

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING TOM LAMAR ON  
20 YEARS OF SERVICE THROUGH  
THE PALOUSE CLEARWATER EN-  
VIRONMENTAL INSTITUTE

### HON. WALT MINNICK

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. MINNICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tom Lamar, a resident of Moscow, Idaho, on his 20th anniversary as Executive Director of the Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute (PCEI). Tom has built this organization from a small environmental group to an important element of the Palouse community. On June 16, 1990, Tom's first day of work, PCEI had a \$30,000 budget and a one-room office rental in the Moscow Hotel. Today, PCEI has a \$1.4 million budget, 14 full-time staff, and a 12-acre home with two buildings for office space. Currently, PCEI now boasts over 1,000 members in Idaho and many other states.

PCEI undertakes numerous environmentally themed restoration, education and outreach programs throughout Idaho and eastern Washington. From planting trees and utilizing solar powered panels to teaching children about owls and placing AmeriCorps members throughout Idaho and eastern Washington, PCEI has emerged as a premier environmental organization for the region.

Tom began work at PCEI by cleaning up the local creek. In 1996 PCEI began watershed restoration projects and have since completed 56 watershed restoration projects in the region.

Tom has helped to run the McCall Outdoor Science School (Idaho's only residential Science Camp) established in 2001. It has since taught 14,000 students in hands-on scientific discovery. Today, the work of PCEI reaches over 2,500 students a year.

Tom helped create PCEI's AmeriCorps Placement Office in 2004, over 100 AmeriCorps members are placed across the state annually. In 2009, the year Tom was honored by being named Environmental Leader of the Year, PCEI volunteers contributed nearly 19,000 hours of environmental service to the region.

Tom has helped to develop other community organizations including the Western Sustainable Agriculture Working Group, Palouse Land Trust, Rural Roots, Idaho Smart Growth, Village Bicycle Project, and Backyard Harvest. Tom serves on the steering committee of the Idaho Environmental Summit, and on the board of the Latah Trail Foundation. He also serves on the Moscow City Council.

I had the honor to visit PCEI recently and can attest to the great things they are doing and the positive impact that Tom and the dedicated PCEI staff and volunteers are making each and every day. Tom's work and leadership sets an important example of environmental commitment and community service that I encourage others to follow.

Congratulations Tom.

REMEMBERING JOSHUA FUESTON

### HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 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 suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, PTSD.

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

#### THE SCARS OF WAR

(By Albert Caswell)

As when our fine 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 . . .

PROSECUTION OF CITIZENS  
VIDEOTAPING POLICE IN THE  
LINE OF DUTY

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss a phenomenon that is occurring throughout this country.

Various states and municipalities are using state wiretapping statutes and other local laws to prosecute individuals who photograph or videotape officers in the line of duty. According to a recent Washington Post article, Mark Graber, a 25 year old staff sergeant for the Maryland Air National Guard, was arrested for taping an encounter with a state trooper who gave him a ticket for going 80 in a 65 mph zone. Graber accepted his ticket, which he says he deserved. Graber was not indicted by a grand jury for speeding; instead his crime was videotaping and showing his encounter on YouTube. Mr. Graber was charged with violating Maryland's wiretapping statute.

In Tennessee, Scott Conover was arrested for unlawful photography when he snapped a picture of a Johnson County sheriff's deputy during a traffic stop.

In the state of Washington, an amateur photographer Bogdan Mohora was arrested for photographing two police officers arresting a suspect.

Authorities contend that wiretapping laws are being violated by individuals who videotape or photograph police on-duty. These officials base their argument on a notion that police have a reasonable expectation of privacy while conducting their work in public.

Our police officers play a vital role in maintaining the quality of life in communities across the country. I feel we should not do anything to diminish their role in society or their effectiveness in fighting crime and preventing terrorist acts. As a member of the victims right caucus here in Congress, I want to make sure our police officers are equipped and feel supported, so they can make sure there are less victims of crime in this country. However, while I do support our law enforcement officials, I do not think that they have a right to

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privacy while performing their duties in public. As a result of my view, I do not believe that prosecuting citizens for exercising a constitutionally protected right is a proper use of the justice system.

I ask for your support of H. Con. Res. 298 to bring awareness to this startling abuse of power and waste of taxpayer dollars.

DELAYING EPA FISHING BOAT  
DISCHARGE RULES

SPEECH OF

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to speak in support of H.R. 5301. H.R. 5301, proposed by my colleague, the gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. LOBIONDO, consists of two titles.

Title I of H.R. 5301 is an extension of an already existing moratorium. The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure recently passed this bill out of Committee with no amendments and no objections. This extension is necessary because the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, recently completed a study that indicates that discharges from vessels under 79 feet in length are not benign. However, the EPA needs additional time to set appropriate Clean Water Act requirements to protect the nation's waters from these types of discharges.

This legislation would extend the current moratorium until December 18, 2013, giving EPA the opportunity to include these vessels in the next round of permitting under the EPA Vessel General Permit.

I would like to point out to my colleagues that this Chamber has already passed this same language earlier this Congress, in H.R. 3619, the "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010."

The second title of this legislation is the "Clean Estuaries Act of 2010," which reauthorizes the National Estuary Program. This Chamber successfully passed this legislation 278-128 in April of this year, with support from both sides of the aisle.

Estuaries are unique environments that are extremely productive in terms of their ecosystem values. The ecological productivity of estuaries translates directly into important economic output in terms of commercial fishing and recreational fishing.

The Clean Estuaries Act of 2010 will give these regions the resources and means to effectively manage watersheds and protect estuaries. At the same time, the legislation does an excellent job of including all levels of government and all types of stakeholders.

This legislation increases the authorization for appropriations; allows for increased and improved federal coordination; increases accountability; and, includes some necessary programmatic changes.

The National Estuary Program needs an increase in authorized appropriation levels in order to provide more resources to on-the-ground stakeholders and to enable more communities and estuaries to join the Program.

I ask all members of this Chamber to once again join me in supporting communities and estuaries through the passage of this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, on the evening of Tuesday, July 20, 2010, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall votes 451 through 453.

