

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ILLINOIS STATE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS COMMANDER WILLIAM M. WOLFF

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. ROSKAM. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise today in recognition of the long and noble service of Illinois State Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander William M. Wolff. Commander Wolff began his loyal service to our country as a tank driver in the U.S. Army in Vietnam with the First Squadron, Fourth Armored Cavalry/First Infantry Division.

Commander Wolff was awarded several medals including the Purple Heart. He became a Charter Member of the Bloomingdale, Illinois VFW Post 7539 in 1991, and would earn the status of All-American Post Commander and All-State Post Commander.

To this day, Commander Wolff is extremely active in the community. He currently serves as the Chairperson for the Bloomingdale Septemberfest Commission, and he is a member of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association, the West Suburban Fire Fighters Association, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Lions Club.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in honoring his extraordinary commitment to our nation, and recognizing his celebration that will take place on August 14th.

HONORING THE LATE SENATOR
PAUL DOUGLAS COVERDELL

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the Late Senator from Georgia, Paul D. Coverdell, who died 10 years ago last Sunday.

I considered Paul a dear friend and continue to hold his wife Nancy, who is a constituent of mine, in high regard.

One thing about Paul is that one may have agreed or disagreed with him but one always respected his energy level, his knowledge of the issue, and the way he was so focused on attacking problems.

I first learned about Paul Coverdell in 1974 when my mother sent me a clipping from the Atlanta Journal & Constitution titled "The Gospel According to Paul." In it, I read of a young guy running an unconventional campaign for the State Senate in Atlanta. Rather than just working the good old boys barbecue circuit and going to the back-room power brokers, Paul went directly to the voters. He stood on the side of the road waving signs and knocking on doors. He went directly to the unnamed and untitled citizens to say, "I am Paul Cover-

dell. I would like to be Georgia's next senator. Here is where I stand. Do you have any questions?"

Over the next several decades, Paul's hard work brought him through the ranks. He eventually became one of the most well-connected and influential members of the United States Senate but he never forgot the common man for whom he came to Washington to fight.

Throughout his career, Paul's energy left all who met him in awe.

When Paul was first elected to the Georgia State Senate, he was one of just three Republicans in the body. When I joined the General Assembly just over a decade later, there were only nine. Paul quickly rose through the ranks and became the Senate Republican Leader. Despite the numerical odds against him, Paul refused to be shut out of the arena of ideas.

At that time, Governor Joe Frank Harris introduced a number of bills dealing with DUI laws. The conventional wisdom was that each time you increased the penalty, the number of offenders would go down but Paul bucked the conventional wisdom.

Knowing that a lot of the offenders were addicted to alcohol, Paul introduced and got passed legislation that created a component of mandatory assessment to see if they were addicted. If so, Paul's bill provided a requirement that they seek treatment.

As the eleventh Director of the Peace Corps, Paul promoted farming in Third World countries, economic growth and development, and medical help. Indeed, he saw the formula for world prosperity meant world peace and it was great and important for the United States of America to be leading the way. As Director, Paul sent the first Peace Corps volunteers to Eastern Europe after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Paul went into the most difficult and remote places and countries and said, "How can we help with health care? Are there better farming techniques out there? Is there a way to get cleaner water? What can we do for the children?"

Paul also knew the value of bringing the world to America. That's why he created the "World Wise Schools" program which connected classrooms in the United States with Peace Corps volunteers around the world. During his tenure as Director, 5,000 classrooms nationwide benefitted from the program.

I remember hosting a coffee in my living room for Paul during his campaign for United States Senate. In the middle of a detailed discussion, my daughter Ann who was four years old at the time came running into the living room and crashed through the circle of adults listening to a very dignified U.S. senatorial candidate. She had been playing out in the backyard with all the other children, and she said, "Mom and Dad, I feel of the slide, and I hurt my heinie and all the other kids are laughing at me."

The room full of grown-ups fell silent; and all eyes went to the little girl who was at the foot of this soon-to-be U.S. Senator, a very dignified and somewhat sophisticated man and a tad old-fashioned in his mannerisms, and he

looked down at her and smiled. It said it all. Everything was fine, and the little girl got herself back together and ran back out to the yard with the rest of the kids.

Madam Speaker, that was the grace and charm of Paul Coverdell. Here is a man with a world view but who could look at a 4-year-old girl and say, "everything is okay." That is what made Paul Coverdell special. It was the "Coverdell Dignity" and Paul carried that dignity and that gentlemanly manner with him everywhere he went.

As a United States Senator, Paul fought tirelessly for Georgia's veterans and for our military bases especially Fort Stewart in my district. He was also an amazing advocate for agriculture—the backbone of Georgia's economy. In my South Georgia district, many farmers referred to him lovingly as "Senator Cloverdale."

Madam Speaker, Paul Coverdell had the uncanny ability to not just have an opinion on every issue but to have a thought, an idea and a consequential action. He was a man of action.

I learned a lot from Senator Paul Coverdell. One thing I learned, although he was one of the fiercest Republicans I've ever known, Paul showed everyone by instruction to never put politics over policy.

I remember being a young member of the General Assembly when then-State Senator Julian Bond stepped down to run for the congressional seat now held by the gentleman from Georgia, Mr. LEWIS. Paul Coverdell was one of the men in the Georgia Senate who stood up and gave a great farewell speech for Mr. Bond.

I remember watching that and saying, "here is a liberal Democrat and the conservative Republican leader of the State. What is he doing?" I knew there was a lesson to be had. Bipartisanship and civility is important and you should never let politics rule over policy.

A week before he died, Paul called me at home on a Sunday. We had an issue in my district with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and we kind of got off path. He said, "Jack, I think we are a little out of synch here. I just want to make sure that you and I are okay on this."

That was typical Coverdell. I think so many of us, including me, would have said, "Alright, you are way off base. I am right and you are wrong." Not Paul, he made it so that it was just so easy to get along.

In closing, I want to say one last thing about Nancy Coverdell—the love of Paul's life. Paul spoke to me about Nancy often. He bragged on how much better she was than him with real estate. It is a rare man who really privately, one-on-one, takes the time to brag about his wife to another man. It is a sign of a great marriage, a great husband and true love. I have the honor of representing Nancy in Congress and I truly appreciate her sharing Paul's life with me, the State of Georgia and our great Nation.

