and produce refined petroleum products by requiring the president to impose sanctions on companies helping Iran in these areas. The bill also adds three new sanctions to limit Iranian access to the U.S. banking system and foreign exchanges, and toughens the sanctions regime by requiring the president to investigate any reports of certain sanctionable activity for which there is credible evidence and make a determination to Congress whether such activity has indeed occurred.

While the Obama administration has failed to alter Iranian action through appeasement, H.R. 2194 will take serious actions. Although a large oil producer, Iran is dependent on imported refined petroleum products. With these new sanctions in place, the Iranian economy will be dramatically hindered and hopefully Iran will be forced to change course especially in regards to nuclear weapons program.

While I join with my colleagues in strong support of this legislation, I am disappointed with two aspects of this conference report. First of all, the timing. This legislation was introduced 14 months ago and passed on the floor of the House six months ago. All of these delays were at the behest of the Obama administration due to their continued opposition to the bill. The administration finally allowed the legislation to move forward only after securing an important concession providing the President extensive waivers, which is my second concern.

Originally containing limited waiver authority, Democrats added much more extensive presidential waivers. This is a farce and undermines the legislation. The administration has shown time and time again its interest in appeasement and opposition to a strong sanctions regime. I fear this important legislation will just be waived like so many other sanction laws aimed at Iran.

While I support this conference report, I call on the administration to not utilize any waiver authority and allow every sanction in this bill to take effect. This legislation is the clear will of Congress and the American people, and should be carried out to its fullest extent by the administration.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 2194 is not perfect, but it is a good step forward in protecting U.S.-vital interests. Therefore, I encourage my colleagues to support final passage.

HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 175th anniversary of the City of Huntsville, Texas, and I extend my congratulations to its citizens on this memorable occasion.

Huntsville has a rich and memorable history that is as old as the state of Texas itself. This great city started out in 1835 as an Indian trading post established by Pleasant and Ephraim Gray who moved to the area from Huntsville, Alabama. Because their trading

post was situated near the Trinity River, as trade along the river's banks grew, so did the number of settlers in Huntsville. New residents found the prairie lands in and around Huntsville to be fertile grounds for farming and ranching, and they found lush timber lands for harvesting.

The 1840s and 1850s were prosperous times for Huntsville, as settlers from eastern states continued to arrive and establish homesteads and businesses in the city. In 1845, the city was incorporated by the Congress of the Republic of Texas. In 1849, Austin College was founded in Huntsville. In 1850, the Huntsville Item newspaper was established and continues to be the second oldest continually published newspaper in the state of Texas.

Huntsville is known as the home of the great General Sam Houston, who served as President of the Republic of Texas, Governor of Texas, U.S. Representative, and U.S. Senator. It is also the home of Sam Houston State University, founded in 1879, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Today, Huntsville enjoys a vibrant economy and still maintains the natural beauty that attracted many of its earliest settlers. Tourists come to Huntsville to visit the Huntsville State Park, the Sam Houston National Forest, the Sam Houston Memorial Museum and statue, HEARTS Veterans Museum, the Texas Prison Museum, and the nearby attractions of the Trinity River and Lake Livingston.

In keeping with the traditions of its founding, Huntsville remains a friendly city that welcomes new families and individuals to enjoy life in the Piney Woods region of Texas. It is a place that values hard work and entrepreneurship and a place where residents respect and honor the freedom provided by our Armed Forces. Its citizens are some of the most patriotic and philanthropic you will find anywhere.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to represent the citizens of the city of Huntsville, Texas, in the House of Representatives. In the words of John W. Thomason, Jr., one of Huntsville's most notable residents who wrote many years ago, Huntsville continues to remain a "place of prominence: notable for culture, for manners, and for morals." Please join me in congratulating the citizens of Huntsville on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND MILITARY SERVICE OF COLONEL WILLIAM B. IMANDT

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Colonel William B. Imandt, who was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery on Friday, July 2nd, 2010.

Colonel Imandt was a veteran of World War II, and courageously endured time as a soldier Missing in Action and a Prisoner of War. For his service in defense of our nation, he was awarded both the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. His legacy will live on through his family and his commitment will not be forgotten.

I am proud to recognize Colonel Imandt for his brave service and dedication to our nation and the cause of freedom.

SAVANNAH GARCIA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

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

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

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

HONORING RON GETTELFINGER

HON. JOHN A. BOCCIERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. BOCCIERI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who served as a statesman for organized labor and the United Auto Workers, leading his brothers and sisters through some of the most difficult economic times facing our nation.

While a chassis line repairman, Ron Gettelfinger became a member of the UAW in 1964. Since then, elected by his peers each time, he became Director, then Vice President and finally President of the UAW.

Now, after serving two consecutive terms as President of the UAW, Ron Gettelfinger will retire from his tenure.

Mr. Gettelfinger believed in fighting "for something better" and he achieved this during his 8 year term as President of the UAW in a multitude of ways.

He championed the fight for fair trade agreements that contained strong labor protections and he stood up in support of clean energy issues.

He fought to keep manufacturing jobs here in the United States by supporting domestic investments in advanced technology vehicles.

And as a steadfast advocate for the American worker, he strongly supported accessible and affordable healthcare for everyone.

I thank Ron Gettelfinger for his service to our great country and the UAW as a voice for the ordinary, hard working American.

RECOGNIZING GROCERY STORE DONATIONS TO FOOD BANKS

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize grocery stores in the 10th District of

Virginia for their assistance in working with local food banks and food pantries.

I salute the excellent work of community grocery store managers, employees, and volunteers for their dedicated work with local area food banks and food pantries. These grocery stores are the backbone of the food donation network. Without their support, food banks and food pantries would not be able to serve the community.

This community partnership is vital to continuing to feed families throughout the 10th District of Virginia who are struggling to put food on the table. Grocery stores around the country can make a positive difference in their communities by donating unused food to their local food banks and food pantries. I also want to make it clear that food donations from grocery stores to food banks are protected from liability under the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Act. I urge grocery stores nationwide to follow the example of these stores in northern Virginia by donating food that would otherwise go to waste.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF WILLIAM L. TAYLOR, LAWYER AND CHAMPION OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND EDUCATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, our country lost a true education civil rights pioneer last week. William L. Taylor was a friend, an ally, a trusted advocate and true hero to our nation's children. His work helped all children succeed and profoundly impacted the way we educate children in this country. Both the Washington Post and the New York Times ran obituaries on his passing. I have submitted these for the RECORD as well as the eulogy by Ralph Neas given at his Memorial Services. Bill will be deeply missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the Taylor family during this difficult time.

[From the Washington Post, June 30, 2010]

WILLIAM L. TAYLOR, 78; WASHINGTON LAWYER, CHAMPION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

(By Emma Brown)

William L. Taylor, 78, a Washington lawyer and civil rights activist for more than half a century who fought discrimination on many fronts and was particularly dedicated to desegregating the nation's schools, died June 28 at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda of complications from a fall.

In a career spanning six decades, Mr. Taylor worked largely behind the scenes in courtrooms and on Capitol Hill, advising members of Congress, drafting legislation and taking advantage of changing attitudes about race and equality to strengthen the nation's civil rights laws and their enforcement.

One of his early mentors was Thurgood Marshall, who later became the first African American Supreme Court justice. Mr. Taylor went to work for Marshall at the NAACP Legal and Education Defense Fund in 1954, months after the Supreme Court's landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* decision outlawed public school segregation.

In 1958, Mr. Taylor helped write the NAACP's legal brief for the Supreme Court case that compelled schools in Little Rock—

and required schools across the nation—to comply with *Brown v. Board* and integrate public schools.

During the 1960s, Mr. Taylor was the general counsel and staff director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He played a key role in organizing on-the-ground hearings and investigations into discrimination against African Americans in the Deep South. The resulting recommendations by the commission became the foundation for the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

In the late 1960s, he left the government to become a government watchdog. He launched two organizations to monitor the government's efforts to enforce civil rights laws, the Center for National Policy Review at Catholic University, where he taught law, and later the Citizens' Commission on Civil Rights.

During the administrations of Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, Mr. Taylor lobbied for and helped draft stronger laws to address discrimination in housing, employment and voting. He also was in the group that led the fight against Reagan's nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court. They examined every article, every speech, every decision, every statement that Robert Bork ever made and put together the book on Bork—and that was literally and figuratively the foundation for Bork's rejection by the Senate, said Ralph Neas, the former executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, who chaired the Block Bork coalition.

Mr. Taylor was perhaps best known for his efforts to force states and cities to make good on the promise of equal schools for all. Through the courts, he pressed for the desegregation of a number of urban school districts. In St. Louis, after a parent challenged the segregated school system, Mr. Taylor led negotiations in the 1980s that established the nation's largest voluntary metropolitan school desegregation plan.

In recent years, Mr. Taylor helped draft *No Child Left Behind*, the 2002 federal law intended to boost the quality of the nation's schools by measuring student progress on standardized tests, and he defended it against legal challenges. In his eyes, ensuring excellent schools for all students was a matter of civil rights. "He was a huge champion for closing the achievement gap, for accountability—just a hawk, and I use that as a huge compliment because he was ever-vigilant about that cause," said Margaret Spellings, who was secretary of education under President George W. Bush.

William Lewis Taylor was born Oct. 4, 1931, in Brooklyn, N.Y., the son of Jewish emigrants from Lithuania. Growing up, Mr. Taylor was the target of anti-Semitic slurs. He graduated from high school in 1947, the same year that Jackie Robinson went to bat for the Brooklyn Dodgers, drawing countless racial insults as he broke the major league color barrier. "The very first awareness I had about prejudice against blacks came from watching what Robinson went through," Mr. Taylor said in a 1999 interview.

In 1952, he graduated from Brooklyn College, where he met his future wife, Harriett Rosen. He graduated from Yale University's law school in 1954.

Mr. Taylor had served since 1982 as vice chair of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights in Washington and taught education law at Georgetown University.

His wife of 43 years, who became a D.C. Superior Court judge, died in 1997.

Survivors include their three children, Lauren R. Taylor of Takoma Park, Debbie L. Taylor of San Francisco and David S. Van Taylor of Brooklyn; a brother, Burton Taylor of Rockville; and three grandchildren.

At Brooklyn College, Mr. Taylor was editor of the campus newspaper for two issues before it was shut down by the college's president, Harry Gideonse, who thought the paper was too sympathetic to Communist interests. When the New York Times printed a story about the closing, Mr. Taylor recalled in his 2004 memoir, "The Passion of My Times," he was called into Gideonse's office. "I hate to ruin anyone's career," he remembered the president saying, "but in your case, I'm prepared to make an exception."

Years later, Mr. Taylor obtained his FBI file, which showed that college officials had urged the federal government not to hire Mr. Taylor when he was being considered for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. They criticized him for his involvement with the student government, which one official said had "espoused liberal causes such as the rights of the Negro in the South."

In 2001, Brooklyn College gave Mr. Taylor an honorary degree, honoring his efforts to secure civil rights for all Americans. "It was a character-building experience," Mr. Taylor said at the time. "I learned that you could speak out for things you believed in and that nothing bad would happen to you. I have spent my life doing that."

[From the Washington Post, July 2, 2010]

THE LOSS OF CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCATE
WILLIAM L. TAYLOR

Bill Taylor was not one of those bold-face Washington names—except to those in the civil rights movement. If you were in that movement, you probably knew William L. Taylor, who died Monday at the age of 78; and if you didn't know him, you certainly knew what he had accomplished.

For more than half a century, Mr. Taylor was at the center of every major civil rights battle. As a young lawyer at the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, he wrote the Supreme Court brief in *Cooper v. Aaron*, the case in which the justices insisted that the Little Rock schools be desegregated notwithstanding massive local resistance. He worked not only to pass the landmark civil rights statutes of the 1960s—the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the Fair Housing Act of 1968—but to ensure their extension and rewriting in the face of hostile Supreme Court decisions in the following decades. He focused particularly on school desegregation—most notably negotiating a voluntary desegregation plan for St. Louis schools—and ensuring educational opportunity for students in impoverished areas, a passion that led him to join forces with the Bush administration in writing the *No Child Left Behind* law. In his various roles, as general counsel and staff director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, as executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, as a law professor and private practitioner, Mr. Taylor was, in the words of the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, "a long-distance runner on the road to justice."

The Brooklyn-born son of Lithuanian immigrants, Mr. Taylor wrote in his memoir, "The Passion of My Times," that he turned up for work at the Legal Defense and Education Fund fresh out of Yale Law School "with virtually no interaction with African Americans. Jackie Robinson provided my only civil rights education." But his passion for civil rights, like his passions for baseball and jazz, never waned. His funeral Wednesday featured repeated references to Mr. Taylor's strong, sometimes prickly, personality. "He was never afraid to share his side of the argument—whether or not you wanted to hear it," his 13-year-old granddaughter, Simone, wrote in a memoir read at the service. "He knew when to take a stand, and he

knew when to hammer out a compromise with integrity," said Rabbi David Saperstein, a longtime colleague.

"The strange thing about working in civil rights is that you always feel that you are stuck in a period of great difficulty," Mr. Taylor said in a 1999 interview with the D.C. Bar magazine. "There was tremendous resistance to the Brown decision, and then we went through all of the tumultuous violence of the 1960s. There were times when it felt very grave, ugly and hateful. But every few years you look up and realize that things have changed in fundamental ways." Mr. Taylor helped bring about that fundamental change.

[From the New York Times, June 29, 2010]

WILLIAM TAYLOR, VIGOROUS RIGHTS DEFENDER, DIES AT 78

(By Douglas Martin)

William L. Taylor, who as a lawyer, lobbyist and government official for more than a half century had significant roles in pressing important civil rights cases and in drafting and defending civil rights legislation—died Monday in Bethesda, Md. He was 78 and lived in Washington. His son, David Van Taylor, said the direct cause of death was fluid in his lungs, a complication of a head injury he suffered in a fall a month ago.

William Taylor began his long fight for racial justice as a young lawyer at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Inc. working with Thurgood Marshall, who would later become a Supreme Court justice. He helped fight some of the difficult civil rights battles that followed the Supreme Court order in 1954 that schools be desegregated. One assignment was writing much of the brief that persuaded the court to order the continued desegregation of schools in Little Rock, Ark., in an extraordinary summer session in 1958. The local school board had decided to suspend desegregation because of heated resistance the previous year.

Mr. Taylor went on to the United States Commission on Civil Rights as general counsel and staff director during the Kennedy and Johnson administrations. He directed research that contributed to the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1965 Voting Rights Act and the 1968 Fair Housing Act.

Later victories included negotiating a voluntary school desegregation plan in St. Louis in the 1980s as well as deals with other school systems. In a statement Tuesday, the N.A.A.C.P. called Mr. Taylor "a staunch advocate for educational equity throughout his storied legal career."

Starting in 1982, Mr. Taylor used his position as vice chairman of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights to help renew and strengthen some of the major civil rights legislation of the 1960s.

He headed a team of lawyers assembled by the conference that evaluated civil rights enforcement in the first year of the Reagan administration. In a 75-page report, the lawyers found that the administration had "repudiated" constitutional interpretations by the Supreme Court that protected rights and that it had attacked lower courts for protecting minorities.

"For more than half a century, Bill Taylor's voice was synonymous with equality," Representative George Miller, the California Democrat who is chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, said in a statement.