Had I been present for rollcall 451, on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1491, Congratulating the University of South Carolina Gamecocks on winning the 2010 NCAA Division I College World Series, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 452, on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 5604, the Surface Transportation Savings Act of 2010, I would have voted "Aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 453, on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1516, Recognizing the 65th Anniversary of the end of World War II, honoring the service members who fought in World War II and their families, and honoring the servicemembers who are currently serving in combat operations, I would have voted "Aye."

IN HONOR OF U.S. ARMY  
SPECIALIST ROGER LEE

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to mourn the loss of a soldier constituent, U.S. Army Specialist Roger Lee, 26, of Monterey, California. He was a brave soldier who fought valiantly for our freedom. More importantly, he was a proud father, a loyal husband, a caring brother, and a devoted son.

Roger Lee was born and raised in Monterey, California. He came from a loving family that followed the American Dream by starting a family-owned business on California's Central Coast. Roger graduated from Monterey High School and later went to the Arizona Automotive Institute in Glendale, Arizona where he met his wife, Elvina Lee.

In 2005, Roger and Elvina Lee celebrated the birth of their daughter Jazmyne Lee. Shortly after, in 2007, Roger made the decision to enlist in the United States Army, both to fulfill his lifelong goal of serving our country and to build a better life for his wife and daughter. Specialist Lee served in United States Army 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment based in Hohenfies, Germany.

On July 6, 2010, insurgents attacked Specialist Lee's vehicle near Qalat, Afghanistan, with an improvised explosive device. He ultimately perished from the wounds inflicted by that attack. For his actions and service to our country, Roger was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Madam Speaker, I know that I speak for the whole House in offering our deepest sympathies to Specialist Lee's family and friends. Our nation extends its deepest gratitude for Specialist Lee's service to the United States of America.

HONORING THE WORK OF DR.  
CHRISTOPH THOMAS OF OREGON  
STATE UNIVERSITY

**HON. KURT SCHRADER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. Christoph Thomas, one of my constituents and an Oregon State University atmospheric scientist who has received a National Science Foundation "Career Award" which is designed to support emerging influential scholars and educators who will become 21st century leaders.

During the next five years, Dr. Thomas will be receiving funding from the NSF to support his research on the relationship between plant canopies—such as forests and crops—and the lower atmosphere. The air exchange between these environments plays an important role in the transport of heat, moisture, momentum and trace gases, but they are poorly understood. Dr. Thomas will work with graduate students at Oregon State University, an Oregon K-12 high school teacher, and several colleagues on the studies. The project will include a teaching component, site visits by science classes, and a new graduate-level field course for students in atmospheric sciences, forestry, engineering and agricultural sciences.

Madam Speaker, this research will create better models of air transport that will lead to better large-scale weather and climate models, reducing uncertainty in projections of carbon and energy budgets while improving the ability to predict water availability in forests. I am proud to represent Dr. Christoph Thomas and Oregon State University and wish Dr. Thomas success as he puts National Science Foundation dollars to work in the coming years.

DEAUTHORIZING PORTION OF  
POTOMAC RIVER WATER PROJECT

SPEECH OF

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5545. H.R. 5545 would deauthorize one-half of the federal navigation project width of the Potomac River, Washington Channel, District of Columbia.

This change to the width of the navigation channel will enable Washington, DC to better develop and utilize the waterfront near this channel.

To ensure that this action will not affect public safety, Committee staff checked with the Coast Guard, Navy, and Corps of Engineers. None of these agencies oppose the deauthorization of the segment of channel.

I am unaware of any controversy concerning this legislation, and I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5545.

HONORING KATHRYN WINTER OF  
NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend Kathryn Winter on the occasion of her retirement as executive director of Fair Housing Napa Valley in Napa County, California. Kathryn's leadership will be truly missed by her colleagues, the people of Napa County, and all of the organizations around Northern California that heavily relied on her immense knowledge and experience in public service.

Mrs. Winter is a native San Franciscan who graduated from Lowell High School. She received her bachelor of arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley and her masters from Stanford University. Mrs. Winter has dedicated her life to serving her community. She began her career of public service as an English instructor on the Navajo and Hopi Indian reservations, Napa Valley College and Hillsdale High School in San Mateo, California. Prior to her current position, she served honorably as a town councilmember in Yountville, California and as a Napa County supervisor. She also brought her talents to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

In her 6½ years as executive director of Fair Housing Napa Valley, she has worked tirelessly to eliminate housing discrimination and ensure equal housing opportunity for all people through leadership, education, conciliation, outreach, advocacy and enforcement. Under Kathryn's leadership, Fair Housing Napa Valley emerged as a powerhouse in the local non-profit community. She raised over \$1.8 million, expanded the program from one to five staff members, doubled caseload and tripled revenues.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize Kathryn Winter for her many years of service to Napa County, California, and to thank her for her many contributions to our community. I know she will continue to make the Napa Valley a better place during this next phase of her life. I join her husband Mick, her daughter Joanna and our colleagues in wishing her the best as she moves on to future challenges.

SUPPORTING SOCIAL SECURITY

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, as we approach the 75th anniversary of Social Security, I rise today to reaffirm its promise as an economic lifeline to millions of senior citizens and those with disabilities, and to preserve it for future generations.

More than 50 million Americans depend on Social Security benefits to make ends meet. For many, it is their only source of financial security during these tough economic times. Seniors have worked all their lives and made contributions to the Social Security program. However, we should not threaten their benefits to reduce the federal deficit and pay for the

policies of fiscal irresponsibility that President Obama inherited. Fixing this budget mess should not come at the cost of hurting Social Security beneficiaries.

Our Republican colleagues have once again advanced a proposal to partially privatize Social Security that puts the financial security and stability of America's seniors at risk. Seniors cannot afford to have their retirement security gambled away on the volatile stock market. At the same time Washington Republicans want to repeal the Wall Street reform legislation, they are pushing for a risky plan that would funnel billions of dollars of America's Social Security retirement savings to Wall Street.