Paul Coverdell was a good Republican, a great strategist, a great ideas man. He had a

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world view, unmatched civility and integrity and was a great organizer. He was energetic, a great communicator and a loyalist. In short, Paul Coverdell was a statesman and someone whose example I try to follow to this day.

COMMEMORATING UNITED STATES
MARINE CORPORAL LARRY D.
HARRIS, JR.

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a hero: United States Marine Corporal Larry D. Harris, Jr. of Thornton, Colorado.

Corporal Harris, a Marine Corps veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, graduated in 2003 from Boulder High School where he played football and ran track. He loved being an infantry Marine on the front line.

Corporal Larry Harris displayed heroism and service to others—both overseas and at home. He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for helping civilians severely injured in an automobile accident near Camp Pendleton.

On July 1, 2010, while on patrol in Helmand Province Afghanistan, another Marine was shot in the leg. Picking up his fellow wounded Marine to carry him to safety Corporal Harris tripped an explosive device, absorbing the blast. Though he died in the explosion, his efforts saved the life of the wounded Marine.

Corporal Harris is a shining example of United States Marine Corps service and sacrifice. As a Marine Corps veteran, my deepest sympathies go out to his family and to all who knew him.

THE 36TH YEAR OF ILLEGAL
TURKISH OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, this week, once again, we commemorate the tragic 36th anniversary of the 1974 illegal Turkish invasion of Cyprus. Thirty-six years later, Turkey continues forcibly to occupy more than one-third of Cyprus with more than 43,000 troops. This amounts to almost one Turkish soldier for every two Turkish Cypriots. It is time for Turkey to withdraw its troops from Cyprus so that the island can move forward as one nation.

I am honored to represent Astoria, Queens—one of the largest and most vibrant communities of Greek and Cypriot Americans in this country. I truly enjoy participating in the life of this community and treasure the wonderful and vital Cypriot friends that I have come to know. Cyprus has long been a key partner for the United States, and our friendship rests on the bedrock of shared democratic values.

As co-chair and co-founder of the Congressional Hellenic Caucus, I have worked diligently with my colleagues in the Caucus out of our mutual concern for the continued division and occupation of Cyprus. We have 158 mem-

bers today, one of the largest caucuses in Congress.

Cyprus is playing a vital role in European affairs while also strengthening relations with the United States. It has joined with us on issues important to our own security, including the fight against terrorism and other international crimes. Ending the island's tragic division will pave the way to prosperity and peace throughout the entire region.

Last year, I was joined by Hellenic Caucus co-chair Representative GUS BILIRAKIS in urging our colleagues to sign a letter to President Obama thanking him for his vocal support of a unified Cyprus and urging the United States' continued support for a solution to the Cyprus problem that is by Cypriots, for Cypriots.

To date, Turkey has repeatedly ignored all U.N. Resolutions pertaining to Cyprus and has continued to occupy the island in complete violation of international law. Turkey has continued to do so despite the fact that it has been a member of the U.N. Security Council since January 2009. Turkey has also refused to abide by the Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights in numerous cases, thereby continuing to violate the basic human rights of the Cypriot people. This is an outrage.

The current negotiations aim at reaching a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem based on a bizonal, bicommunal federation with political equality, as defined in the relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions, with a single sovereignty, single citizenship and single international personality. The solution must reunite the island, its people, its institutions and its economy and safeguard the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all Cypriots and the withdrawal of Turkish occupation forces from Cyprus.

The United States and the international community must continue to provide support to this process. The people of Cyprus deserve a unified and democratic country, and I remain hopeful that a peaceful settlement will be found so that the division of Cyprus will come to an end.

HONORING CAROL E. SCHATZ FOR
TWO DECADES OF SERVICE TO
THE CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIA-
TION OF LOS ANGELES

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Carol E. Schatz, on the occasion of her 20th anniversary with the Central City Association (CCA) of Los Angeles in the 34th Congressional District.

During her tenure with the association, I have had the pleasure of working closely with Carol in our joint efforts to revitalize Downtown Los Angeles.

Carol started her career with the CCA in 1990 as the Director of Legislative Affairs. Five years later, she became the association's President & CEO—the first woman in the association's history to hold this leadership position.

Established in 1924 as an advocacy organization for businesses, the CCA represents more than 450 member businesses and orga-

nizations, many of which are located or have business interests in the Downtown area. In 1997, Carol's vision led to the creation of the Downtown Center Business Improvement District (DCBID). As the DCBID's President & CEO, Carol's leadership has been instrumental in the district's growth to include more than 2,200 parcels and 1,200 property owners located in the 65-block Central Business District of Downtown Los Angeles. Today, this influential business district is among the largest of its kind in Los Angeles County.

Revenue generated from property tax assessments within the district pay for more than 140 employees to provide security, cleaning and other services in the area. The district also promotes business retention and recruitment, acts as a housing resource to potential residents and developers, and carries out a Downtown marketing program that includes special events, promotional offers, advertising campaigns and other public relations efforts. With a budget of more than \$6 million, the DCBID has made Downtown safe and clean and provided a catalyst to bring incredible new residential and commercial investment to Downtown Los Angeles.

Under Carol's dual leadership, the Downtown Center Business Improvement District working in conjunction with the Central City Association of Los Angeles operate under a shared mission—to enhance the quality of life in Downtown.

Under Carol's direction, CCA created the "Downtown Development Strategy" as an updated supplement to the 1985 Downtown Strategic Plan. The plan includes all aspects of a revitalized Downtown, from the creation of mixed-use/mixed-income projects to new transportation amenities. Carol was also instrumental in initiating the Figueroa Corridor Plan and the reauthorization of the Civic Center Authority, which led to the Civic Center Master Plan.