Mr. Taylor is also credited with helping to devise a strategy by liberals to defeat President Ronald Reagan's nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court in 1987, partly by recruiting well-known law professors to criticize him. Mr. Taylor could sometimes be unpredictable, as when he openly supported

President George W. Bush's No Child Left Behind law to overhaul education. Liberal critics called the measure punitive, poorly financed and too oriented toward standardized tests.

William Lewis Taylor was born on Oct. 4, 1931 to first-generation immigrants from Lithuania in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. In speeches over the years he said that as a Jewish teenager he had experienced anti-Semitism in a neighborhood that Jews shared mainly with Italians. "I remember being pushed around as a kid and being called a 'Christ killer,'" he once said. He became aware of prejudice against blacks, he said, when he saw whites harass Jackie Robinson when he broke baseball's color line in 1947.

Mr. Taylor attended Brooklyn College, where he was editor of the college newspaper. The college president suspended him for printing an article that the president had objected to; it said a professor had been denied tenure because of his political views. A decade later, when Mr. Taylor was applying for a job with the federal government, Brooklyn College officials urged the government not to hire him. According to his F.B.I. file, college officials said that as a student he had "espoused liberal causes such as the rights of the Negro in the South." The New York Times reported in 2001.

That year, in a gesture of both contrition and pride, Brooklyn College awarded Mr. Taylor an honorary degree. Christoph M. Kimmich, the college president, called him "a person who represents what this institution is about."

Mr. Taylor graduated from Brooklyn College in 1952 and Yale Law School in 1954, wrote many articles and two books, and taught at the law schools of the Catholic University of America, Stanford and Georgetown.

His wife, the former Harriett Elaine Rosen, a trial judge in Washington for 17 years, died in 1997. In addition to his son, Mr. Taylor is survived by his daughters, Lauren and Deborah Taylor; his brother, Burton; and three grandchildren.

In the 1950s, Mr. Taylor was a popular contestant on the game show "Tic-Tac-Dough," his son said. When producers offered him answers, which would have guaranteed his earnings, he refused. He later testified to a grand jury investigating quiz show fraud. The jury foreman, who had heard the testimony of other "Tic-Tac-Dough" contestants, informed Mr. Taylor that he had won more money than anyone else who had not taken answers. His son said that was a lasting source of pride.

REMARKS OF RALPH G. NEAS, PRESIDENT AND CEO, NATIONAL COALITION ON HEALTH CARE, MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR WILLIAM L. TAYLOR, TIFERETH SYNAGOGUE, JUNE 30, 2010

Good Morning.

Lauren, Debbie, David, Simone, Jesse, Nathaniel, Burt and Susan, other members of the family and friends, I am honored to be with you today.

Sometimes in your life, you get lucky. It certainly happened to me when I met my wife, Katy. It happened again when our daughter, Maria, entered our lives. And it most definitely happened one Spring day in 1974. My first boss, Senator Edward W. Brooke, was fighting those who were trying to undermine school desegregation.

The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR) offered to help Senator Brooke. Into the office walked Arnie Aronson, Clarence Mitchell, Joe Rauh, and Bill Taylor. At age 26, I was in one room with this extraordinary group of individuals who would mentor me for the next four decades. I did not know it

then, but I had just won the lottery. And, except for Katy, no one has been with me more over that span of time than Bill Taylor. Bill was one part mentor, one part side-kick. Whether it was civil rights advocacy, playing tennis, discussing baseball, listening to jazz, or going to the movies; we did it together.

By the time I met Bill, he was in his forties. In many ways, Bill, along with Mary Frances Berry and Raul Yzaguirre, served as bridges between the great generation of the Rauhs, Mitchells, Dorothy Heights, and Aronsons and that of my peers, who were just coming of age—Marcia Greenberger, Elaine Jones, David Saperstein, Antonia Hernandez, Judy Lichtman, Barbara Arnwire, Wade Henderson, Nan Aron, Karen Narasaki and so many others in this room.

By the time we met, Bill already had a distinguished professional career. Right out of Yale Law School, he joined the staff of Thurgood Marshall at the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. His first major case was *Cooper v. Aaron*, the historic 1958 Little Rock school desegregation decision. Now, that's one hell of a way to begin a career!

For the next 50 years, Bill continued his abiding interest in equal educational opportunity, especially in important school desegregation cases across the country. Bill went on to become the head of the United States Commission on Civil Rights where he supervised important investigative and research work that helped lay the foundation for the enactment of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the 1968 Fair Housing Act.

While Bill and I teamed up many times in the 1970's, our real partnership began in April of 1981 when I became the Executive Director of LCCR. For the next 12 years, we were inseparable, constituting with the leaders I have mentioned previously, a core group of strategists, organizers, lawyers, and advocates that remained close and effective over the years.

But during the Reagan-Bush Administrations, Bill Taylor helped the Civil Rights Movement perform the impossible. In the face of huge resistance, LCCR directed two-dozen national campaigns that strengthened every major civil rights law, overturned more than a dozen adverse Supreme Court decisions, and defeated the Supreme Court nomination of Robert Bork. Laws enacted included the 1982 Voting Rights Act, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988, the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988, the Civil Rights Act of 1991 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Bill's role in all of these hard fought victories was that of the indispensable senior advisor.

As essential as Bill was to my professional life, he was also a vital part of my personal life. Indeed, Bill Taylor, along with Mary Frances, actually lent me the money I needed to buy an engagement ring for Katy. He then joined Katy and me in Des Moines, Iowa, Thanksgiving 1988, to be a member of our wedding party. Again with Mary Frances, Bill became a Godparent to Maria in 1999.

And Bill's wonderful 43 year marriage to Judge Harriett Taylor had a profound impact on me. I have never observed a better, warmer, more trusting partnership than theirs.

In all of his endeavors, certain personal qualities about Bill always stood out. First, was Bill's brilliance. His mind was quick and facile, especially in moments when something had to be forged that could command a bi-partisan legislative consensus. Not surprisingly, Ted Kennedy, Hamilton Fish, and Don Edwards were his best friends in Congress. Next, was his exceptional sense of humor. Bill could really tell a story. His puns, his pointed sarcasm, and quick wit always were entertaining companions during a

meal or a drink after work. And many times that humor defused a tense situation.

To be honest, one has to mention Bill's stubbornness, sometimes accompanied by a strong temper. God, that man could be unyielding. Bill always had a flair for the dramatic. And Monday could not have been more a dramatic day. The retirement of Justice John Paul Stevens. The first day of Elena Kagen's Supreme Court nomination hearings. But perhaps the most fascinating serendipity was the passing of Senator Robert Byrd. Indeed, no one better personifies Bill's unquenchable optimism in the truthfulness of Martin Luther King's quote, "That the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice. In his 20's, Senator Byrd was a member of the Ku Klux Klan. In his forties, he filibustered the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Then miraculously, perhaps due in some small measure to the Voting Rights Act of 1965, he evolved into a champion of civil rights. No better example could underscore the power and accuracy of Martin's observation.

Bill wrote a marvelous autobiography, *The Passion of My Times: A Civil Rights Advocate's 50 Year Journey*. As we know, the title came from an Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. quote: . . . it is required of a man that he should share the passion and action of the time, at peril of being judged not to have lived. Bill Taylor, you lived that quote. And because you did, America made progress.

For everyone in this synagogue today and for countless others who may not even know his name, Bill was a special person who was always there. Bill Taylor was a mensch.

Bill, we were so fortunate to have you as a friend.

THE FY10 SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS BILL

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, this supplemental bill contains funding to support our troops in the field and resources to keep our teachers in the classroom. It also provides funding for other priorities, including strengthening our border security and relief to victims of the oil spill in the Gulf and the earthquake in Haiti.

I support President Obama's request to provide our troops with the equipment and support they need for their mission. We also owe it to our troops to have a realistic strategy that is worthy of their sacrifice.

The toughest decisions we face as a nation are questions of war and peace. Whenever we ask the men and women of our armed forces to put their lives at risk, the President and Members of Congress have a solemn obligation to consider all the facts and exercise their best judgment for the country.

More than eight years ago, our nation was the target of a terrorist attack launched by al Qaeda operating out of Afghanistan. The United Nations unanimously passed a resolution supporting the right of the United States to respond forcefully to that attack. Our NATO allies universally backed our actions, invoking the provisions of the NATO charter stating that an attack on one was an attack on all. Today, largely because the Bush administration diverted attention and resources away from this region to Iraq, Osama bin Laden and al

Qaeda continue to regain strength and plot attacks against Americans from along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. The Bush Administration also failed to persuade Pakistan to confront the Afghan Taliban insurgents operating inside Pakistan with the support of al Qaeda.

While there is no doubt that al Qaeda operates in parts of Yemen, Sudan, Somalia, and other areas, the Afghanistan-Pakistan border region remains the operational and ideological center for al Qaeda's global operations. The President is right to conclude that allowing al Qaeda to operate there unchecked poses a serious security risk to the U.S. and American citizens around the world.

President Obama has developed a carefully considered and comprehensive "counterinsurgency" strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan that relies not only on the use of troops but also the use of civilian resources.

The strategy has four parts. First, American and NATO forces will accelerate the training and deployment of the Afghan national security forces, both army and police. This will allow U.S. forces to begin returning home starting in July of next year. Second, in the interim, U.S. and Afghan forces will reverse the Taliban's momentum by working to stabilize major population centers.

Third, the strategy engages Pakistan as a full partner in these efforts. As a result of better coordination between our two countries, for the first time since the beginning of the war, al Qaeda and the Taliban are being genuinely challenged by the Pakistan military.

Finally, the U.S. will work with its partners in Afghanistan and Pakistan to create a more effective civilian strategy—with the goal of establishing sustainable economic opportunities for Afghans and strengthening the country's national and local governance structures. As the 9–11 Commission determined, extremist groups exploit the poor socioeconomic conditions, such as high unemployment, in the border areas to gain adherents to their cause. With this in mind, I introduced the Afghanistan-Pakistan Security and Prosperity Enhancement Act, which will allow the President to designate Reconstruction Opportunity Zones (ROZs) in Afghanistan and parts of Pakistan and allow qualified businesses duty-free access to U.S. markets for designated products. This legislation, which has passed the House and is pending in the Senate, would help create meaningful job opportunities for young people who are currently vulnerable to the lure of extremism.

The President's strategy contains a timeline which initiates a responsible redeployment of American troops in July of next year. He has established this timeline to send a clear message to the Afghan government that they must take seriously their role in creating a stable Afghanistan and to communicate to the people of Afghanistan that the U.S. has no interest in an open-ended engagement in their country.

During floor consideration of the bill, I supported the McGovern/Obey Amendment which would codify the president's plan to initiate a responsible drawdown of U.S. forces beginning a year from now. The amendment requires that by April 4, 2011, the president submit to Congress a redeployment plan that is consistent with the policy he announced in December 2009.

While I supported the McGovern/Obey Amendment, I opposed amendments that would lead to the immediate cutoff of funds to

support the president's strategy in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The immediate withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan would have two negative consequences. First, it would immediately strengthen the hand of the most extremist Taliban leaders (those most closely tied to al Qaeda), undercutting any leverage behind ongoing efforts to get some Taliban fighters to lay down their arms and undermining Afghan President Hamid Karzai's new initiative to reach a political accommodation with those members of the Taliban open to national reconciliation. If such a political solution is undermined and the old Taliban regime retakes control of Afghanistan, they will again turn that country into a safe haven for expanded al Qaeda operations. It would also lead to the return of an extreme Taliban regime that encourages horrendous acts like pouring gasoline into the eyes of girls who attempt to go to school.

Second, an immediate withdrawal of NATO forces would weaken Pakistan's resolve to confront the Pakistani Taliban, the Afghan Taliban, and al Qaeda. The most promising development over the last year has been the Government of Pakistan's willingness to fight the growing menace of the Pakistani Taliban. In addition, very recently, the Pakistani government has also shown a willingness to confront elements of the Afghan Taliban. The capture of Mullah Bandar, the operational chief of the Afghan Taliban, and two Afghan Taliban shadow governors, demonstrates this progress. The withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan would sabotage those nascent efforts. Why should the Pakistani forces confront the Afghan Taliban if the U.S. walks away now?

There are no guarantees of success in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But, we do know that failure to confront al Qaeda would leave Americans constantly exposed to another attack like that perpetrated on September 11, 2001.

In addition to funding for our troops, the bill also includes \$10 billion to preserve teachers' jobs—a priority for many members of Congress as well as the Administration. While I share the Administration's concern about paying for this vital relief with unexpended "Race to the Top" funds, I am certain the Committee would have welcomed the Administration's input to identify other viable pay-fors.

To help families suffering as a result of the recession, the measure includes \$4.95 billion for Pell grants and \$50 million for emergency food assistance.

To strengthen homeland security, the bill includes \$701 million for enforcement along our southern border, including \$208 million for 1200 additional Border Patrol agents.

Finally, for those still suffering in the wake of the devastating earthquake in Haiti and the Deepwater Horizon disaster, the bill includes \$2.9 billion and \$162 million respectively.

Madam Speaker, I support adoption of the FY10 Supplemental Appropriations Bill.

SHAWN BRUCE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Shawn Bruce

who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Shawn Bruce is a 12th grader at Arvada School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

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

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

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN'S SOLAR CAR TEAM FOR WINNING THE AMERICAN SOLAR CAR CHALLENGE

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Michigan Solar Car Team on its recent victory in the American Solar Challenge.

Two years ago, I rose to laud the successful efforts of this group on its back-to-back wins in the North American Solar Challenge. Today, I rise again to congratulate the team on its third consecutive North American solar car victory, and the University's sixth in ten North American races.

This year's car, Infinium, is considered the University's fastest car yet. Tested at over 100 miles per hour, Infinium navigated the 1,100-mile course in 28 hours, 14 minutes, and 44 seconds, winning the race by over two hours. Adhering to posted speed limits, the car averaged 40 miles per hour and required only one brief stop to fix a minor mechanical difficulty.

The University of Michigan Solar Car Team is an entirely student-run organization whose purpose is to design, finance, build, and race a solar-powered vehicle in competitions around North America and the world. The team is dedicated to the development of its members as teammates, educators, and leaders, and to the education of its community on the potentials of alternative energy technology. Students who volunteer for the Solar Car Team are typically undergraduates who come from a wide range of academic disciplines, including majors within the College of Engineering, the Ross School of Business, and the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. Each project operates on a two-year project cycle and sees as many as 200 volunteer students participating on the team.

The Solar Car Team serves as a shining example of teamwork, creativity, and dedication. In addition to college courses, these students spend countless hours developing technology, raising money, and building partnerships within the University and with outside organizations and businesses. Further, these students

are making a major contribution to fuel efficiency and energy conservation. These efforts came together on Saturday, when the team crossed the finish line for its third consecutive title.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the University of Michigan Solar Car team, its faculty advisors, and its sponsors on its recent victory.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4173, DODD-FRANK WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 4173, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. This landmark legislation is one of the most critical bills I will vote for in Congress. The bill will protect the American people so they are never again victimized by Wall Street's reckless behavior which brought our economy to its knees, wreaking havoc across the country with over 8 million jobs lost and a \$17 trillion loss in net worth. It makes the most sweeping and comprehensive reforms to our financial system since the Great Depression.

The Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act:

Ends taxpayer-funded bailouts because of Wall Street's risky decisions and greed: The legislation clearly states that taxpayers will bear no cost for liquidating large, interconnected financial companies;

Protects families and small businesses from abusive lending practices: The legislation creates the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau that will ensure bank loans, mortgages, and credit card agreements are fair, affordable, understandable, and transparent;

Stops banks from becoming "too big to fail": The legislation creates the Financial Stability Oversight Council which is charged with identifying and responding to emerging risks throughout the financial system. The Council will make recommendations to the Federal Reserve for increasingly strict rules for capital, leverage, liquidity, risk management and other requirements as companies grow in size and complexity, with significant requirements on companies that pose risks to the financial system;

Eliminates grave threats to financial stability in the U.S.: The Financial Stability Oversight Council can also break up large, complex companies by requiring them to divest some of their holdings—but only as a last resort;

Requires hedge funds and private equity funds to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which will have more enforcement power and funding;

Eliminates excessively risky practices that led to the financial collapse: The bill enhances oversight and transparency for credit rating agencies;

Limits bank executive and CEO risky pay practices: The bill addresses egregious execu-

tive compensation that jeopardizes the safety and soundness of banks. It also allows a "say on pay" for shareholders, requiring independent directors on compensation committees;

Assists minority-owned and women-owned businesses: The bill establishes an Office of Minority and Women Inclusion at federal banking and securities regulatory agencies that will, among other things, address employment and contracting diversity matters. The office will coordinate technical assistance to and seek diversity in the workforce of the regulators;

Prevents predatory mortgage lending: The bill requires lenders to ensure a borrower's ability to repay, prohibits unfair lending practices, establishes penalties for irresponsible lending, expands consumer protections for high-cost mortgages, requires additional disclosures for consumers on mortgages, and provides housing counseling.

We are on the verge of making history today as we prepare to vote for the most sweeping financial reform legislation in decades. I'm very proud to strongly support this bill and urge every colleague to do so as well.

HONORING MR. AND MRS. JAMES LEE AND CAROLYN LOUISE ANDREWS

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. and Mrs. James and Carolyn Andrews on the occasion of their upcoming 50th wedding anniversary. The lives of these individuals have been uniquely American, and this Golden Anniversary of theirs is a special moment for not only them, but for their family and friends as well.

Carolyn and James were married on December 23, 1960 in Dallas, Texas. Together, they raised four children: Frederick Andrews of Mansfield, Texas; Eric Andrews of Waxahachie, Texas; Tonya Robertson of Allen, Texas and Yolanda Owens who resides in Danbury, Connecticut. Their family now extends to nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Andrews is a homemaker. Her loving husband worked at Texas Oklahoma Express for 20 years and then General Electric (GE) for the next 17½ years; where he later retired his professional career. The Andrews are active in the community and have been members of the Gospel Hour Chorus for over 45 years. The devoted couples' marriage has been based on a strong Biblical foundation, love, respect and friendship.

Currently, the Andrews reside in Cedar Hill, Texas and are faithful members of the Whispering Hills Church of Christ.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me on congratulating James and Carolyn Andrews upon the occasion of their 50th anniversary. For their commitment and generosity to family, friends, and each other, they are to be commended.

A TRIBUTE TO THE PASADENA
HOST LIONS CLUB ON ITS 90TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pasadena Host Lions Club as it celebrates 90 years of service.

Since its beginning on March 26, 1920, with 41 charter members, the Pasadena Host Lions Club has tirelessly served the Pasadena community as part of the Lions Clubs International, a globally recognized organization that boasts over 1.4 million volunteers and 45,000 clubs throughout the world. Former President Jimmy Carter is one of the most notable living Lions.

The Lions clubs, "Knights of the Blind," as Helen Keller once called them, are well-known for their support of organizations that serve the sight impaired. Although the Pasadena Lions Club follows this tradition, such as its well-known support of a "White Cane" drive in the 1920s, the club is also active in other community activities. In the 1930s, the club, as a member of United Service Clubs, helped Pasadena enter its first float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, and has been involved with this tradition ever since, eventually building the first annual Lions float in the 1990s. In 1933, amidst the chaos of the Long Beach earthquake, Pasadena Lions were among the first responders, providing financial relief and ambulance service to victims. The 1940s brought the pandemonium of World War II, a war in which many members served, and during which the club assisted in the war effort by selling tens of thousands of war bonds; additionally, during this time, the club donated an iron lung to Huntington Memorial Hospital. In the 1950s, the club bought land and a building to house the Braille Club of Pasadena; during the 1960s, the club purchased the land and established the Vista Nova Home of the Blind in Pasadena; and in the 1970s, the Pasadena Host Lions Club helped to found the Lions Eye Foundation of Southern California. Also in the 1970s, the club was recognized as the all-time fund-raising Lions Club in its district.

Over the many decades, the Pasadena Host Lions Club has expanded its charitable efforts to support many organizations in the Pasadena area, including Longfellow Elementary School, Union Station Homeless Services, Rosemary Children's Services, Huntington Memorial Hospital, and Partners in Education, while continuing their support of the Pasadena Braille Club, Vista Nova Home of the Blind and the White Cane effort. In addition, the club developed youth Leo Clubs in elementary and high schools in Pasadena, installing youth with the spirit of volunteer leadership.

The Pasadena Host Lions Club has tirelessly served the Pasadena area over the last nine decades and the residents have benefited greatly from their generosity. I ask all Members to join with me in commending the Pasadena Host Lions Club on their landmark 90th anniversary.

STEPHANIE JORDAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

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

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

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

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4173,
DODD-FRANK WALL STREET RE-
FORM AND CONSUMER PROTEC-
TION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the critical role of venture capital in creating jobs and growing companies. Specifically, I would like to raise the issue of the Volcker Rule and the unintended effect it may have on this type of investment.

I strongly support and will vote for H.R. 4173, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the inclusion of a strong and effective Volcker Rule.

The purpose of the Volcker Rule is to eliminate risk-taking activities by banks and their affiliates while at the same time preserving safe, sound investment activities that serve the public interest. We have specifically barred bank investment in hedge funds and private equity for that reason.

Venture capital funds do not pose the same risk to the health of the financial system. They promote the public interest by funding growing companies critical to spurring innovation, job creation, and economic competitiveness. The funds typically invest primarily or exclusively in private companies and are significantly smaller.

I expect the regulators to use the broad authority in the Volcker Rule wisely and clarify that funds that invest in technology startup companies, such as venture capital funds, are not captured under the Volcker Rule and fall outside the definition of "private equity funds".

This clarification will ensure the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act does not stop venture capital from providing a critical source of capital for startup technology companies.

HONORING THE ASSOCIATION OF
INDIANS IN AMERICA

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Association of Indians in America, AIA, the oldest national association of Asian Indians. This grassroots nonprofit organization was founded on August 20, 1967 to provide Indian immigrants opportunities to get involved in their communities.

Representing the hopes of Indian immigrants, the AIA strives to involve its members through the public policy process, leadership roles, and community activities. The organization remains dedicated to bringing their members together through a combination of shared Indian and American heritage and civic responsibility.

The Illinois chapter of AIA is particularly active. The chapter sponsors several councils that encourage responsible citizenship and awareness of community needs in such fields as medicine, business, and public policy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Association of Indians in America for their extraordinary contributions throughout Illinois and the Nation.

IN HONOR OF JOYCE PALMER

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madame Speaker, I rise today to honor New Jersey Lions 16-B District Governor Joyce Palmer for an outstanding level of dedication to the betterment of her community. District Governor Palmer has been a member of the New Jersey Oceanport Lions Club for 14 years, in which six of those years she has served as Secretary and five years as President.

District Governor Palmer's generosity, time, spirit and commitment to serving others are evident in her work with the Oceanport Lions Club "Project Michael." District Governor Palmer and her husband were approached by the parents of Michael, a five year old child in need of costly medication for his prosthetic eye. Ms. Palmer's compassion was exemplified as she quickly contacted the prescriber of Michael's medication in California and shared his compelling story. Sympathetic to Michael's case, the manufacturer mailed a year's supply worth of medication for free. Under the direction and leadership of District Governor Palmer, the Oceanport Lions Club organized a spaghetti dinner to raise funds to help offset Michael's medical expenses.

District Governor Palmer's dedication to Michael did not end there. Soon after, she became the co-chairperson for "Project Michael," uniting five New Jersey Lions Clubs committed to raising more money to fund a new prosthetic eye for Michael as he grows up. District Governor Palmer considers becoming a Lion her greatest life achievement because her position enables her to help those in need.

Not only does District Governor Palmer serve her community as a Lion, she has held

multiple leadership positions on a district level as Cabinet Secretary, 16-B Public Relations Co-Chair, member of 16-B State Sight Committee, member of 16-B Katzenbach Committee, and member of Women's Development & Participation. She became a Certified Guiding Lion in 2008, participated in the reorganization of the Jackson Lions, and deservingly won Lion of the Year in 2001–2002. Furthermore, District Governor Palmer has represented the club at eight State Conventions, nine Charity Balls and was awarded later the Melvin Jones Fellow by the Oceanport Lions Club.

Madam Speaker, I would once more like to thank District Governor Joyce Palmer for her outstanding life achievements and dedication to her community. She has truly inspired so many people with her community leadership and commitment to providing vision for those who are unable to see.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF SENATE AMENDMENTS TO
H.R. 4899, SUPPLEMENTAL AP-
PROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 1, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to state how I will vote on the war in Afghanistan and why.

Today Congress considers whether to continue funding operations in Afghanistan, and as we do, we must scrutinize the policy, the price being paid, and the outcomes for our national security. This is a deeply profound examination and its outcome will decide life or death for some of our troops.

It's hard to believe that the eighteen year olds who enlist today to fight and die in Afghanistan were in fourth grade when the World Trade Center and Pentagon were attacked in 2001. Now it is 2010. This conflict is now the longest war in our nation's history and it has been accompanied by tragic loss of American lives and those of innocent civilians.

The history of Afghanistan is instructive. It is called the graveyard of empires for a reason. No one since Ghengis Khan has been able to hold the country—not Alexander the Great, not the Persians, not the Ottomans, not the British, not the Russians. It's said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. We should learn from the examples of those who preceded us in Afghanistan.

President Obama told the troops that the mission must be definable and it must be winnable. I believe it is neither.

We are losing more and more precious lives—102 in June alone. And every month security has not improved after \$300 billion in military spending and more than 1,000 American lives lost.

We have a corrupt partner with the Karzai regime and when the Afghan people see the U.S. supporting their government, they believe we have taken one side in their own civil war. No counter insurgency effort has succeeded

when the partner is corrupt. If the Afghans don't want us there, and do not wish to protect their own towns and villages, no amount of armies and firepower can change this dynamic.

I applaud the work our troops have done in disrupting Al Qaeda, and the risks they have taken to prevent terrorist attacks here at home. According to the CIA Director, Al Qaeda is down to 50 to 100 operatives in Afghanistan. We have achieved our goals, and we should leave before our continued presence unites the other insurgent groups in the region against us.

I have tremendous respect for the men and women—civilian and military—who are risking their lives every day in Afghanistan. I have met them, and I am impressed by their selfless dedication to the mission and belief in the cause.

The President's strategy is not succeeding, and rather than ask Americans to put their lives on the line for another eighteen months for what has become an impossible task, I will vote for Congressman MCGOVERN's amendment to require a withdrawal plan by April 2011 and end this war.

TYLER SALEN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Tyler Salen who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. Tyler Salen is a 10th grader at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

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

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

IN RECOGNITION OF MATRIARCH
ELEANOR B. HOLMES 90TH
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION "A
WOMAN OF STRENGTH AND
FAITH"

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, throughout our history, the vision and determination of women have strengthened and transformed America. Change can only come to our nation by those strong women whose contributions shape the history of our country. Women con-

tinue this legacy of leadership as professionals, public officials, leaders in their homes, as well as churches and other community organizations. They continuously provide guidance and care to their loved ones and strengthen America's families and communities.

We have a fine example of a strong woman, Matriarch Eleanor B. Holmes, who has been a dedicated servant of the Church of New Hope Ministries for over 40 years. Over those forty years, Eleanor has served in various roles such as: International Women's Council, 21 Years as the Local Missionary President, Usher Board member, Sunday School Teacher, Mother Board member, Missionary State Chaplain, and Chairperson of the South Carolina State Missionary Banner Committee.

Born June 28, 1920, in Mayesville, South Carolina to Rosa (Smith) Bowens and Hugh Bowens. Eleanor's ancestry traces back to her grandparents Reverend David E. Smith & Rosa Smith, both were born in 1860 into slavery. As a daughter of the South and descendant of Slavery, Eleanor Holmes was on the front line for civil rights and against Jim Crow. She fought for causes true to her faith and community by creating programs, like "Feed A Child Program (Friendship Apartments, Sumter, SC)," and establishing the New Hope Church Day Care Center.

As a child, Eleanor walked from Shaw Cross Road, Mayesville, South Carolina to Salterstown, South Carolina. Reminded by the many years of walking several miles a day to attend Elementary and High School, she launched community school bus service so children of Sumter would not have to endure what she had to endure as a child growing up in the South. In 1947, Eleanor married William N. Holmes, a World War II Veteran, and from that union came eight children, thirteen grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, so often unrecognized and unrewarded, we have an outstanding individual, a real American hero, Eleanor Holmes, who has contributed greatly to the lifeblood of our nation and her beloved South Carolina. Please join me in recognizing Matriarch Eleanor B. Holmes on the occasion of her 90th Birthday, and her undaunted service to her community of Sumter, South Carolina.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,194,523,014,378.23.

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 \$2,556,097,268,084.43 so far this Congress.

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

HONORING VETERANS OF HELICOPTER ATTACK LIGHT SQUADRON THREE

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I was proud to introduce House Resolution 1228, Honoring the Veterans of Helicopter Attack Light Squadron Three and Their Families, to recognize the veterans' sacrifices in service to America during the Vietnam War.

I would especially like to mention Frank Hiles who currently lives in Ozark, Arkansas who served with HAL-3. Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Frank served in the United States Navy for 20 years as aircrewman on many different types of aircraft. After retiring he moved to Arkansas to start a business and raise his three children as a single parent. Frank continued his service to his country as an intern in the Fort Smith Congressional office last year as he worked toward his bachelor's degree.

I want to thank Frank and all of our veterans who served with the HAL-3 Seawolves.

Despite the controversy surrounding the Vietnam War, most of the officers and enlisted men who served in HAL-3 were volunteers. Most of the pilots were fresh out of flight training in Pensacola and most of the juniors enlisted were recent graduates of Navy boot camp and technical training schools. Their leaders were also new to combat, coming mostly from ship-based helicopter squadrons normally assigned to track submarines and haul supplies.

HAL-3 fought from 1967 to 1972. In that time, they earned the respect of Army and Navy units throughout the Mekong Delta for their courage under fire and their dedication to supporting their comrades on the ground and in small boats patrolling the canals and rivers. They supported Army troop insertions and extractions. Navy SEALs counted on their support in tight situations.

Wounded sailors and soldiers benefitted from battlefield medivacs. In short, the Seawolves mastered every form of combat helicopter operations.

Here are some statistics from the Resolution:

The nine detachments and home guard of HAL-3 flew 130,000 flight hours in 5 years, they performed 1530 medical evacuations, inflicted thousands of casualties on enemy forces, transported 37,000 passengers and hauled a million pounds of cargo.

In accomplishing those milestones with a fleet of cast-off gunships and a few slicks, the veterans of HAL-3 were awarded 156 Purple Hearts, 5 Navy Crosses, 31 Silver Stars, 219 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 101 Bronze Stars, 142 Vietnam Gallantry Crosses, 16,000 Air Medals, and numerous other awards including six Presidential Unit Citations, the highest recognition given to military units.