Madam Speaker, we have a choice to make. We can take the path that jeopardizes the Social Security program and the benefits it provides, or we can take the road that preserves the retirement benefits that seniors have paid for, earned and need. Let's choose the right path and make sure that Social Security continues to provide seniors with the same financial stability, reliability and security as it has for the past 75 years.

HONORING THE EFFORTS OF THE  
YOUNG ARTISTS FROM THE  
WORD OF FAITH CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the students from the Word of Faith Christian School in the small rural community of Spindale, North Carolina. These students have produced an impressive collection of approximately 300 pieces of art depicting World War II and the legacy of the Holocaust. Their work has been displayed in several exhibitions in North Carolina. After reviewing the work, Michael Berenbaum, the Founding Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, stated that he "was profoundly impressed by their quality, their diversity, their integrity and their passion. I have never seen such work from students of their age."

From July 19 to July 22, these students will feature their work at the Christians United for Israel Summit, which is to be held at the Washington Convention Center. I would like to recognize these students and the Word of Faith Christian School for their tremendous artistic accomplishments, their dedication to the preservation of history, and for their unwavering support of Israel.

HONORING DENNIS CUPP

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dennis Cupp, the former Chief of Police in Moberly, Missouri, who retired after 30 years of service to the city.

Over the course of his storied career, Lieutenant Colonel Cupp has compiled an impres-

sive resume of accomplishments and accolades. Lt. Colonel Cupp has received training from a number of prestigious institutions including the Harry S. Truman Police Academy, the University of Missouri, and the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. It should also be noted that Lt. Colonel Cupp graduated from the 127 class of Police Management School, School of Police Staff & Command, which is nationally recognized.

Lt. Colonel Cupp is the regional vice president of the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. He is a member of Missouri and International Association of Chiefs of Police. He also serves the community in other ways as well. He has recently served in the role of region 4 coordinator for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lt. Colonel David Cupp for his service to the city of Moberly and the State of Missouri.

PREVENTION OF INTERSTATE  
COMMERCE IN ANIMAL CRUSH  
VIDEOS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5566, the Prevention of Interstate Commerce in Animal Crush Videos Act of 2010. This bill will ban the sale and distribution of so-called animal crush videos. In reality, they are shocking displays of animal cruelty.

This bill was introduced in response to the Supreme Court's decision in *U.S. v. Stevens* to strike down a previous law that banned these videos, as unconstitutional. The sponsor of the new bill, Congressman Gallegly, worked with law and constitutional scholars to ensure that this bill is narrowly tailored to be able to survive strict First Amendment scrutiny while still banning the sale and distribution of these horrific videos.

Additionally, for the opponents out there who incorrectly object to the bill on the grounds that it may restrict hunting and fishing rights, the bill clarifies that depictions of hunting, fishing, trapping and common animal husbandry practices are exempt.

As many of my colleagues know, I have had a lifelong love and compassion for animals of all kinds. That is why I am simply shocked at the cruelty exhibited in these videos. What upsets me more is that there is an audience out there that enjoys the brutality depicted in these videos.

I supported the original legislation that banned the depiction of animal cruelty in the 106th Congress. Today I want to strongly add my support to H.R. 5566, the Prevention of Interstate Commerce in Animal Crush Videos Act of 2010.

Mr. Speaker, it is past time that this inhumane and cruel practice is once and for all put to an end.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
MR. ANTHONY ZIELINSKI

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Mr. Anthony Zielinski, devoted and much-loved father, son, brother and friend, whose public service continues to raise the Parma community onto a platform of strength, viability, unity and opportunity.

Mr. Zielinski grew up in the City of Parma and continues to call Parma his home. He attended Parma public schools and graduated from Cleveland State University with advanced degrees. His public service reflects integrity, expertise, dedication and most importantly, it consistently reflects heart, compassion and sincere concern regarding the needs of others.

Because of his vision and leadership, Parma has resources and opportunities for residents of all ages. Mr. Zielinski served as councilman in Parma's Ward 8 neighborhood for nearly 8 years. As councilman, he served as Majority Leader and Finance Chairman, working energetically on behalf of residents and creating strong partnerships between the public and private sectors. He served on the City of Parma's Zoning Board of Appeals, and was appointed to the position of Treasurer of the City of Parma in 2005, and elected to serve another term in 2009.

His outstanding work as Treasurer is framed by integrity, expertise and dedication to protecting the public trust by making wise investments to obtain the highest return on taxpayers dollars. In addition, Mr. Zielinski has a rare ability to bring people and departments together—unifying the community for the common good—with a special commitment to the children of Parma. He led several student-government programs, and was instrumental in organizing the Leadership for Tomorrow Program, which allows every fifth grade student to experience, in person, the workings of city government. Though humble, Mr. Zielinski's volunteer efforts have been noticed by others. He was named the Parma Democrat of the Year; and was honored as the Pride Award Recipient by the Parma Chamber of Commerce.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of my friend, Mr. Anthony Zielinski. Mr. Zielinski's work and approach to city government continues to create strong bonds between residents and city hall. He is a role model as a man, a father, a son, and a friend. It is Mr. Zielinski's warmth, heart, honesty and willingness to help others that enriches and strengthens the lives of all us—his family and friends in Parma, Ohio and throughout our community.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT  
OF ROBERT F. LARK AS THE  
CHAIRPERSON OF THE MERCER  
COUNTY DEMOCRAT COMMITTEE

**HON. JASON ALTMIRE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Robert F. Lark on the

occasion of his retirement as Chairperson of the Mercer County Democrat Committee. Bob served faithfully as Chair since 1988. His 22 years at the post makes him the longest serving Chairperson in the Committee's history.

Bob comes from a family of committed public servants and knows the value of giving back to his community. His grandfather served as a Precinct Committeeman in the 1930s and 1940s and his mother was also a Precinct Committeewoman in the 1950s and 1960s.

During his time as Chairperson, Bob helped encourage the formation of the Democrat Women and Young Democrats organizations in Mercer County and was enormously successful in registering voters across western Pennsylvania.

A lifelong Democrat, Bob worked for fairness in elections and voting and was not afraid to make his voice heard if he felt that an individual of either party was engaging in misconduct. His dedication to being a responsible citizen was evident in his service to the Mercer County Democrat Committee and to Pennsylvania.