In one of her most significant achievements, Carol utilized the full force of the association's lobbying muscle to win a legislative victory key to the Downtown Los Angeles Renaissance. Passed in 1999 by the Los Angeles City Council, the Adaptive Reuse Ordinance championed by the association is widely credited for allowing developers to convert empty office buildings to housing. As a result of this property use conversion, Downtown today boasts more than 16,000 new residential units, a 141 percent increase since 1991. In addition, Downtown has experienced a dramatic population increase of residents from 19,000 in 1991 to 43,000 today.

Tapping into this expanded pool of customers, the number of Downtown businesses has also increased, from 11,725 in 1991 to 17,028 today, including 180 new restaurants, bars, and nightclubs that have made Downtown Los Angeles an entertainment and dining destination.

Carol embraces a vision of Downtown as a place where professionals live and work and families come to have fun. Her tenacious advocacy was instrumental in bringing the Staples Center to Downtown—the proud home of the Los Angeles Lakers, Clippers, Sparks, and Kings. Carol was also a strong proponent of the creation of LA Live, which has become one of the most vibrant centers for urban nightlife in the nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in thanking Carol E. Schatz on

her 20 years of exceptional service to the Central City Association of Los Angeles. Through her tireless leadership and her skillful ability to work hand-in-hand with local, state, and federal officials, Carol has made a tremendous contribution on behalf of the Downtown business community, and I look forward to continuing to work with her to realize our shared dream for a thriving and prosperous Downtown for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH
ANNIVERSARY OF LOGAN CENTER

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the 60th anniversary of Logan Center in South Bend, Indiana. Since 1950, Logan Center has been a leader in north central Indiana's community in supporting individuals with disabilities.

Americans with developmental or physical disabilities and their families face particularly daunting challenges to maintain health, independence, and quality of life. For the past 60 years, Logan Center has helped these individuals and their families achieve full, successful lives. They provide services such as vocational training and community outings for adults and speech, physical, and occupational therapy for children. The Center also runs Best Buddies, which pairs individuals with disabilities with students from local colleges, forming bonds between individuals across the community.

Additionally, this August, Logan Center will host their 7th annual Logan's Run, a local race and fun walk to raise awareness and benefit those with developmental disabilities.

Logan Center is a well respected organization with the proven ability to improve and change lives, and I am proud of their continued support of our local community for the past 60 years, with many more to come in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010 PACIFIC
REGION YOUTH OF THE YEAR
RECIPIENT, ROMONIA DIXON

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Romonia Dixon of Tempe, the recipient of the 2010 Pacific Youth of the Year Award. This national award, granted by the Boys and Girls Club of America, recognizes Mona's academic excellence and outstanding contributions to her school and community despite personal challenges and obstacles.

For much of her life, Romonia has been moving with her family to different cities and homeless shelters—often times getting separated from her family to ensure each person had a safe haven for the night. Romonia reached out to the Boys and Girls Club-Ladmo Branch five years ago for stability and support and has since become a beacon of inspiration and motivation for younger members.

This remarkable young woman has taken every opportunity to teach the importance of being a conscientious, caring and productive member of society. Romonia participates in the Keystone Club, a leadership and service group for teens, takes part in "Read to Me" volunteer program for kids at a shelter where she once lived, and organizes canned food drives.

Romonias excellence is further reflected in her commitment to her education at Tempe High School. Being a former graduate and teacher at Tempe High School, I am immensely proud of Romonia's achievements—graduating third in her class with a 3.92 grade point average. Romonia's merits extend beyond the classroom where she served as the varsity basketball team's captain, and belonged to a number of school organizations.

Being named Pacific Region Youth of the Year will grant Romonia \$24,000 in college scholarships from founding sponsor Reader's Digest Foundation. This will be in addition to the \$30,000 in scholarships that Romonia has earned by being named Boys and Girls Club of the East Valley's Youth of the Year. Romonia will spread her talent further as she enrolls at my alma mater, Arizona State University, where she will be a member of the professional program at the W.P. Carey School of Business and the Barrett Honors College.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Romonia Dixon for her inspiring efforts, talents, and service to our community through the Boys and Girls Club.

THE OIL POLLUTION RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for H.R. 2693, the Oil Pollution Research and Development Program Reauthorization Act of 2010.

The Deepwater Horizon tragedy has shown that the U.S. preparedness for offshore exploration, in relation to technologies to prevent and respond to oil spills, is severely lacking.

Unfortunately, I know first hand how little these technologies have improved in the past 41 years, since the 1969 oil spill off of my coast in Santa Barbara.

The tragic loss of 11 lives in the explosion on the BP Deepwater Horizon and the resulting environmental damage, underscores the need to focus more research on accident prevention and environmental safety.

H.R. 2693 will make oil and gas drilling safer.

This bipartisan legislation provides for robust oversight and accountability of the inter-agency research and development program established in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

H.R. 2693 sets up a more efficient federal management structure by establishing a multi-agency committee to coordinate research and ensure the ongoing development of new technologies and methods to prevent, recover and respond to future oil spills.

We have a responsibility to ensure that the relevant federal agencies are equipped with

the financial resources needed to effectively respond to future oil spills.

H.R. 2693 increases the funding for a regional research, development and demonstration program. I support the increase in funding for this program as well as the measure in the bill to authorize \$2 million a year for the next 4 years for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, to conduct oil-spill demonstration projects.

As long as we extract and transport oil along our coasts, there will be the risk of oil spills, and the potential for damage to our coastal ecosystems and economies.

That is why I support H.R. 2693. It allows for better interagency coordination and a more robust strategy for responding to and reducing the environmental and economic impacts of future oil spills.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting yes on H.R. 2693.

ZHENZI QIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Zhenzi Qin who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Zhenzi Qin 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 Zhenzi Qin is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels that 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 Zhenzi Qin 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.

TRIBUTE TO MR. JOSEPH M. FARLEY,
FORMER PRESIDENT OF
ALABAMA POWER

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to offer tribute to a remarkable businessman and leader in Alabama, Mr. Joseph M. Farley, who passed away on May 24 at the age of 82.

Joe Farley guided Alabama Power Company for 2 decades, serving as president from 1969 to 1989.

He is credited with—and admired for—his steady and wise leadership, successfully guiding Alabama Power during some very difficult times for the energy industry in America.