Like any combat operation, there was a cost. Forty-four Seawolves lost their lives and are among the 58,000 immortalized on the Vietnam Memorial. Today, the children and grandchildren of those brave souls can be justifiably proud of the heritage of courage and sacrifice of their fathers and grandfathers.

It has been my honor to bring this resolution honoring the HAL-3 Seawolves to the House

and I strongly urge my colleagues to add their names to the roster of those recognizing these American sailors.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010 BEST OF BRADDOCK AWARDEES

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize the recipients of the 2010 Best of Braddock Awards. The awards are given annually to deserving individuals, organizations and companies in the Braddock Magisterial District of Fairfax County, Va., who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the community.

Residents of the 11th Congressional District enjoy an exceptional quality of life. Fairfax County schools are ranked as some of the best in the country, our communities are safe, and our employment rate is second highest in the nation. However, much of what defines a community cannot be found in statistics; it lies in the commitment and contributions of all who strive for the betterment of the community as a whole.

Recipients of the 2010 Best of Braddock Awards:

Citizen of the Year—Duane Murphy.
Club or Organization Making a Difference—Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls.

Most Can-Do Public Employees (Local)—Neighborhood College Team for the 2010 Sessions.

Most Can-Do Public Employees (Federal)—Mike McMahon, National Park Service.

Young Person of the Year—Kelsey Rose, West Springfield High School; Melissa Sbrocco, Robinson Secondary School.

Special Achievement Award—Tommy Salvi, Canterbury Woods Elementary School.

Outstanding Business Persons—Jules and Nicky Verster, previous owners Great Harvest Bread.

Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification, Homeowner—Fernando Restropo, Wakefield Chapel Road.

Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification, Civic Association—Mike Walsh, Woodwalk HOA Landscaping Committee Chair.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these outstanding residents and companies and also in thanking them for their service to our community. Their efforts and leadership have been a great benefit to our community and truly merit our highest praise.

REMEMBERING JOSHUA FUESTON

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, nearly one year ago Joshua Fueston, a 19-year-old Army soldier from Bellingham, Washington, committed suicide in Washington DC. Joshua was at Walter Reed Army Medical Center receiving treatment for physical wounds suffered in Iraq, but he was also suf-

fering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

In honor of his life and service, I request that the following poem, penned by Bert Caswell, be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

THE SCARS OF WAR

As when our fines sons and daughters go off to war. . . .

Much heartache, and such great burdens bore!

As some come home all encased in wood, all but for the greater good!

While, others come home without arms and legs. . . . as do they!

Ones without eyes, and faces . . . with burns upon their bodies as placed this . . .

Touching all hearts, in so many ways . . . as it's for them we now so pray . . .

But, some scars are not so easily seen . . . But found deep down inside most heroic hearts, convened!

Are but found Those Scars of War, not so easily seen!

The kind that, in the middle of the dark night make them so awake . . .

All in cold sweats, as upon all of their fine souls such heartache is placed . . .

All in their most sleepless sleeps, now carried in their souls so very deep . . .

As each day these scenes from hell they pray not repeat, as its for them we weep!

For War is Hell, and Hell is War!

For their battles do not end, when they reach their home shores again!

As from the outside, they look so strong and secure . . .

While, deep down inside . . . in all of them, the battle builds all the more . . .

Destroying even the bravest, and the strongest of all hearts for sure!

As upon their fine hearts and souls, but lie these most dreadful scars of war!

As P.T.S.D., is but the silent killer . . . that we all should so look for!

Because, while some die on battlefields of honor bright . . .

And then others, come home all in anguish . . . to fight this fight!

And sadly, without help . . . many will but live their last and final nights!

As they must fight their own private wars, never ending both day and night . . .

As this darkness upon them so lies, as they so try and try!

With tears in eyes!

As another Hero died this day!

Take a look around you, I say . . .

A Hero stands beside you, with tears of heartache upon their souls which lay!

All in their quiet suffering, we must somehow so hear their pain!

For some things are not so clearly seen!

But, lie so deep down so inside this pain . . .

Remember, under the surface but lie all of their most dreadful dreams . . .

Such things that Heroes dare not repeat!

Now, carried all in their fine hearts, so very deep!

For ever vigilant, as we must keep!

For all of our Sons and Daughters, who deep

down inside their fine hearts!

The Scars of War, they so keep!

P.T.S.D. a silent enemy . . .

SERVAAS STOKVIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

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

Stokvis who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award. Servaas Stokvis is an 8th grader at Arvada Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

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

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

HONORING THE LIFE OF U.S.
ARMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MICHAEL S. PRIDHAM, JR.

HON. BARON P. HILL

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, July 6, 2010, America tragically lost another of its brave heroes. Army Private First Class Michael "Mikey" Pridham, Jr. was killed in Qalat, Afghanistan, when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device. He was 19 years old. A Louisville, KY, native, Mikey's father currently lives in New Albany, IN.

Mikey, who was known to have a great sense of humor and cared greatly for people, joined the Army as he saw the military as a better path to the one he was on prior to enlisting. According to his father, "Mikey was more of a man at 19 years old because of the Army than most men I know." His mother said he was more mature after returning home from basic training and that he had an eye on building a life.

Days before deploying to Afghanistan, Pridham married his wife, Deidre, who is expecting the birth of their first child. At the time of his death, Pridham was just six weeks away from redeployment—he would have been back just in time for the birth of his baby girl. While in Afghanistan, Mikey and Deidre spoke on the phone twice a day, every day. He would tell his wife how excited he was to come home and be with her and their daughter. Justly, Deidre plans on telling their daughter that her father died a hero.

Pfc. Michael Pridham is a true hero. His sacrifice for our nation deserves our most heartfelt gratitude and reverence. Though I did not have the pleasure of knowing Pfc. Pridham, I will mourn his death. His friends and family are in my prayers.

CONGRATULATING SOUTH AFRICA
ON FIRST TWO CONVICTIONS
FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues Representative CHRIS

SMITH and Representative KAY GRANGER in congratulating the government of South Africa for their efforts to combat human trafficking.

Let there be no mistake: human trafficking is modern-day slavery. Although slavery was abolished almost 150 years ago in the United States, millions of people worldwide are still deprived of their freedom. Victims of this growing epidemic are forced into a world of abuse and exploitation. I have worked with my colleagues in Congress for years to fight this horrific problem but our work is far from over.

Past experiences indicate that global sporting events such as the World Cup strongly affect the human trafficking industry. The influx of millions of tourists to South Africa for the World Cup increases the demand for prostitution and facilitates the entry of trafficking victims to the country. Women and girls are reportedly being trafficked to South Africa from all over the world in order to meet the demand for commercial sex. With so many people entering the country, it is important to raise awareness of the horrors of human trafficking and be able to identify victims from tourists. The government of South Africa not only needs to protect its vulnerable population but also those that have been trafficked from across the globe.

House Resolution 1412 is an important measure that not only commends the government of South Africa for their efforts to combat human trafficking but also urges them to act quickly to pass anti-trafficking legislation. Strong police enforcement and strict government laws are especially critical during the World Cup in order to protect potential victims and ensure victims are given proper attention. Although the government of South Africa has worked to tackle this issue and has successfully convicted two human trafficking cases more needs to be done to prosecute traffickers and buyers of the industry.

It is our duty to protect men, women, boys, and girls from this devastating scourge that is destroying people's lives.

CONDEMNING THE RISE OF SEXUAL
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
IN HAITI IN THE AFTERMATH OF
THE EARTHQUAKE

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, in the aftermath of the catastrophic earthquake, and its aftershocks, that struck Haiti in January, 2010, there has been a horrifying rise of sexual violence against displaced women there. I rise in condemnation of this unconscionable crime and fundamental violation of human rights. And, I call upon my colleagues in Congress, the administration, the international community, and all Americans to speak out against this abuse and act swiftly to end it.

It is widely documented that sexual violence often increases in emergencies and post-crisis situations, due to mass displacements of people, lack of safe, secure shelter and other scarce resources, and the breakdown of rule of law. In Haiti, according to reports from the United Nations, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, major media outlets and many others, violence against women in the aftermath of the earthquake has risen dramatically.

In particular, the displaced women in camps have been the main targets of sexual violence. These women have lost their homes, loved ones, contact with friends and family, and have nowhere else to go but to makeshift shelters often consisting of little more than a plastic tarp. These camps offer little privacy, order, or protection from any kind of danger.

The conditions in the camps are so deplorable that they actually increase the chances of women and girls experiencing sexual violence. For example, men and women share the same latrines, which remain unlit after dark, effectively turning a basic necessity into a predatory opportunity and increasing the chances that a woman using those facilities will be raped.

Access to food, clean water, health service and other critical necessities is also limited or nonexistent in these camps. This forces women to take on great personal risk and brave unsafe conditions simply to acquire essential requirements for survival, for themselves and their dependants.

The breakdown of law enforcement has only exacerbated this intensifying problem. There is insufficient policing in and around the most volatile areas. Women have no recourse to report violence, seek protection from abuse, and ensure their cases are brought to justice. Often they are too afraid to speak because their attackers live in the same camp and the women fear retribution. They have nowhere to seek refuge.

Furthermore, as many individuals are still unaccounted for, women and girls who are sexually assaulted are too often faceless, nameless victims. Any surviving family may not know their loved ones are out there, let alone in dire need of protection from rape.

We must make the safety and protection of women and girls in Haiti a top priority during the ongoing recovery efforts. It is critical that we in Congress, along with the UN, human rights groups and non-governmental organizations take a strong stand against this sexual violence and do all we can to protect women in Haiti during this difficult time of national crisis.

We must not allow sexual violence against women in Haiti to continue. Freedom from violence and intimidation is essential to empowering women and improving societies all over the world. It is a fundamental human right.

I strongly urge for a greater police presence as well as more peacekeeping forces on the ground to enhance and ensure security for vulnerable women and girls. Additionally, I strongly support efforts to help strengthen the capacity of local women's organizations. These local organizations help women acquire access to crucial medical and mental health services after an attack.

Strengthening medical and counseling services while building a stronger and more effective security force that patrols the camps are critical first steps to curb the rampant rise of sexual violence and address its devastating consequences for women already suffering from the trauma of the earthquakes that devastated their country just six months ago.

Madam Speaker, in the aftermath of the earthquake we saw a worldwide outpouring of support and goodwill that was truly inspirational and demonstrated the best of what is within all of us. We also heard a lot of talk about ensuring accountability, sustainability, and a commitment to revive Haiti at all levels,

above and beyond pre-earthquake conditions. Now we are seeing an ugly rise of violence against the most vulnerable.

We in Congress, along with our international partners, must stand up now to take bold action on ensuring that women and girls in Haiti are no longer targets of that violence. We need to make sure that women's rights in Haiti are protected in every capacity during and after reconstruction.

We have committed ourselves and our resources to helping to rebuild Haiti. We cannot deliver on that promise if women's security is at risk. Full participation and empowerment of women in rebuilding and development processes are key components for success in Haiti, and this depends on ensuring their safety now.

SKIP KHAMVONGSA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

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

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

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

TRIBUTE TO CARL STANLEY
"STAN" BEGLEY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Carl Stanley "Stan" Begley of Grays Creek, Kentucky, who was an inspiration to thousands of young aspiring athletes, a tenacious business operator and supporter of the coal industry and a savvy political advisor in southeastern Kentucky.

Even a devastating 6-year battle with cancer didn't stop Stan Begley from enjoying his lifelong passions during his illness. The greatest thrill of his life was helping others succeed. As an avid sports fan and former local high school basketball star in Buckhorn, Kentucky, Stan's drive to live carried on through his involvement in little league sports. He was more than a little league coach. Stan provided shoes if necessary, transportation and friendship to youngsters who needed a true role model.

As a young man, Stan got involved in the operations of his stepfather's trucking business and would later become the operator of Virgil Raleigh Coal. Stan also became a local political advisor, realizing the positive impact he could influence on a larger scale through leadership. Only months before he passed, Stan braved 90-degree heat to attend two coal rallies in an effort to protect the industry he loved.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Stan Begley for dedicating a lifetime of service to the youth and families of eastern Kentucky.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SISTER
MARY CELINE GRAHAM: "A
WOMAN OF COMPASSION AND
FAITH"

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to memorialize a beloved member of our community, Sister Mary Celine Graham, whose mass will be celebrated tomorrow at Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church in her beloved Harlem. Her tragic and senseless death came as a result of a horrific accident and has left behind a deeply felt void within the Handmaids of Mary of the Most Pure Heart family and the greater Harlem community. The Handmaids of Mary have a special place in my heart going back to my youth, and the loss of Sister Mary Celine is especially profound.

Sister Mary Celine was born in Jacksonville, Florida and raised in Detroit. At the age of 22, she joined the Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary in Harlem, which is one of only three historically black orders of Roman Catholic nuns in the United States. She continued to share her love and services with her community for the next 61 years.

Her death at the age of 83 leaves behind a great legacy of tireless service and devotion to those who needed her. Sister Mary Celine is remembered as a woman of true compassion who believed in education for the young. She dedicated her life to being a teacher, director, and surrogate grandmother to the children of St. Benedict's Day Nursery on 124th Street at Marcus Garvey Park.

As the New York Times reported last week, Sister Mary Celine left an indelible mark on the children she cared for and educated. She was a gently firm yet caring teacher who recognized the potential in each individual and worked to bring that potential to fruition. Sister Mary Celine was not only an educator but was also a loving mother figure to the children. These children not only learned the basics of reading and numbers but also learned what it was to love, and what it was to serve others.

The undivided attention and care she poured out to the children and the community will be forever etched in the hearts of all those that encountered her. She was a true kindred spirit that emanated a sense of peace and order.

Madam Speaker, although her life was taken from us too abruptly, rather than mourn this tragedy, I hope that my colleagues will join me in remembering and celebrating the

tremendous and loving spirit of Sister Mary Celine Graham—one of God's special angels who served Harlem at the Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary.

A BILL TO AMEND THE FEDERAL
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker. I rise today to introduce a bill to clarify that the federal government, like private citizens and corporations, must take responsibility for the pollution it produces. This bill will clarify that the federal government has a responsibility to pay fees assessed by local governments for managing polluted stormwater runoff from federal properties.

Recently, the Government Accountability Office issued letters to federal agencies in the District of Columbia that instructed them not to pay the District of Columbia's Water and Sewer Authority's, D.C. Water's, Impervious Area Charge. D.C. Water calculates the charges based on the amount of impervious land occupied by the landowner. Impervious surfaces, such as roofs, parking lots, sidewalks and other hardened surfaces are the major contributors to stormwater runoff entering the sewer system and local rivers, lakes and streams, which causes significant amounts of pollutants to enter these waters.

D.C. Water's Impervious Area Charge simply is to defray the cost of reducing water pollution caused by stormwater runoff. In fact, D.C. Water's fees are the result of a federal mandate to reduce sewer overflows from excess stormwater and to improve water quality in local waters, such as the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. It is, therefore, unfair, at best, for the federal government to turn around and refuse to pay these fees. Moreover, it is contrary to President Obama's commitment to preserve the Chesapeake Bay and the Anacostia River, as outlined in Executive Order 13508, which I have applauded many times.

When I looked into this issue further, I found that at least nine states faced the same issue of federal agencies refusing to pay the local fees associated with controlling the stormwater pollution originating from their properties. Surely, the federal government understands that these local governments still must cover the cost of managing the pollution from federal properties. So, in effect, what the federal government is doing is passing on that cost to already financially burdened citizens. In a city such as the District of Columbia, where nearly a quarter of the land is owned by the federal government and still more is leased by the federal government, the refusal by the federal government to pay these fees will impose substantial and burdensome costs on individual citizens.