Bob's commitment to his country extended beyond his service as chairperson, however. As a teacher for 40 years, Bob prepared future generations for life beyond the classroom. His work with students through the years is equally commendable.

Bob believed that one must be judged not by the promises a person makes, but by the promises a person keeps. Madam Speaker, Bob Lark was a man who kept his promises to his fellow Democrats in Mercer County and I am pleased to honor him for his efforts.

WE CAN HELP PROGRAM

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, as we talk about the need for job creation it is critical that we remember why America needs work.

Jobs are a means to provide for individuals and families, for food and shelter, and for a sense of security and peace of mind.

But work is only half the equation—a paycheck is needed to fulfill the other.

Which is why I stand in full support of the Department of Labor's "We Can Help Program."

This public service campaign strives to educate America's workforce about employer abuses and workers' rights.

It will also add 250 investigators to the department's wage and hour division.

Efforts like this will go a long way toward recovering at least some of the \$19 billion of wages that are never paid to workers across the country every single year.

In the midst of a tough economy, it is vital that Congress do everything in its power to make sure every American who wants a job can find a job.

But we must remember that there are many already on the clock who need our help, too.

DALLAS' CHAPTER OF TOP LADIES  
OF DISTINCTION INC. CELEBRATES  
45TH SAPPHIRE ANNI-  
VERSARY

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, on June 12, 2010 the Dallas Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, TLOD, recognized their 45 years of outstanding service in the greater Dallas community. Founded in the Lone Star State of Texas, the mission of the organization is to enhance and enrich lives of youth and adults through national and community based programs and projects. The organization is comprised of 4,600 members spread among 104 chapters across the Nation, with each chapter respectively sponsoring Top Teens of America.

Top Ladies of Distinction collaborate with various organizations to help build a better community and increase awareness. To illustrate, some organizations include: Ronald McDonald Houses; National Alzheimer's Awareness; HIV/AIDS Awareness; Top Ladies of Distinction Literacy Program; and Sickle Cell Research.

At the anniversary celebration the women were graced with the presence of Mrs. Jackie Pope, Top Ladies of Distinction's National president, along with Ms. Bobbie Moorehead, Top Ladies of Distinction's fifth past National president. Also joined in the celebration was Ms. Sharon Beard, the current National recording secretary.

Top Ladies of Distinction 2010 honorees for 30 to 46 years of service included: Mrs. Nita Moorehead; Mrs. Opel Jones; and Mrs. Elinor Jackson.

Top Ladies of Distinction 2010 honorees for 25 to 29 years of service included: Mrs. Dorothy Lee; Mrs. Orvee Seward and Mrs. Harriet Tripp.

Top Ladies of Distinction 2010 honorees for 20 to 24 years of service included: Mrs. Pauline Dixon, Ms. Hertha Echols, Mrs. Orethann Price, Mrs. Martha Smith, and Mrs. Harnell Williams.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Top Ladies of Distinction on this memorable moment in the history of their organization. These Ladies represent resourceful woman power; all of whom work for the betterment to serve others.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN  
ANTHONY BRUZZONE

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of John Anthony Bruzzone, a devoted family man, member of the United States Army, successful Santa Clara County entrepreneur and a valued leader in our community. Sadly John passed away on June 30, 2010.

John, was a skilled businessman and entrepreneur, starting in 1947 with The Pied Piper Exterminators, Western Roofing Supply, and most recently Hollister Motor Sports. In 1974,

he purchased the Roberto-Sunol Adobe in San Jose, which he extensively and carefully restored. The Adobe became California State Historical Landmark No. 898 on March 18, 1977.

Always a business visionary and concerned with California's environment, John was one of the first recyclers in Santa Clara County where he operated San Jose Recycling and Diversified Recycling Services. He also operated the Italian Gardens in San Jose. He was always generous in donating his resources and time to our community.

Prior to his successful endeavors in business John was a dedicated member of our armed services serving in the Army during World War II. He fought in the Battle of Okinawa and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received during that historic battle. He helped save our country.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in sending our condolences to John Anthony Bruzzone's family and in remembering a special man who devoted his life to his family and our country.

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HONORING EDWARD KLOSTERMAN

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**HON. GEOFF DAVIS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward Klosterman, a dedicated community servant and a lifetime member of the Pewee Valley Fire Department from the Fourth District.

Ed Klosterman was born and raised in Crestwood, Kentucky along with his fourteen siblings. He attended Carroll County Vocational School and graduated from Oldham County High School in 1975.

Ed became a member of the Pewee Valley Fire Department before completing high school. As a dedicated community servant with the fire department, Ed served as a firefighter, instructor, lieutenant, training officer, fire inspector and engineer. When the Fire Department outgrew its old station Ed was pivotal in helping design the new fire station and oversaw its construction.

Ed has received numerous awards from the fire department and has been designated a lifetime member. His retirement on July 14, 2010 was also the 36th anniversary of his joining the Pewee Valley Fire Department.

Ed is the proud father of three children. His daughter Anastasia is a student at the University of Louisville Speed School. His twin sons, Alexander and Andrew followed in their father's footsteps as members of the Pewee Valley Fire Department. They have enlisted in the United States Air Force and begin their basic training this September.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Ed Klosterman and in offering him our sincerest thanks for his years of service to Pewee Valley, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the United States of America.

IN HONOR OF JUDGE CAROL  
CRAFTON ANTHONY

**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a respected and dedicated public servant. On July 18, 2010, our state lost a devoted citizen when Judge Carol Crafton Anthony, age 56, died following a lengthy struggle with leukemia.

Judge Anthony was a proud mother, a committed jurist and a loyal Arkansan. Judge Anthony built an outstanding career as a local attorney in El Dorado prior to her exceptional service overseeing six counties as a judge in the 13th Judicial Circuit's Fourth Division.

I had the honor and privilege to know Judge Anthony and I admired her passion for law and innovative approach to justice. She pioneered alternative programs for local youths and drug offenders in an effort to break the cycles of bad behavior and abuse and encouraged these offenders to live productive lives.