From the beginning, it appeared as though Joe Farley was both educated and trained for the task of running a major energy company. He held a mechanical engineering degree from Princeton University, attended the University of Alabama's College of Commerce

and Business Administration, and earned a law degree from Harvard University. At every level Joe excelled and even as a young man, he was always the one person that others looked up to as a leader.

After serving 2 decades at the helm of Alabama Power, Mr. Farley took over the nuclear energy division of the Southern Company—Alabama Power's parent company.

His advocacy of nuclear energy could not have come at a more important time for the nuclear industry and he instantly became known around the country as one of the pre-eminent experts on the subject. He was responsible for the construction of the nuclear power facility near Dothan, Alabama which bears his name. Even today, the Farley Nuclear Plant remains an example of how productive and efficient nuclear power can be used in generating electricity.

A former president of the Birmingham Area Chamber of Commerce and the Alabama Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Farley was also inducted in the Alabama Business Hall of Fame.

A highly regarded family man and member of the board of the Alabama Children's Hospital Foundation, Joe Farley was truly a credit to our state and his loss will be deeply felt by all who knew him.

Madam Speaker, our sincere condolences and prayers go out to his family and friends during this difficult time.

HONORING JOHNNY DENIZ

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Johnny Deniz on being honored as the Madera Chamber of Commerce 2010 Senior Farmer of the Year. Mr. Deniz will be recognized at the annual Senior Farmer Dinner on Thursday, July 22, 2010.

Mr. Johnny Deniz was born on July 24, 1931 in Madera, California. At the age of 18, he began his farming career. During his 60 years of farming, he has grown almonds, cling peaches, nectarines, plums, table grapes, wine grapes, tomatoes, cotton, prunes and alfalfa. Throughout his career, Mr. Deniz has owned and operated farms of all sizes, ranging from 450 acres to 2,000 acres.

Mr. Deniz's legacy in Madera County agriculture has been his contribution toward protecting the county's water supplies, including fighting for historic water rights and federal contracts. Mr. Deniz has appeared before Congressional committees, as well as state and local water jurisdictions, as an expert on Madera County water rights. His honesty, integrity and knowledge in representing agriculture in the county and the Central San Joaquin Valley will continue to benefit future farming generations for years to come.

Outside of the farm, Mr. Deniz has served on the board of the Madera Irrigation District for over 20 years, and on the boards of the Friant Water Users Authority and the Association of California Water Agencies. He also served on the board and was chairperson of LAID-CWD Power Authority. Mr. Deniz has been a member of the Madera County Farm

Bureau and Western Growers for 25 years, and the Almond Tree Huller and the California Association of Wine Growers for 15 years. He is the co-owner of Madera Pumps, Inc. Mr. Deniz also serves on the Saint Joachim's School Board. For his service, Mr. Deniz has been recognized by the Future Farmers of America, and has received the "Recognition of Service" award from the Madera Irrigation District and the Association of California Water Agencies.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Johnny Deniz on being named the Made Chamber of Commerce 2010 Senior Farmer of the Year. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Deniz many years of continued success.

BIPARTISAN YUCCA MOUNTAIN SUPPORT

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Senator PATTY MURRAY of Washington State for bringing attention to the need to reinstate funding for Yucca Mountain. This critical issue involves a \$10 billion investment and a 23 year bipartisan agreement. I applaud Senator MURRAY for introducing an amendment to protect taxpayers' investment by reinstating funding for Yucca Mountain.

America must remain committed to lessening our dependence on foreign oil. We should promote nuclear energy that is a clean and cost-effective energy source. However, in order to keep nuclear energy safe, we need a secure, permanent place to dispose of it. And that place should be Yucca Mountain.

I agree with the Charleston Post and Courier that closing Yucca Mountain is "breath-takingly irresponsible." I also appreciate the Aiken Standard's Mike Gellatly for highlighting the bipartisan support of this issue and Senator MURRAY's amendment.

There is clear bipartisan support from the Aiken County Council, South Carolina's Attorney General Henry McMaster, the entire South Carolina delegation, and now Democrats questioning leadership of the Senate.

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

JUDGE DONALD SHAVER

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Judge Donald Shaver who will retire from the court in August 2010.

Judge Shaver began his legal career in private practice with Diehl, Steinheimer, Riggio, Haydel and Mordaunt in 1981. He continued private practice in 1982 with the firm, Calone and Roster in Modesto. He entered into the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office as a homicide attorney where he remained for 7 years.

Judge Shaver was appointed Judge of the Municipal Court of California, County of Stanislaus, in 1990. He served on the Superior Court and Municipal Court Consolidation Committee from 1996–1998. During this time he was elevated to the Superior Court of California, County of Stanislaus.

Judge Shaver demonstrates leadership through many avenues including his recent activities as section liaison to the ABA Coalition for Justice and co-chair to the ABA Section of International Law, International Criminal Law Committee. In 2006, Judge Shaver was the first American judge to work with the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

Judge Shaver is highly respected by a broad segment of the justice system based on his honesty, integrity and sense of fair play.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Judge Donald Shaver for his efforts and dedication to the Superior Court of California and the County of Stanislaus.

YAISANI NAMVONG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Yaisani Namvong who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Yaisani Namvong 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 Yaisani Namvong is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels that 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 Yaisani Namvong 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.

RECOGNIZING CHERYL A. THOMPSON FOR HER COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend the exemplary public service of Cheryl A. Thompson, who recently retired as vice president of the Mobile Division of Alabama Power.

As each of us has personally realized during times of stormy weather, there are few things that we depend upon more than electricity. For more than a decade, the person who was saddled with the immense responsibility of keeping the power on for more than 200,000 households and businesses in southwest Alabama has been Cheryl Thompson.

Madam Speaker, the Gulf Coast is no stranger to bad weather and we've had our

share of hurricanes and tropical storms since 1998, the year that Cheryl took the reins of the Mobile Division of Alabama Power. As the head of a team of over 400 personnel, she has ensured that we don't remain in the dark even when Mother Nature is at her worst.

Equally important, however, Cheryl has brought much more to our community than just her role as the head of the Mobile Division for Alabama Power. She is an active supporter of many local organizations that enrich our lives and promote jobs.