It is important that we continue to work to improve the quality of our waters. Reducing pollution and improving water quality in the District has been a priority for me. My bill to secure funding for the Anacostia River cleanup plan became law in 2007 and the plan was released by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in April. Additionally, my bill to amend the National Children's Island Act of 1995 to make

Kingman and Heritage Islands a center for environmental education recreation and restoration of the Anacostia River ecosystem passed in the House last year and I am working hard to get it through the Senate this year. This bill simply requires the federal government to continue its recent commitment to protecting and cleaning our waters, as well as to be a good neighbor here in the District and throughout the country.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING DENNIS SHEPHERD—
2010 SODEXO HERO OF EVERY-
DAY LIFE

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, in this world of such negativity, I think it is important to bring attention to the good things people do for others..

My constituent, Dennis Shepherd of Hubert, NC, has been declared a "2010 Hero of Everyday Life" by the Sodexo Foundation. The Sodexo Foundation is a committed force that contributes to ending hunger in America.

Every year since 2000, the Sodexo Foundation has recognized Sodexo employees who invest their time, talent, and service spirit in helping some of the 49 million people who are at risk of hunger in the United States. Nominated by a colleague, friend, or employer, selected Heroes are honored by the foundation and a donation is made to their local hunger-related charities of choice.

After serving 22 years in the United States Marine Corps, Dennis has been instrumental in the success of Sodexo Servathon at the USMC by organizing and delivering food donations to the Onslow Community Ministries Kitchen and Jacksonville Food Bank. Since 2004, Dennis has collected and delivered 18,000 pounds of food.

After Dennis finishes his regular work day, he volunteers at least 10 hours a week, doing charitable jobs including cutting grass and baking cakes to help gather food donations, supplies, and money for local charities. Dennis also engages in creative activities such as posting advertisements to help spread the word and encouraging others to help support people in need throughout the community.

Since 2004, Dennis has collected donations valued at \$20,000 for children and families in need. The award from the Sodexo Foundation has continued to open doors to Dennis' work. So far in 2010, he has already raised \$17,000—plus a \$5,000 grant that he received as part of the Heroes of Everyday Life award.

Dennis has been married to his wife Naomi for 19 years. He met Naomi while stationed in Okinawa, Japan during the 16 years he spent there with the United States Marine Corps.

Dennis also finds time to be a devoted father to his three children, Jonathan, Christina and Vega.

People like Dennis Shepherd make our world a better place to live, and I am proud that Dennis and his family live in the 3rd district. We could all learn from Mr. Shepherd's example and do more for our communities.

May God continue to bless Dennis Shepherd and his family, may God bless our men

and woman in uniform, and may God continue to bless America.

TATE LINDEMANN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

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

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

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

AAPI HOSTS SUCCESSFUL
CONVENTION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin for their successful 28th annual convention. I was honored to join AAPI members from around the country at a reception on Capitol Hill, where nearly 500 physicians from 27 states had registered to make their voices heard in Congress.

As the past co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans, I have seen firsthand the professionalism, dedication, and success of Indian American doctors from rural and medically underserved areas to cities across South Carolina. I was recruited for the Caucus before I was elected by noted Lexington physician Dr. Kaushal Sinha and his wife Arunima, of Irmo, South Carolina.

I want to commend Dr. Vinod K. Shah of Maryland for his successful presidency and wish Dr. Ajeet R. Singhvi of California the very best as he leads AAPI forward.

This is an historic period for South Carolina where State Representative Nikki Haley of Lexington, a very successful legislator of Indian heritage has served as a Majority Whip and is now a nominee for Governor.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

THE REAL WORLD CONSEQUENCES
AND UNCERTAINTIES OF
HEALTH CARE REFORM

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I have come down to this Floor many times over the past year and a half to share with my colleagues my profound concerns over the direction the Majority was taking with regard to health care reform. Regrettably, the enactment into law of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act—accomplished via an unprecedented and extraordinary misuse of budget reconciliation rules—did nothing to alleviate my concerns. In fact, now that health care reform is law and the American people can finally see, in the full light of day, the law that the Democrat Majority wrote and jammed down their throats, a strong preponderance of Americans want this turkey of a law repealed.

I am firmly convinced that the credibility gap between what the Majority claimed its health care reform bill would do, and what all of the experts say it will actually do now that it is law, is a large part of why, according to the latest Gallup opinion poll, only 20% of Americans, a mere 2 in 10, have a favorable opinion of this Congress.

This Majority and this Administration has shown more disregard for the opinions and desires of the American people than any Congress and any presidential Administration, certainly of the modern age, if not history. It is time we listen to the American people; listen to the ordinary moms and dads and the small business owners who must live with the consequences—intended and unintended—of the laws that we pass.

To that end, I would like to share with my colleagues a letter I received from Pharmakon Long Term Care Pharmacy, Inc. and Pharmakon Pharmaceuticals; two Indiana corporations that provide pharmacy services to Indiana nursing and institutional facilities. Founded in 2003, these two companies have grown to over one hundred and fifty, 150, full-time employees serving more than six thousand, 6,000, people throughout Indiana and part of Illinois. I ask unanimous consent to include a copy of the letter in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD after my statement.

I ask my colleagues to pay particular attention to the questions and concerns expressed in the letter about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act but I think it is also important to understand their observations about problems with Medicare and insurance billing as well as their concerns about DEA rules when it comes to dispensing medications; because these are the kinds of real world problems in our health care system that we should have been working to resolve if only we had been listening.

LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN BURTON ON
HEALTHCARE

MAY 27, 2010

Congressman DAN BURTON,
Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, DC.

Pharmakon Long Term Care Pharmacy, Inc. and Pharmakon Pharmaceuticals (d/b/a Pharmakon Compounding, Inc.) Inc. are two Indiana Corporations founded by Paul J. Elmer R.Ph. Pharmakon Long Term Care

Pharmacy, Inc. was founded in 2003 with the purpose of providing pharmacy services to Indiana Nursing Facilities and Institutional Facilities. Since its founding Pharmakon has grown from 5 employees to a company with over 150 full time employees; serving more than 6,000 individuals throughout Indiana and part of Illinois. Carol and Paul Elmer, R.Ph. founded Pharmakon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in 2006 with the purpose of providing medications to hospitals run by the Department of Defense, throughout the United States. Pharmakon Pharmaceuticals has a current staff of 25 employees with an expected growth of over 100 within the next two years. In the past 7 years, both Pharmakon LTC Pharmacy and Pharmakon Pharmaceuticals have been able to provide jobs in this rough economy and continue to grow and provide services to our most vulnerable population, the elderly.

Currently, the Pharmakon Long Term Care Pharmacy, Inc. experiences multiple barriers as a long-term care pharmacy. A long-term care pharmacy differs from your local retail pharmacy in that it is a highly specialized organization, with the primary purpose of providing pharmacy services (medications, medical supplies, consultant services, and the such) to the elderly and institutional residents in nursing facilities and various institutional facilities, such as mental hospitals. Because it is a highly specialized pharmacy, it faces multiple barriers daily, which make it extremely difficult at times to provide the required services to the most fragile population in the American Society. These barriers are not challenges but are rather outright problems that must be solved in order for these individuals to receive the service and care they deserve. The following are examples of some of our current barriers, none of which are addressed in the current Healthcare Reform.

First, most pharmacy bills come due the 15th of the month or the 30th of the month. The problem with this is that the pharmacy is not paid on insurance claims for usually 30 days; however, it is more common for the insurance company to take up to 60 or even 90 days to pay the pharmacy. In addition any claims submitted to Medicare Part B or D generally are not paid to the pharmacy for 30 to 90 days. So while the pharmacy must pay its bills when they come due, the insurance and government plans generally do not pay within a timely matter—this thus leaves the pharmacy with an ongoing debt.

Furthermore, another payment problem with Part D is whom does the pharmacy contact when there are problems with Part D? It would be beneficial for the pharmacy to know who holds the position of managing the administration of the government program. For example, when the pharmacy is not getting paid on claims by Part D Anthem who can they contact to get this resolved? The pharmacy, cannot continue to operate without getting paid; we set out to create jobs in the community while servicing some of the most vulnerable populations; however, when the pharmacy is not being paid, we cannot pay our bills or employees and thus those who need our services cannot receive the services and goods they require in some cases to continue living.

With that being said, another barrier the Pharmacy continues to run into is Prior Authorizations. We, as a pharmacy, have had to hire a nurse to work on prior authorizations due to the fact that the nursing staff at the facilities has no time to handle these and the doctors generally refuse to do them. We must contact the insurance company for prior approval for a medication. Generally, on a good day, it is a 30-minute phone conversation with the insurance company; however in some instances it may take up to 72

hours for the insurance company to reply and say yes. While we wait for the insurance company's reply, the individual is suffering in pain waiting for their medications. Because we must contact the insurance company for a prior authorization this slows our ability to get the medication to the individual, leaving them suffering in pain.

Additionally, many hours are spent handling, monitoring and appealing insurance audits; rather than providing pharmacy services. Insurance audits have become burdensome; we understand the need for them; however, insurance companies do not understand the Long Term Care Industry and the majority of the time as it relates to these audits is spent on educating the insurance company about this industry. Once educated we usually win the audit; however, the time it takes to reach this result, takes away from our primary purpose, which is providing pharmacy services. Additionally, the time frames set forth by the insurance company are not realistic; they are too short for a pharmacy to return with proper information and many times, we end up paying for something that was originally covered and properly processed to begin with.

Similarly, insurance formularies are not conducive to residents in a Long Term Care Facility; for example, many do not cover IV therapy, in which case we must get an override in order to provide the necessary medication to the individual and even with that we are audited for those claims. It appears from our point of view that the insurance companies do not grasp that these residents are cared for 24/7 by healthcare professionals of many different disciplines and when they are denied various medications due to the formularies, they lay in pain suffering until we can finally get the needed medications covered. These individuals pay for plans to cover their medications, in most cases these are expensive medications which the individual themselves more than likely could not pay for out of pocket. Additionally, we are not in the business of providing free, expensive medications; as much as we would like to, we cannot pay our employees while handing out free medications. Since we cannot just give the medications away, and since the patient cannot pay for it and nor will the insurance; we are left in a difficult position while the individual suffers.

Finally, one of our biggest barriers is the DEA not treating nurses in long-term care facilities as agents of the prescribing doctor when it comes to controlled substances. There are times when a resident needs an emergency dosage of a Controlled Substance, generally a Schedule II, and the nurse must call a doctor who is generally not near a fax machine. The nurse may not call in the prescription due to the fact that the nurse is not considered an agent of the doctor by the DEA and thus the pharmacy must attempt to reach the doctor via phone before sending out the medication; which can take hours; all the while the resident is agonizing in pain. If the nurse would be permitted to be an agent of the doctor this would reduce the time between when the order is called in and when it is delivered to the individual.

HOW WILL THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT EFFECT PHARMAKON LONG TERM CARE PHARMACY AND PHARMAKON PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.?

First, there are several sections that state the employer must provide affordable coverage, but who is determining what is affordable? In some instances, our hourly individuals may want to opt out and purchase from the exchange because to them they may find one a plan on the exchange more to their liking and more what they deem affordable opposed to the plan we offer. Why should we be

punished for the decision that the individual makes. We, as a corporation, cannot force our employees to spend their hard earned wages toward something they may personally decide either (a) they have no interest in procuring from us (b) find that they just do not think they can afford it or (c) they have no interest in purchasing period from us or the exchange. The affordability is truly a personal decision and should be left to the individual to decide and the employer should not be punished for the individual's decision. Furthermore, there is also the issue that in some cases, our employees may choose just not to purchase insurance from us or from an exchange and again we cannot force them to buy it. We have many employees who just choose not to buy the insurance we currently offer. Additionally, the Bill states that the Employer is responsible to cover 60% of all health care; for our particular business this is a large sum that we just possibly could not do and continue to pay our employees at their current rates. If we are forced to cover 60%, there is a good chance that we would have to lay off many employees in order to be able to provide the required healthcare coverage.

Under this Bill, HSA cannot be used for over the counter drugs, this seems to be counterproductive. The purpose of an HSA is for the individual with a high premium to use those monies for office visits, medication, and the such. In some instances, why should an individual visit the doctor to receive a prescription for Claritin-D just so that they can use their HSA, now the individual will have to pay for the office visit, which in the scheme of things may be more costly than just buying the medication out of pocket. In all reality this is the individual's hard earned money, the government should not tell them how they may spend it; especially when it comes to accounts set up just for health care concerns. Yes, people may be irresponsible; but at some point, the government needs to just trust that its citizens will do the right thing and use their non-taxed dollars on their health care. We at Pharmakon have HSA accounts due to our high premiums; we believe that it should be the individual's decision as to how to spend their monies and if they choose to purchase Over the Counter medications, which they need then they should be permitted to use their HSA accounts.

The Class Act states that an employee can enroll and disenroll but how will this affect the employer? If an employee chooses not to enroll, will we the employer be penalized? Again, we cannot force our employees to do something they do not want; nor can we force them to spend their hard-earned money on something they have no desire to. Additionally what protections are there that we will not be forced to enroll all employees in this when it becomes apparent that it cannot support itself?

The Bill sets up Health Information Technology; however, it is vital to ensure that Long Term Care especially the Long Term Care Facilities and Pharmacies are brought to the table in this process. We must realize that in a few years, the baby-boomer generation will be the new class of residents in these Long Term Care Facilities and with this increase of resident population; we must look to the LTC community for suggestions as it relates to Health Information Technology. Many do not realize that while the pharmacies may be state of the art, many of the facilities are not equipped with some of the most basic technology; additionally most of the staff would be in complete shock if they were just slammed with this new technology; thus input from the LTC area is extremely vital. Furthermore, the way things are done in a doctor's office and hospital do

not always transfer as easily to LTC settings. HIT while vital and extremely beneficial will be useless in the LTC setting if LTC providers are not consulting in the development of it. In additional the Pharmacy cannot be left holding the price tag for updating LTC facilities when it comes to this technology; there must be a way in which we can encourage these facilities to update their own technology and not depend on the Pharmacy to do it for them. Some of these HIT grants should not only be given to LTC Pharmacies but also the Facilities we service.

With the new Bundling system, the unanswered question here is under the pilot program if one hospital receives a bid will they determine which nursing facilities the individual may use? One of the concerns with Bundling is what if the hospital chooses to use nursing facilities which they own or which are related in some manner to the hospital, will patients have a choice as to which facility they want? If not then the question becomes what will protect those facilities, which are currently in business? Those facilities which are related to the hospital may have the technology which non-related facilities lack and then the question becomes who is to provide the technology, across the board, most Long Term Care Facilities are accustomed to Pharmacies providing all of their equipment needs, fax machines, med carts and so forth. If and when this new technology is implemented there will be a vast problem of who is to provide it and furthermore uniformity. Pharmacies cannot bear the burden of providing this to Facilities, and additionally neither should hospitals.

The establishment of CMI within CMS aims to move the fee payment from fee for service based reimbursement toward a salary-based payment; however, providers are not defined, so do Pharmacies fall into this? Additionally under CMS, there is the Medicare Shared Savings Program, which sets up Accountable Care Organizations—with the development of this new organization the question becomes will pharmacies be a group later determined by the Secretary to be part of this process? If so or if not the question then becomes how will these organizations effect our ability to procure business or which homes may be able to willingly choose us for their pharmacy services? All of these issues are left open and yet to be determined, these are rather important issues; and there are so many unanswered questions and with the possibility of this new fee payment reimbursement, which may affect LTC pharmacies.