My thoughts and prayers go out to her husband Aubra, sons Hayes, Hunter and Clay and daughter Hollis. I know I, along with many Arkansans, will sorely miss Judge Anthony's presence and will try to find solace in the fact Judge Anthony defined what it meant to be a public servant: to leave your community better than you found it.

Today, I ask all members of Congress to join me as we honor the life of Judge Carol Crafton Anthony and her legacy.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. VERNON J. EHLERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 452 and 453, I left the floor to attend a meeting related to my duties as a member of the Aviation Subcommittee and a co-chairman of the General Aviation Caucus.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" and "yes."

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TRIBUTE TO LYNETTE ELIZABETH  
HOFFMAN MILLER

**HON. MIKE PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of a dear friend to the community of Sellersburg, Indiana.

Lynette Elizabeth Hoffman-Miller was a devoted wife, loving mother, and courageous warrior in her battle against leukemia. Though the pain of her passing is deeply felt, we will continue to be inspired by the life she led.

Lynette was born on March 20, 1972 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Bill and Elizabeth Hoffman. A graduate of Mayfield High School in Las Cruces, Lynette went on to receive her bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University.

Lynette later moved to Sellersburg, Indiana, where she would become an active leader and vital asset to the Hoosier state. She served as the first Vice President of the Indiana Federation of Republican Women, where she excelled in her mission to support Republican principles and promote community service.

A longtime advocate of healthy living, Lynette spent many hours promoting nutrition, exercise, and complementary medicine on her blog. She was very fond of time spent with her mother and sister attending wellness conventions.

Her strong faith helped her and her family through her difficult battle against leukemia. Lynette served on the board of directors of St. Joe on the Hill Catholic Church in Sellersburg. She also taught Sunday school and relished time spent with her family and friends.

One of Lynette's favorite hobbies was to create unique and thoughtful greeting cards and stamps for her friends and loved ones. She was an avid fan of singer Toby Keith and loved the color green.

We have lost an important figure in the Sellersburg community, but I know that Lynette's legacy will not soon be forgotten. Let us keep her cherished family and friends in our prayers during this difficult time, especially her husband Chuck Miller, daughter Cambrelyn, parents Bill and Elizabeth Hoffman, sister Trinetta (Jason) Dixon, paternal grandmother Ann Hoffman, and father and mother-in-law Dr. Robert and Lois Miller.

May they find comfort in the Old Book, which tells us that "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning."

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SAFER OIL AND NATURAL GAS  
DRILLING TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH  
AND DEVELOPMENT  
ACT

**HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. DOYLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Safer Oil and Natural Gas Drilling Technology Research and Development Act.

The Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill has highlighted the pressing need for research on technology to make deepwater drilling for oil and natural gas safer and cleaner.

While the investigations into the causes of the disaster are still ongoing, the disaster has already made Congress and the public aware of the significant shortcomings in much of the oil industry's current deepwater drilling technology—most notably its blowout preventers.

This legislation refocuses the Department of Energy's deepwater drilling research to place higher priority on research on technology that will increase the safety and reliability of deepwater drilling technology in the years to come—and rightly so.

The National Energy Technology Laboratories facility in southwestern Pennsylvania has been the Department of Energy's leader in research on ultra-deepwater drilling for oil and natural gas for many years. NETL has a talented staff with unparalleled expertise and a long and successful record of research

projects to improve the safety and efficiency of fossil fuel production technologies like deep-water drilling. It only makes sense that this legislation preserves the National Energy Technology Laboratories' role in conducting research on a subject on which they have so much knowledge and experience.

I am pleased that Chairman GORDON has confirmed that it is the Committee's intention that the National Energy Technology Laboratories will continue their important work on deepwater drilling research under the Safer Oil and Natural Gas Drilling Technology Research program addressed in this legislation.

I commend the Chairman, Ranking Member, and members of the Committee for drafting legislation to shift the focus of the Department of Energy's deepwater drilling research to prioritize safety and environmental protection. It's clear from the Deepwater Horizon tragedy that there's a pressing need to dedicate more resources to this important goal.

**COST ESTIMATE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE FOR THE BILL H.R. 5503**

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI, *Speaker of the House, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Please find enclosed the cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office for the bill H.R. 5503, the "Securing Protections for the Injured from Limitations on Liability Act." This cost estimate was not made available at the time the Committee Report (111-521, Part 1) was filed on June 30, 2010. The Committee respectively requests that this cost estimate be printed in the Congressional Record.

Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Sincerely,

JOHN CONYERS, JR.,  
*Chairman.*

Enclosure.

*H.R. 5503—Securing Protections for the Injured from Limitations on Liability Act*

H.R. 5503 would amend several laws related to private liability that apply to injury or death incurred by workers on ocean-going vessels or on certain other facilities located in the ocean. The act also would amend the bankruptcy code to require any purchaser of a bankrupt company to pay any obligations of the firm that stem from damages caused by an oil spill. CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

Enacting H.R. 5503 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

The act would expand both the Death on the High Seas Act (DOHSA) and the Jones Act to enable the surviving family members of a deceased worker to receive monetary compensation for nonmonetary damages as a result of the death of a relative on an ocean-going vessel or certain other facilities located in the ocean (such as oil-drilling rigs). H.R. 5503 also would extend the distance from shore that would make ships subject to the provisions of DOHSA, and it would repeal the Limitation of Liability Act, a law that limits the value of certain damages that can

be charged to vessel owners. H.R. 5503 also would allow state attorneys general to bring suit for remedial action under the Class Action Fairness Act. Because those provisions would affect the liability of private firms, CBO estimates that enacting them would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

H.R. 5503 would amend the bankruptcy code to require any purchaser of a bankrupt company with obligations related to an oil spill to pay those obligations that are owed to victims of the oil spill. Based on information from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AOUSC), CBO estimates that this provision would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

HR. 5503 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

By making unenforceable agreements that restrict individuals from disseminating information regarding the discharge of oil or other contaminants into waters off the shore of the United States, the act would impose a private-sector mandate as defined in UMRA. The legislation would limit the ability of parties connected with such spills to prevent their employees, or others with whom they have agreements, from providing information about matters related to a spill. CBO estimates that the aggregate direct cost of the mandate would fall below the annual threshold established in UMRA for the private sector (\$141 million, in 2010, adjusted annually for inflation).