Cheryl is past chair and a member of the board of the Industrial Development Board of Mobile. She also serves on the boards of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, the National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico, the executive council of the Mitchell College of Business at the University of South Alabama, the Mobile Symphony, and is past chairman of Leadership Alabama.

A native of Alexander City, Alabama, Cheryl holds degrees from Auburn University and the University of Alabama. She has completed the Advanced Management Program at Templeton University, Oxford, England, and the Women in Power Program at Harvard University.

After joining Alabama Power in 1972, Cheryl worked for more than 2 decades in the Eastern and Birmingham Divisions in corporate marketing. She was named southeast region manager at Georgia Power in 1996, and took over Alabama Power's Mobile operations 2 years later.

Cheryl has been a tremendously positive force in our community and on behalf of the many people in South Alabama who have benefited from her considerable talents, I join in wishing Cheryl and her wonderful husband, Jerry, a well-deserved happy, healthy and prosperous future.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. ANN'S ITALIAN FESTIVAL

HON. ALBIO SIRES

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. SIRES. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 100th anniversary of the St. Ann's Italian festival in Hoboken, New Jersey. This is a momentous occasion for the city of Hoboken and St. Ann's Parish, as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of this moving and historically important event. This festival not only celebrates the Hoboken community but also the dynamic Italian heritage and culture that has shaped this great city. I am proud of the history of St. Ann's society and festival that was originally established to preserve the customs, heritage, and faith of a group of courageous immigrants from the small town of Monte San Giacomo. Many of these immigrants traveled to New Jersey, a new land with a strange language and customs to seek better opportunities. Bonded by the traditions of their homeland and desire to preserve these customs they created the St. Ann's Society. In later years with perseverance and dedication the society was able to raise enough money to establish the St. Ann's Church on the corner of Seventh and Jefferson in Hoboken. This festival is a celebration of these bold individuals and their devotion in preserving their cherished traditions.

Since the first festival in 1910, it has grown in participants and festivities, again showing the joyful and powerful energy this festival draws from inside and outside of the community. It now features all types of Italian cuisine, including the famous "zeppole" made from a secret recipe that has been faithfully guarded by the members of the St. Ann's Society, and operatic music and singers. The most important aspect of this festival, that has been preserved year after year, is the procession of the statue of St. Ann and a framed picture of San Giacomo, put on display to honor the memory of the St. Ann Society descendants and to preserve their cherished faith and traditions. I know this year's festival will continue to memorialize all the wonderful things this festival has come to represent. I congratulate the St. Ann's society and parish on 100 years of successful festivals.

HONORING WILLIAM BARRY WATTS

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life of William Barry Watts and to mourn him upon his passing at the age of 88.

Born on May 20, 1922, William Watts dedicated his life to serving his community and his country. Before graduating from Detroit Catholic Central in 1940, William was a tenaciously rugged lineman for the CC football teams of the late 1930's. Bill was an immensely talented musician as well. Having received many an accolade for playing the violin, flute, saxophone, and clarinet, Bill Watts found himself being transferred during World War II from the Army Infantry to the Air Force so that he could join the 535th Air Force Band.

William Watts earned his BA in music from the University of Detroit and his Masters of Music Education from Wayne State University. Returning to his beloved Catholic Central, Bill Watts served as the band director and music teacher at Catholic Central for more than 30 years as his bands won countless firsts in state competitions from 1950–1982. It serves as a true testament to Mr. Watts that many of his former students went on to become band directors, most notably Greg Normandin from the CC class of 1978 who succeeded Bill as he retired in 1982. A true Shamrock for life, Bill Watts was honored by Detroit Catholic Central in 1993 as the winner of the Fr. Canning F. Harrison Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Regrettably, on June 28, 2010, William Barry Watts passed from this earthly world to his eternal reward. He is survived by his beloved wife, Caroline. Preceded in death by his son Christopher, Bill leaves a legacy of five children, ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, William Watts will be long remembered as a compassionate father, a dedicated husband, soldier, musician, teacher and friend. William was a man who deeply treasured his family, friends, community and his country. Today, as we bid Bill Watts farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his unwavering

patriotism and legendary service to our country and our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF GOLD RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH CELEBRATING THEIR 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the congregation of Gold Ridge Baptist Church, which celebrated its 175th anniversary this year.

Gold Ridge Baptist church, originating as New Hope Baptist Church, was the first Baptist church organized in Randolph County, Alabama. The first church was located at Graham near the old Shiloh Cemetery. The church was moved because there was no bridge across the river, and when it rained people on the west side could not attend the church service.

The celebration will be held on July 25, 2010 under their current pastor, T.J. Morgan.

All of us across Randolph County and East Alabama are deeply proud of this congregation at this important milestone. We congratulate them on their 175th anniversary and wish them all the best in their next many years of ministry in their community.

HONORING SAMUEL STATEN, SR.

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor my friend, Samuel Staten, Sr., on his retirement from the Laborers' Local 332, and his long and influential career as a great Philadelphian and influential labor leader.

Mr. Staten worked his way up through the ranks, working 10 years as a construction laborer before becoming a Local 332 field representative in 1970. Three years later, he was appointed as assistant business manager, and in 1978, he was elected business manager of the Local 332. Mr. Staten held the position of business manager until May 2008, serving 30 years in that capacity. Mr. Staten officially retired from the Laborers' Local 332 in March 2010, leaving behind a career that was essential in turning the Local 332 into the powerful labor leader that it is today.

Mr. Staten's great leadership does not stop with Laborers' Local 332. Throughout his career, he has held several significant positions including being a board member of the Philadelphia Housing Authority, a member of the African American Chamber of Commerce, president of the Philadelphia Building Trades, and a board member of the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority, among many others. Mr. Staten has continually pushed his labor members and community to get involved with countless organizations, and become active in Philadelphia city politics. He truly is an amazing asset to Philadelphia, and a great friend. Remarkably, Mr. Staten is able to do all of this and still be a genuine family man. He is the proud and loving father of nine children.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating my good friend, Samuel Staten, Sr., on his years of labor leadership and thank Mr. Staten for his devotion to Laborers' Local 332.