Under the Medicare Shared Savings Program, subsection (b) Eligible Accountable Care Organization. The payment would be via shared saving; this section does not list pharmacies but allows the Secretary to determine groups of providers and supplies as appropriate. The big question is would this new program affect how we as a pharmacy obtain new business and in some cases keep current customers? Would this limit which nursing facilities, institutions and so forth can utilize our services?

Due to the fact that the bill does not address these above stated questions, we are left wondering how these new programs will affect the Long Term Care industry, specifically the Pharmacies. While there is some concern about how we will be paid, we are more concerned as to what will happen to us and how these programs affect us. There is a concern that because LTC pharmacies aren't mentioned by name, we may not necessarily fall into one of these programs, and under the guise of cost control our reimbursement fees may be cut; which in turn will create a larger problem for us as how to pay our employees and how to continue to provide the

services that we are do and that the facilities are accustomed to.

Our concern with Individuals at Home Demonstration Program, specifically the payment methods governed by (subsection (c)). The issue is the spending targets, which will be determined on a per capita basis, what does that mean for items covered under Part A and Part B and those cuts? While, we agree that there is wasteful spending and that budget controls are needed, we ask that those cuts to remedy the increase in cost do not affect the Pharmacy. As a pharmacy, there is only so much we can provide while not running at a loss and if the spending targets reduce payments to the pharmacy, there is a chance that the pharmacy will not be able to provide to those who are most vulnerable and need all the care we can give them.

While we at Pharmakon agree that Health Care needs to be reformed, we believe that this current Reform Bill will create more barriers in our ability to provide services to the most vulnerable in our society and in addition as a medium size business with mainly hourly employees, we feel that many of these changes will affect our ability to continue to employ many of our employees and will affect them in their personal choices.

Sincerely,

PHARMAKON LONG TERM
CARE PHARMACY, INC.
PHARMAKON
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

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HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Tera Proper who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Tera Proper is a 10th grader at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

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

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

IN RECOGNITION OF JEFFREY AND
SUZANNE CITRON

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeffrey and Suzanne Citron for their immeasurable contributions to their communities, and the subsequent honor they have received from the American Cancer Society (ACS) in appreciation of their efforts. The Citrons are valuable members of my district and

assets to their communities. I would like to congratulate them on being the honored individuals at ACS's Annual Golf Classic 2010.

Jeffrey and Suzanne Citron are married, have two children, Kyra and Noah, and are both extremely successful business leaders and philanthropists. Mr. Citron has always been a visionary entrepreneur, even right out of high school, beginning on Wall Street at the age of 17. He revolutionized financial services in the '90s when he founded the computerized trading system known as Island ECN, allowing traders to cut out the middleman in the stock market. He was the CEO for Datek Online Holdings until 1999, and then became the CEO and founder of the VoIP company, Vonage. Founded in Edison, New Jersey, and now located in Holmdel, Vonage is a publicly traded company on the NYSE as of 2007. Mr. Citron has now retired from Vonage and enjoys spending time with his family.

His wife, Suzanne, is also a vigorous philanthropist. Mrs. Citron herself has been a former member of the ACS' Peer Review Committee for Institutional Research Grants, and has also been on the society's Jersey Shore Region Board of Advisors. Together, the Citrons have founded the Charles Laffite Foundation in 1999, which is dedicated to education, medical research, children, and the arts. Their commitment to their communities and the betterment of it, as well as their entrepreneurial business intellect, is a credit to the state of New Jersey and the nation as a whole.

Madam Speaker, I would once more like to thank Jeffrey and Suzanne Citron for their immeasurable contributions to my district and their communities and to again congratulate them for the honors they have received from the American Cancer Society in this year's Annual Golf Classic.

HONORING DON SHERMAN HUBERT
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
POST 345

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge the Don Sherman Hubert Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 345 in Redford Township, Michigan, as they celebrate 80 years of service to our veterans, our community and our country.

Named in recognition of Don Sherman Hubert, a 22-year-old private who served in Company A, 25th Infantry Regiment, 32nd Division, who was killed in action on August 29, 1918, during the assault in Juvigny, France, and became the first Redford Township serviceman killed during World War I. Post 345 has been a part of the Redford community since August 6, 1930. Originally located at Seven Mile Road and Dalby St., the post moved to the Metropolitan Club on Plymouth Rd from 1977–1982, before moving to its current location at Schoolcraft and Inkster Roads.

Upholding the commitment begun in 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for returning soldiers, the VFW's national voice has been instrumental in establishing the Veterans' Administration, creating the GI Bill, and

the development of the national cemetery system. Citing the VFW mission "to honor the dead by helping the living" through veterans service, community service, national security and a strong national defense, the 289 members of Post 345, ranging in age from 21–94, participate in various volunteer projects with local hospitals and schools.

Madam Speaker, for 80 years the Don Sherman Hubert VFW Post 345 has maintained a prominent presence in the Metropolitan Detroit area as a leader in service to veterans and civilians alike. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the storied soldiers of Post 345 and recognizing their years sacrifice and loyal service to our veterans, our community and our country.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF EDUCATION AS A KEY COMPONENT
IN HAITI'S RECONSTRUCTION

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to acknowledge the role of education as an essential sector for effective and durable economic and social development, all of which should be fundamental in the rebuilding of a great nation, such as Haiti.

The Haitian government has reported that the January earthquake has caused the destruction of 95 percent of schools in the Port-au Prince area. It is my belief that an uneducated population has the potential to become a national security threat and considering this dramatic situation, we must confront the crisis head on. In our effort to assist Haiti in becoming self-sustainable, education is the first step.

Without the promotion and cultivation of human capital, there can be no substantial poverty reduction. We know that educational attainments improve the livelihoods of the poor and reduce the likelihood of becoming poor.

Since Haiti has one of the largest income gaps between the rich and the poor in the world, providing accessible education is instrumental to creating a strong middle class, as well as sustaining small business and stimulating entrepreneurship.

There needs to be a plan in place that utilizes the skills of highly educated staff and the input of leading experts in the field of education. This is needed to provide improvements to the Haitian educational system but also serve as a platform for innovation. High quality education and partnerships between Haitian and foreign educational institutions are attainable goals.

The Government of Haiti has indicated its intention to promote free quality education and it is imperative that the United States and other friends of Haiti mobilize their efforts to provide easy access to education for all Haitian children. Let this be our gift to the children of Haiti in return for their ancestors' sacrifice for democracy.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL E. HALL

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Paul E. Hall of Viper, Kentucky, whose tireless efforts and trusted partnerships have improved the basic infrastructure and quality of life for people living in the Kentucky River area of southeastern Kentucky.

In 1993, Paul Hall began working at the Kentucky River Area Development District, KRADD. His exemplary Leadership and visionary skills were highly noted amongst peers and 3 years later, he was appointed executive director. Since then, Paul has been a vital voice for the leaders of the same rural, impoverished cities and counties, as well as our beloved Appalachian region. Paul has served on the Kentucky Appalachian Commission, served as chairman of the Kentucky Association of District Directors and as the Kentucky representative on the Development District Association of Appalachia.

Before working with KRADD, Paul spent 24 years in the mining industry where his duties spanned every position ranging from equipment operator to vice president and general manager of Diamond Shamrock Coal Company, Falcon Coal Division. It was his experience in the coal industry that provided him the foresight and understanding to work on behalf of counties that depend on our rich natural resource.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Paul E. Hall for his dedication and service to the leaders and families of eastern Kentucky.

VALERIA SAPUNOVA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

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

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

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

COMMENDING THE PUBLICATION OF THE SAVILLE INQUIRY AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF "BLOODY SUNDAY"

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, on June 15, 2010, the British Government published the conclusions of Lord Saville's comprehensive report on the tragic events in Northern Ireland of January 30th, 1972, otherwise known as "Bloody Sunday."

After 38 years this full and sober account of the events of that day at last made unmistakably clear that 14 innocent civilians lost their lives in one of the worst episodes of a dark era in the history of Northern Ireland.

Nothing can erase the pain endured by the families and loved one of those who were killed in the unjustifiable Bloody Sunday shootings. However, the admissions of the Saville Inquiry have helped advance the healing process of those affected and the country as a whole.

It also serves as a reminder of how far the peace process in Northern Ireland has come; how many brave steps have been taken on both sides; and how firm the commitment to peace and reconciliation has proven itself for more than a decade now, since the 1998 signing of the historic Good Friday Agreements.

The Saville Inquiry was commissioned in 1998 and opened in 2000 in response to outcries from the families of the victims of Bloody Sunday. This Inquiry was specifically tasked to resolve unanswered accusations left after a previous inconclusive tribunal immediately following the shootings, as well as the establishment of a definitive account of events.

For ten years the Saville tribunal heard testimony from witnesses in order to fully ascertain the truth of what happened that terrible day in 1972. The findings of the Saville Inquiry state unambiguously that the conduct of British Army soldiers on January 30, 1972, was "both unjustified and unjustifiable."

It concludes that certain British soldiers "reacted by losing self-control . . . forgetting or ignoring their instructions and training." Without provocation, the soldiers fired the first shots at unarmed civilians.

Many of those civilians had been marching in protest to a policy of internment without trial introduced in response to rising sectarian and paramilitary violence particularly against British soldiers, during the height of the period known as "The Troubles."

It is clear that the recent history of Northern Ireland is a painful one with deep divisions and violent sectarian clashes in which thousands of people on all sides lost their lives, lost loved ones, and suffered terrible injustice as a result of the escalation of tensions and force. Over 3,500 people from every community lost their lives in the violence in Northern Ireland.

However, the history of Northern Ireland is also a shining example of the resilience and determination of the will to live in peace, and how people with the strength to cross the divide can indeed build a better future together. Northern Ireland can and should be very

proud of the remarkable peace and cross-community cooperation it has accomplished.

While there are many more unanswered questions lingering in Northern Ireland, and many unacknowledged tragedies across each community, no step to resolve these is trivial. The publication of the Saville Inquiry is an important component of the ongoing reconciliation process in Northern Ireland.

I commend Lord Saville and the members of his tribunal for their determination to bring the truth to light. I also commend former British Prime Minister Tony Blair for his leadership in helping to begin this critical process, and current Prime Minister David Cameron for taking up that torch in offering his heartfelt apology on behalf of the British Government for the events of Bloody Sunday. His Statement to the House of Commons on June 15, 2010, was deeply moving.

This Inquiry at last lays to rest one of the most tragic events in the history of Northern Ireland. And I hope it will help bring closure to the affected families and further the healing process in Northern Ireland. There is still more work to be done, and I stand ready, with my colleagues, to lend assistance to our friends in the British Government, and the people of Northern Ireland, to ensure that peace and reconciliation continue to progress in Northern Ireland.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAWRENCE S.
SYKOFF

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lawrence Sykoff for his contribution and commitment to his community, and the subsequent honor he has received from the American Cancer Society (ACS) in appreciation of his efforts. Lawrence Sykoff is a valuable member of my district. I would like to congratulate him on being the honored individual at ACS's Annual Golf Classic 2010.

Lawrence Sykoff has been the Headmaster of Ranney School since 1993, a private elementary school in Tinton Falls, NJ, committed to high quality education. Mr. Sykoff is a highly influential force in the field of education, having been a teacher and administrator for over 35 years, as well as an active member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, and the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools (NJ AIS). The publications he has written for NAIS and doctoral dissertation on child education marks Mr. Sykoff as an exceptionally dedicated intellectual leader in the field of education. Moreover, in addition to his successful professional career, Mr. Sykoff is an active member of his community. He is on the Board of Trustees of the Count Basie Theatre, the Board of the Riverview Medical Center Foundation, as well as on the Board of the American Cancer Society. I, myself, have honored Mr. Sykoff on two occasions with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for his community service. He is unquestionably deserving of our praise and attention.

Madam Speaker, I would once more like to thank Lawrence Sykoff for his immeasurable

contributions to my district and his community, and to again congratulate him for the honors he has received from the American Cancer Society in this year's Annual Golf Classic.

CONGRATULATING KAROLE WHITE
FOR HER NOMINATION TO THE
MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF
BROADCASTERS HALL OF FAME

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to one of my district's outstanding citizens, Karole White. Karole was recently nominated to the Michigan Association of Broadcasters (MAB) Hall of Fame because of her service to my home state of Michigan.

Karole is best known for her selfless work on behalf of the MAB. For nearly 25 years, she has dedicated herself to the growth and improvement of that organization.

When Karole joined the MAB, the organization had minimal resources, and membership was at about half of what it could have been. She played a large role in growing the MAB into one of Michigan's most respected trade associations and among the nation's finest state broadcaster associations. Karole's strong leadership and innovation have helped the MAB integrate into all areas of the broadcasting industry. Currently, over 89 percent of individuals, companies, and organizations affiliated with broadcasting in Michigan have joined the MAB.

As you know, Karole is a highly respected member of the broadcasting industry, and her related expertise has allowed her to build a strong relationship with my staff and me. She often provides valuable input on telecommunications issues and is always eager to collaborate with others for the public good. Most importantly, however, her integrity and reliability make me consider her a close friend.

Karole continues to employ the MAB's resources to benefit Michigan's communities through the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation. She is truly deserving of her nomination to the MAB Hall of Fame, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on this honor.

McLEAN CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the centennial of McLean, Virginia, and the celebration event held on June 26. I want to thank the McLean Community Center, honorary chair former Virginia Governor and Senator Charles Robb, master of ceremonies former Delegate Vince Callahan, and McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia board of directors for making the centennial celebration possible.

McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia was founded to perpetuate and promote the preservation of local history. It grew out of the

local organization founded in 2003 as part of the statewide celebration for the 400th anniversary of the settlement at Jamestown and has worked tirelessly to organize the 100th anniversary celebration for the McLean community.

The small village that grew to become McLean began when John R. McLean and Senator Stephen Elkins of West Virginia obtained a charter to operate a trolley line called the Great Falls & Old Dominion Railroad to promote the scenic beauty of the Great Falls of the Potomac. The 14-mile electrified railroad linked Washington, D.C., to the falls on the old Aqueduct Bridge. Over the last century many people have made McLean their home, seeking a refuge from the hectic lifestyle of the nation's capital. The beauty and mixture of farmland, forests, and the Great Falls of the Potomac make McLean a truly unique and special place.

While McLean has grown over the years it has managed to keep its community spirit and rural flavor. With first class schools both public and private, safe neighborhoods, and special sense of community, the "village" of McLean is indeed a welcoming place to live and raise a family.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to represent the McLean community and to help commemorate the 100th anniversary of this special community.

VANESSA VASQUEZ

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

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

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

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

IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR THOMAS
J. REED

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement from the School of Law at Widener University, it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the achievements and contributions of the talented and altruistic public servant, author, professor, warrior, and history buff Professor Thomas J. Reed, J.D. A

2nd Lieutenant of the U.S. Marine Corps awarded the Air Medal for his efforts in the Dominican Republic in 1965, and loved father of Heather and wife of Emily, Tom certainly deserves our praise.