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Sarah Puro (for maritime issues), Martin von Gnechten (for bankruptcy), and Marin Randall (for the private-sector impact). The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

**HONORING ROBERT EDWARD STEINHAEUER OF NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Robert Steinhauer, who is being honored as the Napa County Farm Bureau's 2010 Agriculturalist of the Year.

Mr. Steinhauer and his family have a long and storied history in California agriculture. He first found his way to the Napa Valley in 1971, serving as Vineyard Manager for Napa Valley Vineyard Company. In 1979, he joined Beringer Blass Wine Estates and served as senior vice president of vineyard operations for over 25 years. During his tenure, he was responsible for farming operations on over 10,400 acres of vineyards in five counties. He also managed grape purchases from over 400 growers for one of the Napa Valley's legendary wine companies. Today he is president and part owner of Wineland Consulting and is still a farmer; he owns 20 acres of raisin vineyards in Fresno.

Mr. Steinhauer's 2010 Agriculturalist of the Year Award is one of many he has earned during his distinguished career. He was the recipient of the 1983 Foremost McKesson California Vintner Award, 1978 Fresno State Viticulture Alumni Award, Copia 2004 Winegrower of the Year Award, 2005 Wine Integrity Award

and the 2008 Merit Award from the American Society for Enology and Viticulture.

Robert is known as one of the kindest and most generous people in the industry. His legacy will be carried on by his daughter Anne, who continues the family agricultural tradition with the Napa Valley Vintners Association. This honor is long overdue and I am fortunate to be able to call Mr. Steinhauer a friend.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize my dear friend Robert Steinhauer for his countless contributions to California agriculture. The Napa Valley and the entire agricultural community owe him an enormous debt of gratitude. He is a true giant in the industry. I join his wife Verna, daughter Anne and son Erik in wishing him continued success and fulfillment.

**CONGRATULATING BUGEYE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bugeye Technologies, Inc., located in Pacific Missouri, for their efforts in upgrading the AS9100 Quality Management System Registration. Bugeye Technologies is a leading provider of replicated hardware for the simulation industry, and produces flight controls, visual display systems and simulated cockpits for military applications.

Bugeye Technologies recent upgrade will increase productivity and enhance their competitive position in the global marketplace. This upgrade will also benefit the Ninth Congressional district and Missouri by spurring local economic development by creating and sustaining manufacturing jobs.

I would like to take this time to commend Bugeye Technologies for all their hard work, and I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Bugeye Technologies, Inc., for a job well done.

**LETTER FROM PAUL DEBRI, OF GRAND RAPIDS, MI**

**HON. VERNON J. EHLERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, I recently received a letter from a constituent, Mr. Paul Debré, who expressed concerns about the welfare of our country. In particular, Mr. Debré decried a lack of responsibility accepted by Members of Congress, and conveyed his anxiety over partisanship. Mr. Debré's letter offered a sobering perspective of how our daily actions in Washington are viewed by the people we are elected to represent.

Of note, the correspondence which I received included a copy of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD (Cong. Rec. 1 Sept. 1950: A6328) from Friday, September 1, 1950 and the extended remarks of my predecessor, the Honorable Gerald R. Ford, Jr. The attitude toward Congress expressed by Mr. Debré was shared by his grandfather, Mr. Irwin Koropas, who

wrote then to Representative Ford with similar reservations and a challenge to share those sentiments with the Congress, which Representative Ford did.

I share Mr. Debris' concerns about the lack of civility and personal responsibility in Congress. Throughout my seventeen years in Washington, I have strived to follow the call of Micah 6:8 "to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Mr. Debris' letter is a good reminder of the humility and civility needed in Congress. I have also sought to follow the advice of Edmund Burke, a noted British parliamentarian, who said "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing."

For the edification of my colleagues, Mr. Debris' letter is below:

*Grand Rapids, MI, May 31, 2010.*

REPRESENTATIVE EHLERS, I have just returned home on this stormy Memorial Day morning after spending time with a member of my family. While driving home I realized that I needed to voice my concern with you over the welfare of our country. More specifically on the ineptness of the Legislative Branch to work in harmony with one another to strengthen and unite this country.

Yes, I have voted for you in past elections and consider myself a Republican, but I have also voted for Democrats on more than one occasion. What is so special about this country is that I have the right to choose the men and women that are sent to Washington D.C. Unfortunately, after the polls close and the elected officials, Republican or Democrat, take their oath they seem to serve only one person. That person being themselves.

It seems as though not a day goes by when a politician is in the news double talking their way around a simple question, pushing blame off to another person or political party, or making promises to the American people by saying one thing and not even doing anything to resolve the issue. When asked a question, give a straight forward answer. When confronted with wrong doing, take responsibility. Don't blame others. When making promises, act with integrity and accomplish what you set forth to do with no complaints.

Included is a copy of a letter from Mr. Irwin Koropas to former Representative Gerald R. Ford back in 1950. Mr. Koropas was concerned with the inability of Congress to work together by getting off their proverbial high horse to preserve this great country. Sadly, the same concern holds true today. Sixty years have passed and Congress still does not understand what the American people want. Do what you were elected to do...work for the American people, not yourself.

Mr. Irwin Koropas served his country proudly. He loved his wife and daughter and modeled examples of honesty, respect, and patriotism to his three grandchildren. The good Lord called him home some years ago, but he is never forgotten. Every Memorial Day I visit him. I visit my grandpa. I will never be embarrassed to be an American or to call this great land home. However, I am embarrassed by the elected politicians serving in the nation's capital. Who will be the first politician to put aside political partisanship and honestly and faithfully put the needs of Americans ahead of their own personal agenda?

I'll close this letter with the words my grandpa wrote to then Representative Ford sixty years ago. Representative Ehlers, "Please read this to Congress if you got the guts, which I think you have."