WALTER PETERSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Walter Peterson who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Walter Peterson is an 11th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Walter Peterson 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 Walter Peterson 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 JIM TATE, 2010 HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD COACH OF THE YEAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate my friend and, coincidentally, my next door neighbor, Coach Jim Tate, whose tremendous talents as a high school track and field coach in Mobile, Alabama have once again earned him national recognition.

On June 28, Coach Tate was named 2010 National High School Coach of the Year for Girls Track and Field for the outstanding record he has amassed while coaching at Mobile's St. Paul's School.

Perhaps more than any other man to coach the sport, Jim Tate has now garnered not one but two national coaching awards, the first being in 1999 as the Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Without a doubt, Jim Tate is a legend in Mobile and throughout the State of Alabama. He has been involved with the St. Paul's track and field program for the past 32 years, guiding his teams to a total of 56 titles—17 in girls cross country, 17 in girls track and field, 13 in boys track and field, and nine in boys cross country.

Coach Tate's girls' teams have won five straight Alabama High School Athletic Association Class 5A state titles, and his teams set a national high school record from 1982 through 1998 by winning 16 straight state titles.

Madam Speaker, as you might imagine, Coach Tate has been awarded countless honors for his exemplary coaching ability within the community including induction into the 2008 Mobile Sports Hall of Fame, as well as Coach of the Year honors by the Mobile Press Register more times than one can count. Recently, St. Paul's decided to honor Coach Tate by naming their new field house that is under construction in his honor.

On behalf of the people of South Alabama and especially on behalf of the St. Paul's School family, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to a man who has touched thousands of young lives and who, at all times, has been an exemplary role model as both an athlete and a human being, Coach Jim Tate.

I know Jim's family is exceedingly proud of their father and husband for his wonderful example and his tireless dedication to turning our young people into winners, not just on the athletic field, but in the game of life.

HONORING DEACON THOMAS WILLIAMS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Deacon Thomas Williams as he celebrates his 100th birthday. Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle in my hometown of Flint, Michigan is planning a celebration on Sunday, July 25 in honor of the occasion.

Deacon Williams was born in Newton, Mississippi on July 20, 1910. He relocated to Michigan and worked for General Motors for 35 years. He was one of the first black males hired to work at General Motors. He is a charter member of Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle and has been a faithful member for 72 years attending services every Sunday. Deacon Williams is a former Sunday School teacher, Sunday School superintendent and president of the Young Adult Choir. He continues to be active in the Vacation Bible School and the church's annual picnic. For his continuous service, Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle gave him the Albert Fleming Award. Deacon Williams has been a member of the NAACP and the Urban League.

Of late, Deacon Williams fills his time cooking, making homemade ice cream, watching TV, and being surrounded by his two daughters, 13 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren, his nephew and his 3 goddaughters.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud Deacon Thomas Williams as he celebrates his 100th birthday. His deep trust in Jesus Christ has brought him through the past 100 years and I pray that he will continue to prosper in Our Lord and Savior.

RECOGNIZING 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF END OF WORLD WAR II

SPEECH OF

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, thousands of young Americans flooded their local recruiting offices to enlist in the Armed Services. In total, over 16 million served in uniform to defend their families, their homes, and our freedoms.

Those serving on the front lines were not the only Americans making sacrifices during America's 4 years in World War II. From Victory Gardens to sugar and gasoline rations, World War II united all Americans. The cooperation and patriotism shown during those times illustrate the best of the American spirit. It is no wonder that these Americans are so often referred to as "the Greatest Generation."

Today, approximately 20,000 World War II veterans live in Florida's Fifth Congressional District. I regularly meet with these veterans. Almost always, what I hear from them is their concerns about where our Nation is going. They fear that we have abandoned the goals and ideals that they fought for, and that 405,000 members of the Armed Forces died for, during World War II.

I would like to thank my colleague from Missouri, Mr. SKELTON, for introducing this resolution to recognize the service and sacrifices of all of the brave men and women who fought against some of the greatest evil the world has ever known. I hope that as we honor these veterans with this resolution, we will also honor them with our acts—returning to the beliefs in democracy, liberty, and freedom from tyranny that made our great Nation what it is today.

With that I ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

HONORING SERGEANT DONALD EDGERTON FOR HIS SERVICE IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor SGT Donald "Rocky" Edgerton of Murphy, North Carolina, for his valiant service in the United States Army. After September 11th, Sergeant Edgerton's profound sense of duty for his country moved him to join the Army.

He spent his first tour of duty in Iraq, and after serving his country for over a year, he came back with an even deeper feeling of obligation. He was then chosen to enroll in sniper school, where he earned the reputation of "top gun" due to his incredible accuracy with a rifle. When he was called for another tour of duty in Afghanistan, Sergeant Edgerton fearlessly welcomed the challenge even though he had to leave behind his beloved wife and young daughter.

On July 10, the day after his 33rd birthday, Sergeant Edgerton was leading his troops just north of Char Dara, Afghanistan when insurgents attacked his unit and detonated an improvised explosive device that ultimately took his life. A short while prior, Edgerton had just been nominated for a Bronze Star Medal for saving the lives of several members of his convoy during an attack.

Edgerton received various medals and accolades for his service, including the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terror Medal, the NATO Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and two Overseas Service Ribbons. He was also awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Combat Action Badge, all posthumously.

Madam Speaker, Sergeant Edgerton embodied the most essential qualities of an American soldier. He was selfless, dedicated, and brave. He is remembered as a man who put the safety of his fellow troops before his own, and accordingly a man who has earned the unwavering respect of his peers. Through his exemplary service in Iraq and Afghanistan, SGT Donald Edgerton has brought pride to our troops, his family, and all of Western North Carolina. It is truly my honor to commemorate him and I urge my colleagues to join me today in honoring the life of SGT Donald "Rocky" Edgerton for the sacrifices he has made for our country.

HONORING THE RAINBOW COMPANY: RECIPIENT OF THE CHILDREN'S THEATRE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA'S 2010 MEDALLION AWARD

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, today I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Rainbow Company as the 2010 recipient of the Medallion Award from the Children's Theatre Foundation of America.