Throughout Professor Reed's career, he has shown the greatest respect for public service. He has served in our nation's military, worked as a Reporter to the Delaware Supreme Court for the Delaware Appellate Handbook and the Supreme Court for revisions to the Delaware Uniform Rules of Evidence, worked for and served as the President of the Civil War Round Table of Wilmington, Delaware, and was instrumental in the establishment of the Widener University Veterans Law Clinic, which specializes in representing those Veterans without the means to mount a challenge to unfair decisions rendered by the VA.

In addition to his noteworthy service to many venerable organizations of our nation, Professor Thomas Reed has spent 29 years of his life educating generations of prospective lawyers at the Widener University School of Law in effective and innovative ways. His play, entitled *Delaware: A State Divided* is an excellent learning device for school-age children, and he has recently filmed a short piece to introduce law students to the intricacies and challenges associated with trials.

Professor Reed has worked extensively with my office to defend the rights of our heroes who fight for our freedom day in and day out. His innovative ideas on merging Department of Defense and Veterans Administration records to permit the seamless flow of information between those two organizations could dramatically improve the delivery of cost-effective medical care to Veterans. Professor Reed also was recently recognized by the Taischoff Advocacy, Technology, and Public Service Institute as the first Taischoff Professor of Law upon the organization's creation in 2008.

As our nation struggles on so many fronts—suffering the most severe economic woes in decades and fighting multiple wars abroad—it is important to remember the successes achieved by our constituents in our communities every single day. I am truly honored to offer this recognition to Professor Thomas J. Reed, and I wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF H.D.
"DILL" MULLIS

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of H.D. "Dill" Mullis, a truly great Alaskan and a good friend.

Dill Mullis was born on March 13, 1935 in Jacksonville, FL to H.D. and Sara A. Mullis. He graduated from Andrew Jackson High School and the University of Florida.

Following his undergraduate education, Dill courageously joined the armed forces. He was an Air Force pilot and Vietnam veteran. His military decorations include: The Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Air Medals, Meritorious Service Medal, RVN Cross of Gallantry and RVN Air medals.

After his honorable and courageous service to his country, Dill joined the ITT Company in 1971, where he was assigned to Anchorage in

the military contracts and commercial operations division. Subsequently, he was involved in the construction, operations, and maintenance in support of the exploratory drilling program in the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska, the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System and various projects throughout Alaska.

Dill was a quintessential Alaskan and he will be dearly missed. His courage, tenacity and independence helped to show everyone around him, and the rest of the Lower 48, what it really meant to be an Alaskan.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly; daughters, Patricia Hopkins of Anchorage and Kathleen Matson of Eugene, Oregon; daughter in law, Cindie Mullis of Anchorage; sons, Stephen Mullis of Portage, Wisconsin, and Mark Mullis of Hong Kong, China. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A TRIBUTE TO MARGUERITE
STERLIN

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Marguerite Sterlin on the occasion of her 106th birthday.

Marguerite Sterlin was born on July 20, 1904 in Cap Haitian. She came to the United States in the early 1960s, and has been a resident of Brooklyn ever since.

For approximately 30 years, Ms. Sterlin worked as a babysitter and a seamstress. She is now retired.

Ms. Sterlin was never married, and did not have children of her own. She is the only survivor of her five siblings, but is visited by her nieces and nephews.

Ms. Sterlin is a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Her hobbies include sewing, cooking, and dancing. She also enjoys Haitian music and ice cream, and she is known to many as "JoJo," pronounced "GoGo."

She has been at River Manor Care Center in Brooklyn, New York, since 2003. She is a regular participant in daily recreational programs, and is very close to the Haitian staff of River Manor, and is considered their adopted grandmother.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Marguerite Sterlin.

COMMEMORATING THE NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN'S
CLUBS AND YOUTH AFFILIATES,
INC.'S 114TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs and Youth Affiliates, Inc.'s 114th Anniversary and 57th Biennial Convention. This convention, scheduled to take place between July 29th

and August 2nd in Denver, Colorado will be a fantastic opportunity for such a distinguished club to showcase its achievements and renowned history.

The club's history dates back to 1895 when Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin issued a call for a national meeting of women of color to take place in Boston, Massachusetts. This marked the beginning of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs. Founded by Ida B. Wells, Harriet Tubman, Frances E.W. Harper and Mary Church Terrell in 1896, the NACWC began the uphill battle for women and African Americans throughout the twentieth century. For the past one-hundred and fourteen years, the organization has fought barriers to economic and political advancement for women of color. Its creed encourages members to contribute heavily to community service within American society, particularly to causes related to the plight of the African American woman. It emphasizes the role of all women in improving society for the benefit of everyone. Through their educational workshops and seminars, their scholarship programs, and their youth programs, the NACWC has cultivated the talents of generations of successful women.

Historically, the group was the educational and support base for Black Colleges and Universities, which promoted literacy among African Americans throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. The work of the organization's founders and members has proven an inspiration for future African American women to lift up their communities as they climb their respective stairways to success. The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs has become the exemplar of what can be accomplished when women throughout the nation come together to promote interracial understanding, justice and peace among all people, raise the standard of the home, and advance the moral, economic, social and religious welfare of the family. The courage, persistence and unity of the women of the NACWC have served as inspiration and hope for the future of an America that will embrace the value of diversity for generations to come.

MARINE CORPS CORPORAL DAANE
ADAM DEBOER

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and deep sadness that I wish to commend United States Marine Corps Corporal Daane Adam DeBoer for his bravery and willingness to fight for his country. Corporal DeBoer was killed when hit by an improvised explosive device while on foot patrol in the Helmand province in Afghanistan. His sacrifice will forever be remembered by a community that has been struck by the devastating loss of one of their own.

Daane Adam DeBoer was born in Valparaiso, Indiana. He attended Immanuel Lutheran School through the sixth grade. Former teachers report that Daane was an energetic youth with a zest for life. From a young age, family members remember Daane as having a thirst for the extreme. He enjoyed extreme sports, whether he was skiing in Colorado or walking the 2,200 miles of the Appalachian Trail to help raise money for the

Susan G. Komen for the Cure fund. Although he was only a young man, he garnered the respect and admiration of others in the communities that he was a part of, as made evident by the numerous prayer circles initiated upon the news of his death.

Daane would later use his enthusiasm and spirit to protect his country in the United States Marine Corps. Corporal DeBoer joined the Marines in 2009 and was deployed for combat for the first time to Afghanistan in March of 2010. His service awards include the Purple Heart, the Combat Action Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

The youngest of a loving family, Daane is survived by his father and stepmother, David and Mary DeBoer of Valparaiso, his mother and stepfather, Charlene and Jim Zerrenner of Ludington, Michigan, and his three sisters: Aubrey, Ashley, and Lindsey.

Madam Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring a fallen hero, United States Marine Corps Corporal Daane DeBoer. Corporal DeBoer sacrificed his life in service to his country, and his passing comes as a great setback to our nation, shaken by the realities of war. Corporal DeBoer will forever remain a hero in the eyes of his family, his community, and his country. Thus, let us never forget the sacrifice he made to preserve the ideals of freedom and democracy.

TRIBUTE TO JENNIE MIRZA ESHOO

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jennie Mirza Eshoo who will celebrate her 95th birthday on July 17, 2010.

Jennie Eshoo was born Jennie Katherine Mirza on July 17, 1915 in Chicago, Illinois to Agase B. Mirza and Martha Alaverdy Mirza. She is the eldest of seven siblings: Julia Alexander, Elsie Eshoo, the late Esther Aziz, Alice Maupin, Sam Mirza, and Bill Mirza. She graduated from Waller High School in Chicago in 1934 and on September 22nd of that year she married Paul Eshoo.

Jennie and Paul Eshoo moved from Chicago to Turlock, California where they raised four children on the family farm, growing grapes and walnuts and tending their laying hens: Peter, George, Agnes and Alice. They were active in the Assyrian-American community and Paul was a founder of the Turlock Assyrian American Civic Club. Jennie has been a charter member of the Turlock Assyrian American Civic Club since 1946.

Jennie is a devoted member of St. John's Presbyterian Church and its oldest member. She has been a Church Elder for 37 years and served as Clerk of the Session from 1973 to 1979 and from 1980 to 1986. She also served on Presbyterian Ethnic Concerns as a delegate and as their Treasurer from 1973 to 2006.

Jennie Mirza Eshoo is known throughout the community for her generosity and helpfulness to so many and volunteered at Emanuel Medical Center in Turlock for 32 years. From 1966

to 1971, she worked at California State University Stanislaus and was a kindergarten teacher's aide at Crowell Elementary School from 1974 to 1986. Jennie has an abiding love of democracy and served as a faithful election polling supervisor for Stanislaus County from 1987 to 2005.

Jennie is an avid reader whose taste ranges from National Geographic to the latest novels. She loves to travel and on her two trips to Israel in 1980 and 1984, relished visiting in person the sites she has "visited" in the Bible and other readings. Jennie still drives her own car which provides her convenient transportation for shopping as well as attending church services.

Jennie is the matriarch of a large and loving family. In addition to her four children, she has eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Her grandchildren are Lisa Brown, Lori Hill, Cherie Thompson, Christine Benjamin Nedved, Michelle Benjamin Eldridge, Annelise Martella, Karen Eshoo and Paul Eshoo. Her great-grandchildren are Amanda and Emily Brown, Madison and Jacob Eldridge, Cory Hill, Katherine and Jacqueline Nedved, and Peter Thompson.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to honor Jennie Mirza Eshoo as she celebrates her 95th birthday. I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me, her family and her many friends in saluting her as she celebrates this extraordinary milestone and thank her for her decades of contributions to the Turlock community, her lifetime of love for her family, and her unswerving patriotism and love of our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on July 1, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for Rollcall No. 415–433. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 415: Yes—Honoring the veterans of Helicopter Attack Light Squadron Three and their families.

Rollcall No. 416: Yes—Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act.

Rollcall No. 417: Yes—Recognizing the important role pollinators play in supporting the ecosystem and supporting the goals and ideals of National Pollinator Week.

Rollcall No. 418: Yes—Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5618) to continue Federal unemployment programs, and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

Rollcall No. 419: Yes—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the political situation in Thailand be solved peacefully and through democratic means.

Rollcall No. 420: Yes—Congratulating the people of the 17 African nations that in 2010 are marking the 50th year of their national independence.

Rollcall No. 421: Yes—Congratulating the Government of South Africa upon its first two successful convictions for human trafficking.

Rollcall No. 422: Yes—On Motion to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair.

Rollcall No. 423: Yes—Restoration of Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act.

Rollcall No. 424: Present—Quorum Call.

Rollcall No. 425: Yes—To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit any registered lobbyist whose clients include foreign governments which are found to be sponsors of international terrorism or include other foreign nationals from making contributions and other campaign-related disbursements in elections for public office.

Rollcall No. 426: Yes—Expressing support for designation of June 30 as "National ESIGN Day".

Rollcall No. 427: Present—Quorum Call.

Rollcall No. 428: Yes—Providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 4899) making emergency supplemental appropriations for disaster relief and summer jobs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

Rollcall No. 429: Yes—Expressing support for the people of Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador as they persevere through the aftermath of Tropical Storm Agatha which swept across Central America causing deadly floods and mudslides.

Rollcall No. 430: Yes—Second Portion of the Divided Question [Amendment 2]—Obey.

Rollcall No. 431: Yes—Third Portion of the Divided Question [Amendment 3]—Strike military funding.

Rollcall No. 432: Yes—Fourth Portion of the Divided Question [Amendment 4]—Lee.

Rollcall No. 433: Yes—Fifth Portion of the Divided Question [Amendment 5]—McGovern/Obey/Jones.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN JOSEPH SADIE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Joseph Sadie of the Cleveland Police Department. For 43 years, Captain Sadie rose through the ranks of the Cleveland Police Department, tirelessly protecting and defending our local communities.

In addition to his dedicated police service, Captain Sadie ran a local program called Cops & Kids. In the last 20 years, this program provided clothes, toys, food, appliances, and other necessities to 20,000 families in need.

Captain Sadie's passion for helping the community had him on call all year round; people close to him said his phone never stopped ringing. Despite the overwhelming need and number of requests, Captain Sadie always came through.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Captain Joseph Sadie of the Cleveland Police Department. Captain Sadie's leadership, kindness, compassion, and concern for others have made the local communities in and around Cleveland a better place. The impact of his dedication will carry on in the lives of all of those he helped.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
CELESTINO GAMBINO

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise with sadness following the passing of Celestino Gambino, proprietor of La Parmigiana Restaurant in Southampton, NY and a beloved member of the community that I have the privilege of representing.

Celestino Gambino emigrated to the United States from Palermo Sicily, with little money and speaking no English, to make a better life for himself, his wife Josephine, and their seven children. He kept his family together, and with them and a lot of hard work, he built one of the most successful businesses on the East End of Long Island. He was devoted to his family, to his church and to his community, and he became a beloved figure in Southampton. On July 1 Mr. Gambino passed away at the age of 73.

Celestino Gambino opened La Parmigiana, or "La Parm" as it is affectionately known, in 1974 as a small pizza parlor, but over the years it became a Southampton mainstay. Located on Hampton Road in the heart of Southampton Village, La Parm is a family restaurant serving plates piled high with Italian food, such as their traditional Sicilian dishes, Penne alla Norcina and Margarita con Melanzane. A specialty shop in the restaurant sells Italian olive oil, La Parm's own sauce and salad dressing, pastries, pastas and other items.

As delicious as the food is, the true draw of the restaurant was the fact that patrons knew they would see Mr. Gambino, smoking his pipe and wearing his white apron, when they visited his restaurant, and if not him—then one of his family members. All of his children and several of his grandchildren work in La Parm, and all of them help give it the friendly, welcoming atmosphere it is known for—even when the pick-up counter is jammed with people waiting for their orders on a Friday night. People knew they could count on Mr. Gambino to give them good, quality service, whether they were ordering a slice or sitting down to a family meal.

It is a place of Old World charm, with good food for a good value. Mr. Gambino once said that the restaurant sold 20,000 pizza pies a year. But as busy as the restaurant kept him, Celestino Gambino always had time for people. He always took the time to listen and find a way to help, quietly and without fanfare. He was a gentleman, considerate and kind, and he was respected for that. In good times and in hard times, he kept his family together. On Mondays, the only day the restaurant was closed, the family would gather at his home for a family meal. He would always sit at the head of the table surrounded by his wife, their seven children and 19 grandchildren. On Sundays he made dinner for the priests at his church, Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Roman Catholic Church.

The Gambino family is a shining example of the hard work, family love, and generosity of spirit that have made this country great. With the death of Celestino Gambino, we have lost a bit of Southampton, but we know that his family will carry on the traditions he established at the place he owned and operated for

36 years, and in them he will live on and we will be constantly reminded of the values for which he stood.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on June 24, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for Rollcall No. 394. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 394: Yes—Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act.

RECOGNIZING REAR ADMIRAL
MICHAEL MILLER

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me recognize and congratulate an outstanding Naval Officer, RADM Michael Miller, upon the completion of more than two years of distinguished service as the United States Navy's Chief of Legislative Affairs. I am honored to commend Rear Admiral Miller's achievements on the Navy's behalf as well as his devotion to our nation.

Rear Admiral Miller graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1974 and earned his "Wings of Gold" two years later. He has served tours around the world flying the S-3 Viking, and he has served at sea as Executive Officer and later in command of the USS *John F. Kennedy* (CV-67), the USS *Coronado* (AGF-11), and Carrier Strike Group 7. Rear Admiral Miller also served as the first-ever active duty Director of the White House Military Office.