Respectfully,

PAUL DEBRI,  
*Grand Rapids, MI.*

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor the legislative week of Monday, July 19, 2010.

For Monday, July 19, 2010, had I been present I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 448 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1472); "aye" on rollcall vote No. 449 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 126); and "aye" on rollcall vote No. 450 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1219).

#### REGARDING THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today on the occasion of the 36th anniversary of Turkey's invasion of the island of Cyprus to honor the memory of the nearly 5,000 Cypriots who lost their lives during the invasion and to remember the 200,000 Cypriots who were forcibly removed from their homes and the nearly 1,500 Cypriots who are still missing to this day.

A deep respect for freedom, human rights and the rule of law unite the people of Cyprus and the United States. We must draw upon these common values and democratic vision as we work together toward a peaceful and prosperous future for the people of Cyprus.

All Cypriots deserve a united island that fulfills the promise of peace and democracy for which a generation has paid so dearly. The United States stands with the people of Cyprus as they work to achieve a bi-communal and bi-zonal reunification under a single sovereignty with respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms for all Cypriots.

Now that the elections are over, the U.S. joins other nations in encouraging President Christofias and Turkish Cypriot Leader Eroglu to resume their efforts to find a peaceful resolution to the conflict that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

#### RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF ALBERT OWENS

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the wonderful life and accomplishments of Albert Owens with sadness as I mourn his passing. Mr. Owens, one of the first African-Americans to leave his indelible mark on the entertainment industry, recently passed away due to illness at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City. He was sixty-one years of age.

Albert began his career as a founding member of the Charles Unicycle Riders. He gained

national recognition in 1965, after appearing as a guest on the hit television show "I've Got a Secret." Albert and his group eventually became the Ringling Bros. first African-American troupe, changing their name to the 'King Charles Troupe.' He also performed acts with the Barnum & Bailey Circus among many others, and reached a new level of national fame.

Yet, Albert's roots remained grounded as his determination to assist his hometown never wavered. When not traveling and performing, he was a devoted family man who returned home to his Bronx community to continue his work as a volunteer. Albert worked tirelessly to counsel the city's youth with the YMCA, using the unicycle as a tool to engage young people and help them build stronger character. He mentored the next generation up until his passing, never swaying from his resolve to provide the blueprint for success which they can all follow.

Albert Owens was a man of devotion with a commitment to service. Despite his well-earned fame and his standing within the entertainment industry, he always put the needs of his community and the hopes and dreams of others before his own. Albert was a man of many talents and friends. I am honored to say that he was a friend to the city of New York.

#### RECOGNIZING THE WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES IN THE HORSE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

### HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. CHANDLER. Madam Speaker, the Bluegrass Region of Central Kentucky is one of the most picturesque spots in our country. Central Kentucky has miles of rolling fields of pasture partitioned with plank fencing. These fields and farms house some of the most spectacular athletes on the planet—horses—giving our region its name: the Horse Capital of the World. And in a few short weeks, the world is coming to see it.

For the first time since its start in 1990, the World Equestrian Games are coming to America and more specifically, to the Kentucky Horse Park. Lexington will take its place alongside other host cities to showcase the magnificence of the horse. Lexington and Central Kentucky will be on an international platform that in the past has included Stockholm, The Hague, Rome, Jerez in Spain and Aachen, Germany.

For 16 days, visitors and spectators from every state in the union and more than 50 other countries will see championship level competition in dressage, eventing, endurance, driving, reining, vaulting, jumping, and para-dressage marking. And, for the first time, all eight competitions will be held at a single venue.

Truly this event will benefit the region and one of Kentucky's signature industries. In addition to an economic impact of millions, hundreds of members of the media from 40 or more countries will attend this event. Televised coverage of this event will represent the largest major network broadcast of equestrian sport in U.S. television history and presents a tremendous opportunity to portray the scenic beauty of Central Kentucky in a manner that may never be rivaled again.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing that the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games will make the people of my district special ambassadors of good will by bringing the focus of international equestrian sport to what truly will be the Horse Capital of the World.

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HONORING JIM RINGLAND

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jim Ringland of Holts Summit, MO, who received the Silver Order of Saint Philip of Neri Award for his service in the United States Special Forces. Mr. Ringland served in the Special Forces for 26 years and has been a member of the Special Forces Association for 40 years.

The award is presented to those who are "selfless, superb teachers and inspirational leaders", the qualities of an ideal Special Forces soldier. Mr. Ringland received this honor due in large part to his exemplary performance as a teacher in the Green Berets, where he trained soldiers in areas such as psychological warfare, survival, and unconventional warfare. The Silver Order of Saint Philip of Neri Award has only been given to 10 people before Mr. Ringland.

Our country has been blessed to have citizens who have selflessly volunteered to defend our nation and freedom. They are the reason why we are the strongest nation on Earth, and the reason we stand today with freedom unparalleled across the globe. Without our nation's veterans and military men and women, and men like Jim Ringland, we would not have the rights and privileges that we as Americans enjoy today.

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HONORING THE SERVICE OF DR. GREG MATHIS, SENIOR PASTOR AT MUD CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH IN HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and accomplishments of Dr. Greg T. Mathis, Senior Pastor of Mud Creek Baptist Church of Hendersonville, North Carolina. This year, as Dr. Mathis celebrates his 30th year at Mud Creek Baptist Church, I am proud to pay tribute to his remarkable career of faith, strength, and the desire to live a fulfilling life helping others.

Serving as Senior Pastor since 1980, Dr. Mathis and his wife Deborah have helped build Mud Creek Baptist Church into a nationally recognized place of worship, with an average weekly attendance of 2700. Mud Creek Baptist Church was recently identified in a book entitled "Excellent Protestant Congregations," as an excellent place to worship in America.

Dr. Mathis's good work does not stop at his own church. He regularly preaches at revivals,

Bible conferences, and seminars throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. He has served as the President of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the North Carolina Pastors' Conference and as a member of the Executive, Resolutions, and Budget Committees of the Southern Baptist Convention. He was named as one of the most influential people in Baptist life by The Biblical Recorder, and was presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award by Governor James B. Hunt for his service to the state of North Carolina.