In 1976, the Rainbow Company opened the first children's theatre company in Las Vegas. Patricia Marchese, the Manager of the City of Las Vegas' Cultural and Community Affairs Division asked Jody Johnston to teach drama classes that proved so popular they asked Jody to produce plays.

The Rainbow Company's first production was Pippi Longstocking. Pippi toured locally and was later recorded and given the "Best of the West Award" for the best educational programming in the western United States.

In 1980, the Rainbow Company produced a show that acquired national consideration. *Odd Man Out*, an original script by Brian Kral, focused on a dance teacher and her class of disabled students. The play featured both disabled and non-disabled children and was preceded by months of drama classes with disabled young people. This led to a 1981 *People* magazine article that noted the Rainbow Company's achievement as "the first theatre in the U.S. to totally integrate handicapped and non-handicapped" students.

In 2001, the Rainbow Company began to put on workshops that became so successful

they were expanded to full-day camps that last for 8 weeks. In addition, they provide outreach classes for at-risk children at local elementary schools and shelters.

Rainbow Company has obtained several other accolades including the Nickelodeon's Parents' Picks' 2009 Award and the National Recreation and Park Association's first-place Dorothy Mullen Arts and Humanities Award.

As the Representative for Nevada's First Congressional District, home to the Rainbow Company, it gives me immense pride to recognize this outstanding and unique company for their achievements in providing the children of my district with unparalleled touring and main-stage acting opportunities, outreach programs, educational programs and annual workshops. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding organization for their contribution to the arts and education and for their 2010 Medallion Award from the Children's Theatre Foundation of America.

WHITNEY NELSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Whitney Nelson who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Whitney Nelson is a 9th 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 Whitney Nelson 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 Whitney Nelson 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.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
STAFF SERGEANT DAVID SMITH

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and the patriotic service of U.S. Air Force SSgt. David Smith, age 26, a dedicated defender of American liberty, who lost his life while coming to the aid of wounded warriors in Afghanistan.

Staff Sergeant Smith, a graduate of Satsuma High School and a resident of Eight Mile, Alabama, was devoted to his mission of rescuing his comrades on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan. During his years of wearing the uniform of his country, he proudly participated in more than 130 combat missions, literally saving the lives of hundreds of military personnel.

A member of the 66th Rescue Squadron from Ellis Air Force Base in Nevada, Staff Ser-

geant Smith was assigned to the 563rd Rescue Group. While conducting a medical evacuation mission in Afghanistan's Helmand province, his HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter was shot down by Taliban insurgents on June 9, 2010.

Speaking about the loss of Staff Sergeant Smith, as well as three of his comrades and those injured aboard their rescue helicopter, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff General Norman Schwartz noted, "Faithful to the rescue motto 'That others may live,' these airmen were courageously and selflessly flying in support of their joint coalition teammates. We grieve for our warriors and our thoughts and prayers are with their families, as well as with the airmen still recovering."

At the time of his death, Staff Sergeant Smith was just 5 days from completing his combat duty. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Air Force Combat Award Medal, and the Alabama Distinguished Service Medal.

During this time of sorrow, my heart and prayers go out to Staff Sergeant Smith's mother, Mildred Hardee, his fiancée, Meggan Eckersley, brothers, Randall Dunn and Todd Smith, sisters, Tracy Smith and Jamie Smith, and his extended family.

On behalf of the people of Alabama, I wish to extend our deepest condolences to the family of Staff Sergeant Smith for the loss of their beloved son, brother and finance. He is truly an American Hero and we will always cherish his service to his country and its people.

HONORING CALIFORNIA GRIZZLIES
JUNIOR RIFLE TEAM

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate the California Grizzlies Junior Rifle Team on winning the 2009 National Trophy Infantry Match at Camp Perry on August 7, 2009. The team will be recognized and honored at the annual National Rifle Association sanctioned high power match on Saturday, July 3, 2010.

The California Grizzlies Junior Rifle team consists of seven juniors from around the state of California; team captain Anthony Henderson, Sonora; David Bahten, Jamestown; Chad Kurgan, Sonora; Jim Minturn, San Diego; Joshua Lehn, Lemoore; Cheyanne Acebo, Vacaville; and Matthew Chezem, Simi Valley. The team is led by coach Jim O'Connell. The 2009 National Trophy Infantry Match winners shot a 1284, becoming the first junior team to ever win the event and the first civilian team to win in 79 years. The team has been a tough competitor in recent years. They finished fifth at the event in 2008, setting a record with a score of 1233. The team won the junior title, setting new records in 2008 and 2009 in the National Trophy Team event, shooting a score of 2870 to finish eighth overall. The team consistently has members in the President's 100, a group of distinguished shooters and members that receive notable rankings and points in various competitions.

The competition at Camp Perry includes many different matches; the Infantry Team Match, established in the late 1920s, is the competition that most closely resembles battles from war. Teams of six shoot at eight targets, starting off at six hundred yards, moving

to five hundred yards, then three hundred yards and ending at two hundred yards. These shots are taken in the three shooting positions: prone, sitting and standing. Each member of the team fires sixty-four total rounds with just fifty seconds to get into each position and fire. The best competitors can fire a shot a second and hit the target.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the California Grizzlies Junior Rifle Team upon their 2009 victory. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the team many years of continued success.

HONORING BILLY "SINGLE"
CLIFFORD

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the work of the Champaign County Bicentennial Historical Marker Committee to promote the career and contributions of Urbana native and vaudeville legend Billy "Single" Clifford.

Born Clyde Shyrigh, Clifford was born in 1869 in Urbana, Ohio, to Levi and Sarah Shyrigh. His love of music was evident from his early childhood, when he would stage performances in the family barn. Clifford began appearing with a traveling circus at age 10, where he further developed his singing and dancing skills. This led him ultimately to a successful vaudeville career, with performances along the East Coast and throughout Europe.

Clifford built the Clifford Theater in 1905 on the site where his family's barn had stood. The theater was the first of its kind in Urbana, with an 80-foot stage and a seating capacity of 700. In addition to performances by a vaudeville troupe formed by Clifford, it hosted many notable entertainers through the years—including the March King, John Philip Sousa.