As Chief of Legislative Affairs, Rear Admiral Miller showed the integrity, skill, and professionalism for which we honor our brave men and women in uniform. His work helped ensure the United States Navy's readiness and superior capabilities.

Rear Admiral Miller was recently nominated and confirmed for appointment to the rank of Vice Admiral. In connection with this promotion, he will be assigned as Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Madam Speaker, I wish Rear Admiral Miller continued success and fulfillment as he undertakes this new challenge. I trust my colleagues in the House will join me in saluting this fine Naval Officer.

CONGRATULATING ABDUL HAMKA
AND DARIUS WILBERT FOR BE-
COMING NATIONAL SEMI-FINAL-
ISTS IN THE DASH+ NATIONAL
STUDENT COMPETITION

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two students from my district

who have been named as semifinalists of the Progressive Insurance DASH+ National Student Competition.

Abdul Hamka and Darius Wilbert of The Henry Ford Academy in Dearborn Michigan designed an eco-friendly dashboard for the Dash Plus National Student Competition. Hamka and Wilbert designed a dashboard that is able to communicate to the driver how they are impacting fuel economy and the environment. Abdul and Darius's panel connects multiple information sources that increase driver awareness. The dashboard can also calculate routes that have fewer hills and traffic lights, helping the driver reduce unnecessary acceleration and braking and in turn reduce overall fuel emissions. The dashboard is constructed out of emerging industrial-grade bio-plastics that are derived from vegetable oil, corn, soy, and algae. This gives the panel a reduced weight which in turn means less fuel consumption and a smaller carbon footprint.

Projects like the DASH Tech competition provide students with a platform to be innovative and put to use skills they learn while studying STEM fields. Madam Speaker, one out of every ten people in Southeast Michigan is an engineer. Helping to promote the new green economy will help drive job creation and innovation in Michigan. My constituents and I are proud of what Abdul and Darius have accomplished and we know that they will be industry leaders one day.

THE FEDERAL LANDS COUNTER-
DRUG STRATEGY AND ENFORCE-
MENT ENHANCEMENT ACT (H.R.
5645)

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, June 30th, I introduced H.R. 5645, the Federal Lands Counterdrug Strategy and Enforcement Enhancement Act, legislation designed to combat drug trafficking on our nation's public lands.

Drug traffickers, primarily Mexican and Asian drug gangs involved with cannabis cultivation and marijuana distribution, are increasingly using our nation's public lands to operate large-scale operations. Eighty three percent of all plants eradicated from U.S. forests between 2004 and 2008 were removed from national forests in California. Sadly, Tulare County, California, recorded three consecutive seasons in which the number of marijuana plants seized exceeded \$1 billion.

Traffickers find the remoteness of the public lands appealing as it reduces the risk of detection and asset forfeiture. By cultivating marijuana on our public lands, international drug trafficking organizations avoid the risk and expense of smuggling their product across the border. It also makes distribution less risky because it can be easily driven to major cities, where it is distributed to street dealers. Accordingly, cultivation of marijuana is expanding from the M7 states including California, Hawaii, Kentucky, Oregon, Tennessee, Washington, and West Virginia, into Utah, Idaho, Texas, Wisconsin, and Ohio. This illicit activity poses a significant threat to our nation and those Americans who choose to

camp, hike, hunt, ride, or otherwise use our nation's public lands.

Drug traffickers also are growing increasingly aggressive toward law enforcement officials and members of the public who enter the area in which drugs are being cultivated and produced. They are encircling their plots—some of which have as many as 75,000 plants—with crude explosives and patrolling them with firearms, including AK-47s. In one instance reported last year by The Washington Post, two Lassen County, California, law enforcement officers were wounded by a gunman guarding a grove on Bureau of Land Management property. In another incident, an eight-year-old boy and his father were shot after they accidentally stumbled onto a hidden marijuana grow in El Dorado County, California. One Placer County, California, law enforcement official reported that, “In every garden, every single encounter, we find weapons.”

Moreover, drug traffickers are causing serious and extensive environmental damage to our public lands. Animal poisons are used as are chemical repellants, fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides many of which are banned in the United States. Traffickers often pour fertilizer directly into streams and pools and run it through their homemade irrigation systems. The use and abandonment of these and other hazardous substances—such as gasoline—results in toxic levels of chemicals in the soil, groundwater, streams, and rivers. Eventually, these hazardous substances enter our residential and agricultural water supplies.

I find this situation utterly unacceptable. We cannot meaningfully address drug trafficking on public lands without a comprehensive strategy. Such a strategy has been authorized and developed for the southwestern border and I am firmly convinced that one should be done to better combat drug trafficking on public lands.

The Federal Lands Counterdrug Strategy and Enforcement Act would address this situation by requiring the Office of National Drug Control Policy to develop a strategy to combat drug trafficking on public lands. The bill would also increase the penalties available for cultivating or manufacturing drugs on public land as well as for using hazardous chemicals, diverting streams, removing vegetation without authorization, and using boobytraps or firearms to produce drugs on public lands. Accordingly, I ask my colleagues to join with me to enact this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on June 29, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 395–401. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 395, “yes”—On Approving the Journal; rollcall No. 396, “yes”—Congratulating the Chicago Blackhawks on winning the 2010 Stanley Cup Championship; rollcall No. 397, “no”—On Motion to Adjourn; rollcall No. 398, “yes”—Restoration of Emergency Unem-

ployment Compensation Act; rollcall No. 399, “yes”—Recognizing the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition for its now five-year effort to promote cyber security curriculum in institutions of higher learning; rollcall No. 400, “yes”—Firearms Excise Tax Improvement Act; and rollcall No. 401, “yes”—Homebuyer Assistance and Improvement Act.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL ROBERT GREENE OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor COL Robert Cushing Greene, USA (Ret.) of Citrus County, Florida. On July 24th Colonel Greene will do something that all of us strive to do, but that very few of us will ever accomplish, celebrate his 100th birthday.

Bob was born July 24, 1910 in Keene, NH, he is the fifth of six children, born to his mother, Lillian Francis Greene and his father, Corydon Burton Greene, a furniture salesman. In April of 1931, while still attending the University of New Hampshire, he married his first wife and eventual mother to his three children, “Betty”. That summer he was commissioned into the United States Army Reserve. One year later, he graduated college in the thick of the Great Depression. He took a job working for Betty’s father’s lumber company until 1939 when, he began working as a traveling cement salesman.

In April of 1941, war clouds were gathering and Bob was called up to active duty. He reported to Ft. Benning, GA to receive his infantry training. In August of 1943 he received his orders to head overseas to serve in the Northern Combat Area Command in China-Burma-India during World War II where he served as an intelligence officer. While in Burma, he was promoted from captain to major.

In 1945, at the wars end, many soldiers were trying to get out of the Army, but Major Greene and Betty decided that they liked the Army life and decided to stay in. From 1947 to 1949 Major Greene, Betty and their children lived in Panama, followed by Virginia where he transferred into the Quarter Master’s Corps. He served in the Korean War, followed by two additional posts in Massachusetts and France. In 1961, after serving in two wars, crossing 69 countries and earning two Bronze Stars with oak leaf cluster, he retired from military service as a full colonel.

He served as a civil servant until 1975 when, he and Betty were once again bit by the travel bug. They embarked on what Betty called “the world’s longest bridge game”. For nearly three years they traveled the country in a motorcoach. In 1979, they finally parked in Inverness, FL to be close to many friends whom they had met along their journey together. Betty passed away five years later. Their children, Bob, Sherry and Michael say their parents were, “the very best”.

In 1995, Colonel Greene married his current wife, Lori. His son, Bob, remarked that they

credit Lori for their dad’s enduring spirit. She encouraged him to become a mentor at the Inverness Primary School; He is also a former president of what is now the Citrus County MOAA Chapter. He enjoys spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, many of whom will join him on the 24th for his centennial celebration.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking Colonel Greene for his service and congratulating him on one hundred years of life.

INTRODUCTION OF VETERANS’, SENIORS’, AND CHILDREN’S HEALTH TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2010

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Veterans’, Seniors’, and Children’s Health Technical Corrections Act of 2010. This bill contains many time-sensitive provisions that affect our nation’s veterans, seniors, and children and that have already been considered by the House as part of H.R. 4213, the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010, which passed the House before the Memorial Day recess. I understand that the Senate is renewing their consideration of this jobs legislation. I encourage them to do so—and to do so quickly—as it contains critical provisions to create jobs, cut taxes, and support American workers. Should the Senate face delays in passing that larger legislation, this bill guarantees the consideration of necessary, time-sensitive, and non-controversial health care provisions.

This legislation contains clarifications and extensions under Medicare, Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program. For veterans, this legislation clarifies a special enrollment period to ensure that they can properly enroll in Medicare Part B and retain their TRICARE eligibility.

For children, this legislation clarifies that eligible children’s hospitals retain access to discounts for expensive orphan drugs. Children will also benefit from technical corrections in this bill that relate to Medicaid and CHIP.

For teaching hospitals that train our newest physicians, this legislation makes a technical correction to clarify that residency positions currently shared between teaching hospitals will not be redistributed. In 36 states, this will affect more than 300 hospitals with affiliation agreements in place that are currently using these residency slots.

For Medicare beneficiaries receiving care at a skilled nursing facility, this legislation guarantees that they will be covered under the most current refined payment system.

We pay for this bill largely with funds from the Medicare Improvement Fund. CBO estimates that this bill results in small savings to the federal government.

So colleagues, I ask you to join me in supporting this time-sensitive and noncontroversial legislation pertaining to veterans, Medicare providers including skilled nursing facilities, teaching hospitals, and children’s hospitals.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
BOB FRITZ

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Bob Fritz, as he celebrates his retirement after nearly 40 years of unwavering leadership, kindness and devotion as CEO of Avtron Manufacturing, Inc., of Independence, Ohio.

The son of Dwain and Carolyn Fritz, founders of Avtron Manufacturing Inc., Bob Fritz's parents instilled within him a strong work ethic and values. He graduated from Shaw High School and enrolled at Carnegie Mellon University, where he graduated with honors and a degree in physics. He later earned an MBA from Harvard Business School, where he was awarded a National Honorary Fellowship.

Mr. Fritz's intellect is matched by his kindness, ability to relate to others, and build upon a new vision. Within a few years of becoming CEO, Avtron soared to new levels in the areas of sales, product development, and a renewed focus on the welfare of employees. In the past 36 years, Avtron increased its number of employees from 100 to 400, 95% of whom live in Cuyahoga County. During his tenure, Avtron was honored numerous times, including three North Coast 99 Awards for being one of the best places to work in Northeast Ohio. Mr. Fritz has also volunteered his time as both a member and a leader of several community organizations, including Vistage, an organization of CEOs that focus on guiding, mentoring and assisting struggling businesses.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Bob Fritz on the occasion of his retirement as leader of Avtron Manufacturing, Inc. His devotion to his family, employees, and community serves to strengthen the foundation of greater Cleveland. I wish him, his wife Linnet, and their entire family an abundance of health and happiness as he journeys onward.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on June 30, 2010, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall Nos. 402–414. Had I been present I would have voted: rollcall No. 402, “yes”—Recognizing the work and importance of special education teachers; rollcall No. 403, “yes”—To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 North Maitland Avenue in Maitland, Florida, as the “Paula Hawkins Post Office Building”; rollcall No. 404, “yes”—Recognizing the residents of the City of Tracy, California, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the city's incorporation, for their century of

dedicated service to the United States; rollcall No. 405, “yes”—To name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Artesia, New Mexico, as the “Alejandro Renteria Ruiz Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”; rollcall No. 406, “yes”—On Ordering the Previous Question; rollcall No. 407, “yes”—Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and for other purposes; rollcall No. 408, “yes”—To enable State homes to furnish nursing home care to parents any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces; rollcall No. 409, “yes”—Providing for an adjournment or recess of the two Houses; rollcall No. 410, “yes”—Rule providing for the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4173, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; rollcall No. 411, “yes”—Fountainhead Property Land Transfer Act; rollcall No. 412, “no”—On Motion to Recommit the Conference Report with Instructions; rollcall No. 413, “yes”—Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009; rollcall No. 414, “yes”—Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Clarification Act.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SMITHSONIAN CONSERVATION BIOLOGY INSTITUTE ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my fellow congressional Regents, Representatives SAM JOHNSON and DORIS MATSUI, and our colleague Representative FRANK WOLF, to introduce the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute Enhancement Act, which authorizes funding for this institute's important work in conservation biology. Companion legislation has been introduced in the Senate by Senators PATRICK LEAHY, THAD COCHRAN and CHRIS DODD.

While some 30 million individuals annually visit and enjoy the Smithsonian's 19 museums and National Zoo, the Smithsonian's nine research centers carry out important work that advances the Institution's mission of expanding and diffusing knowledge. As one of these centers, the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, SCBI, is headquartered in Front Royal, Virginia, in Representative WOLF's district, at the facility previously known as the National Zoo's Conservation and Research Center. The SCBI launched in January of 2010 as an umbrella for six Smithsonian units working in a global effort to conserve species and train future generations of conservationists.

The Smithsonian Institution, SI, has a long history of creatively collaborating with strategic partners to advance the important goals of discovering and understanding biological diversity, advancing scientific solutions and conserving wildlife. Toward that end, the National Zoological Park, NZP, Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan completed in December 2008

includes plans to create a campus-like setting for the SCBI at the NZP facility in Front Royal, Virginia, NZP-FR, with space capable of hosting multiple partners who share common goals and are willing to work with SI scientists and staff to advance efforts in conservation biology.

To allow the Smithsonian to progress in its master plan, this bill authorizes the SI to invest \$1 million for each of fiscal years 2010 and 2011 and \$3 million in aggregate for all succeeding fiscal years in order to plan, design and construct an education facility at its Front Royal site. The bill also authorizes the Smithsonian Board of Regents to enter into agreements for the provision of housing and other services related to the facility's programs at no cost to the SI. Finally, it authorizes the SI to use its non-federal funds to plan, design and construct animal holding and related program facilities on the property. The goal is to open the facilities by the Fall of 2012 semester.

The SCBI scientists' domestic and international biodiversity accomplishments span many decades. For example:

Since 1972, SCBI scientists have studied the endangered golden lion tamarins and established one of the most successful reintroduction programs ever attempted. Thanks to their leadership, more than 1,500 animals survive in Brazil's Atlantic coastal rain forest.

Since 1978, SCBI scientists have conducted breeding and conservation research on captive and wild endangered clouded leopards. More than 70 clouded leopards have been born at the SI's Conservation and Research Center in Front Royal, Virginia in the past 30 years, including two born in 2009. Working with Thai counterparts, the SCBI team developed a captive breeding program that has produced 40 cubs. These collaborative international projects serve as a model for conserving treasured species.

Since 1985, SCBI scientists have led the way in developing breeding and management techniques resulting in the birth of nearly 600 endangered black-footed ferrets at SCBI facilities in Front Royal, Virginia. More than 200 SCBI-produced ferrets and their descendants have been released in seven states.

Madam Speaker, SCBI staff has conducted training courses for undergraduate, graduate and professional audiences in the United States and at more than 20 international locations—reaching more than 5,000 individuals from over 85 countries. Supporting the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute's next phase of development will not only expand its notable record of providing educational classes, it will also help ensure that the next generation of conservation and scientific professionals has the necessary training to help sustain a biodiverse planet.

I urge my colleagues to join us in passing this bipartisan legislation so that our Smithsonian scientists can continue to be recognized as global leaders in the field of biodiversity and so that our nation can continue to do its part in leaving the planet in the best possible condition for our children.