Dr. Mathis graduated from Gardner-Webb College in 1977 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and went on to graduate from the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1980 with a Master of Divinity Degree. He has been recognized with two Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degrees from Gardner-Webb University in 2001 and North Greenville University in 2010. He is a published author with several well known books, including Five Smooth Stones and The Ultimate Life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the impressive life and career of Dr. Greg T. Mathis. It is an honor for me to recognize his accomplishments and the profound impact he has on the religious life of countless Western North Carolinians, and to wish him continued success in future years.

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THE OIL POLLUTION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION (H.R. 2693) AND THE SAFER OIL AND NATURAL GAS DRILLING TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (H.R. 5716)

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of today's oil spill legislation as part of Congress' comprehensive response to the Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf.

The Oil Pollution Research and Development Program Reauthorization (H.R. 2693) will provide badly needed additional resources for oil spill research and development, as well as streamline the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Oil Pollution Research currently responsible for the nation's federally funded oil spill pollution R&D. Additionally, the Safer Oil and Natural Gas Drilling Technology Research and Development Program (H.R. 5716) will ensure that the federal government's existing R&D program for deepwater drilling is as focused on accident prevention, worker safety and environmental impact mitigation as it is on resource recovery.

While relatively modest in scope, these two initiatives will bring a more appropriate balance to federal policy with respect to deepwater drilling, help reduce the risk of future deepwater accidents, and improve our ability to respond to those accidents should they occur again.

I urge a yes vote.

RECOGNIZING THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INVASION OF CYPRUS AND COMMENDING EFFORTS TO REACH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT LEADING TO THE REUNIFICATION OF CYPRUS

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, this past weekend marked the 36th anniversary of the invasion of Cyprus by Turkish forces. During the war, approximately 5,000 Cypriots were killed and close to 200,000 Greek Cypriots were forcibly removed from their homes. This anniversary also marks another year in which Cyprus is divided between north and south and between the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot communities.

However, despite 36 years of division in Cyprus, I remain hopeful about reaching a just and lasting settlement. Following his election in February 2008, President Demetris Christofias followed through on his commitment to make the solution of the Cyprus problem his top priority. In September of that year, he embarked on full-fledged negotiations with Mehmet Talat, who was at the time the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community. I am encouraged that these negotiations are continuing under the new Turkish Cypriot leader Dervis Eroglu.

The ongoing talks aim at reaching a comprehensive settlement for the Cyprus problem with the goal of achieving the unification of Cyprus based on a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation and political equality, as set out in the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions. The agreement should also lead to a single sovereignty, single citizenship and single international personality for Cyprus.

The House of Representatives has voiced its strong support for comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus issue. On October 9, 2007, the House passed House Resolution 405, which expressed its support for the immediate implementation of the U.N.-brokered July 8, 2006 agreement as the way forward to prepare for new comprehensive negotiations leading to the reunification of Cyprus within a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation. In addition, the resolution called upon the United States Government to fully support the immediate implementation of this agreement in its entirety.

There are still many difficult issues that need to be resolved before a comprehensive agreement to the Cyprus problem can be achieved. Turkey, which continues to deploy 43,000 troops in Cyprus, is critical to reaching such an agreement. I urge Turkey to work constructively with the Cypriots in support of a negotiated settlement and the peaceful reunification of the island.

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OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,245,998,461,216.30.

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 \$2,607,572,715.50 so far this Congress.

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

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 22, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 27

- 9 a.m.  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Investigations Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine social security disability fraud, focusing on case studies in Federal employees and commercial drivers licenses. SD-342
- 10 a.m.  
Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine considering Afghanistan's reconciliation options. SD-419
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship  
To hold hearings to examine the deep-water drilling moratorium. SD-106

- 2:15 p.m.  
Foreign Relations  
Business meeting to consider the nominations of Peter Michael McKinley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, Rose M. Likins, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, Christopher W. Murray, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, Mark Charles Storella, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia, James Frederick Entwistle, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eric D. Benjaminson, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional com-

penensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Phillip Carter III, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, J. Thomas Dougherty, of Wyoming, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, Michael S. Owen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, and Laurence D. Wohlers, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, all of the Department of State, Mark Feierstein, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Mimi E. Alemayehou, Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation. S-116, Capitol

Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alejandro Daniel Wolff, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, and Larry Leon Palmer, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, both of the Department of State. SD-419

2:30 p.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine consumer online privacy. SR-253

Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine Exxon Valdez to Deepwater Horizon, focusing on protecting victims of major oil spills. SD-226

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine high-risk logistics planning, focusing on progress on improving Department of Defense supply chain management. SR-418

Environment and Public Works  
Water and Wildlife Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine assessing natural resource damages resulting from the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster. SD-406

Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219

JULY 28

Time to be announced  
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Business meeting to consider H.R. 5610, to provide a technical adjustment with respect to funding for independent living centers under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in order to ensure stability for such centers, and any pending nominations. Room to be announced

10 a.m.  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-342

Judiciary  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation. SD-226

Rules and Administration  
To resume hearings to examine the filibuster, focusing on legislative proposals to change Senate procedures. SR-301

2:30 p.m.  
Environment and Public Works  
To hold hearings to examine protecting America's water treatment facilities. SD-406

Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine certain nominations. SD-226

3 p.m.  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration Subcommittee  
Disaster Recovery Subcommittee  
To hold joint hearings to examine flood preparedness and mitigation, focusing on map modernization, levee inspection, and levee repairs. SD-342

JULY 29

9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
To hold hearings to examine the new START. SD-G50

2:30 p.m.  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine closing the language gap, focusing on improving the Federal government's foreign language capabilities. SD-342

Judiciary  
Terrorism and Homeland Security Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the passport issuance process, focusing on closing the door to fraud, part II. SD-226

AUGUST 5

9:30 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SR-418

SEPTEMBER 22

9:30 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine a legislative presentation focusing on the American Legion. 345, Cannon Building

SEPTEMBER 23

9:30 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold an oversight hearing to examine Veterans' Affairs disability compensation, focusing on presumptive disability decision-making. SR-418