On July 24, the Champaign County Bicentennial Historical Marker Committee and the family and friends of Charles L. Mott will dedicate a marker celebrating Clifford and the Clifford Theater. I am honored to join them and the people of Champaign County in commemorating this event.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LE-
GION POST 374

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize American Legion Post 374, in Berkley Michigan on the occasion of its 70th Anniversary of service to the Veterans of our community. As a Member of Congress it is both my privilege and honor to recognize the men and women of this post for their years of service and contributions which have enriched and strengthened our community.

The Berkley American Legion Post 374 has been a cornerstone of the Berkley community for the last 70 years.

Post 374 owes its provenance to a collaboration between the Berkley American Legion, the

Berkley Odd Fellows and local vets with a vision. Working together, drawing on each strengths and needs and with a lot of heart, Post 374 was established on July 27, 1940.

Since then, Post 374 has been a welcome doorstep for veterans recently returning as well as those whose years of active duty were long past. The Post is truly an institution in Berkley. Its members have built an institution suffused with friendship, camaraderie and service. It engages young people through scholarship and other programs. It helps veterans who have fallen on hard times get the services and support they deserve. Each year, on Memorial Day, the Post places American flags on the gravesites of roughly 3000 veterans laid to rest in a local cemetery. The Post has been the site of countless fish fries, steak fries, special birthdays and weddings. It is a place where the community gathers and it is much beloved.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor the Berkley American Legion Post 374 on its 70th Anniversary and salute its many active members in their service to our veterans and community.

HONORING THE HISTORY AND
SERVICE OF THE URSULINE SIS-
TERS OF LOUISVILLE

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of a group of remarkable women who have played a vital role in strengthening communities across Kentucky, throughout the nation, and around the globe for more than 150 years. Since 1858, the reach of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville has grown from a school on the corner of Chestnut and Shelby Streets in downtown Louisville to a mission that touches the lives of thousands of women, men, and children across the nation and across the globe. And on July 25, the Sisters will have their distinguished history and continued service officially recognized by the Commonwealth of Kentucky when a marker is placed at the site where their mission began so many years ago. Today, I am honored to join the chorus of voices praising the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville for their decades of contributions to better the world through their teachings and actions.

The story of the Ursuline Sisters in Louisville began when three sisters from Germany arrived 152 years ago to pursue a tradition of faith and service, answering the call meet the needs of the community's children. In the spirit of their founder—St. Angela Merici—they sought to serve with an openness and eagerness to meet the needs of others. Compelled by faith and principle and driven by hard work, the Ursuline Sisters soon made that mission a reality, each and every day of the last 152 years.

Within weeks of their arrival, the Sisters were teaching dozens of children. Under their leadership, construction on a new convent and school—Ursuline Academy—was completed the following year. Their successful efforts soon expanded exponentially. In less than 25 years, more than 100 sisters were teaching in 20 Ursuline schools.

Today, the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville have grown to serve a community of faith in eight states and Peru.

The Ursuline Sisters do not just offer a quality education or health care—they provide invaluable guidance and assistance to those who need it most. Throughout their history, the Sisters have worked on behalf of the underserved and the disenfranchised, seeking to empower every life they touch. Today, the schools they have established and operate, the students they have taught, and the people they have served stand as a living legacy to their mission to create stronger communities and a stronger world.

By placing a historical marker at the place where this powerful mission began, the legacy of the Ursuline Sisters will remind and educate our community about the impact of service. The Ursuline Sisters of Louisville don't just change with the world—they help shape it through knowledge, compassion, and a selfless commitment to service.

Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me today in further recognizing the extraordinary work and dedication of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville.

VIRIDIANA ROBLES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

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

The dedication demonstrated by Viridiana Robles 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 Viridiana Robles 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.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
SETH HAMMETT, RETIRING
SPEAKER OF THE ALABAMA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable service of a true public servant from my home State of Alabama. A native of Andalusia, Seth Hammett is retiring this year as Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives and Representative for the 92nd House District serving Covington and Escambia counties.

Speaker Hammett, a pilot in the United States Air Force and founder and president of

the First National Bank of Andalusia, was first elected to the Alabama State House of Representatives in 1978.

Since that time, the speaker has been regarded as truly one of the most effective leaders ever to serve in the Alabama House of Representatives. Not only has he earned bipartisan respect from his colleagues in the Alabama House, but organizations such as the Business Council of Alabama and the Alabama Rural Electric Cooperatives, to name just a few, have time and again called upon Seth for his calm leadership and sound judgment.

During his time in office, Speaker Hammett has become a fierce proponent of higher education. For over a decade, he served Lurleen B. Wallace Community College as its president. Additionally, his efforts have earned him many awards, including the Courage of Conviction Award given by the Higher Education Partnership, The Legislative Leadership Award given by the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools and the Legislative Award given by the Alabama Association of School Boards.

Due to his strong convictions and commitment to serving the State of Alabama, Speaker Hammett has also been the recipient of the Children's Hero Award given by the Alabama Department of Human Resources and the Meritorious Service Award given by the Montgomery Advertiser. In addition to these honors, Seth was named Citizen of the Year for the city of Andalusia and a Guardian of Small Business by the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

Speaker Hammett also had the honor of serving as chairman of the 16-State Southern Legislative Conference as well as president of the National Speakers Conference. He is currently a member of the Executive Committee for both conferences.

In his business life, he also serves the vice president of business development for PowerSouth Energy Cooperative and as president emeritus of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College.

Madam Speaker, in addition to his undying commitment to his community, Speaker Hammett is an equally devoted father and husband. He and his lovely wife, Nancy, have been blessed with a wonderful family that includes adult children and grandchildren. He is also an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Andalusia.

Speaker Hammett has been the epitome of a servant leader and has represented the great State of Alabama with unprecedented devotion. Over the years, he and I have had several occasions to work on economic development projects that have proven important to the State of Alabama and while it is with genuine sadness that I watch my good friend leave office, it is also with great gratitude that I thank him for his incredible life of service to our beloved Alabama.

HONORING THE LATE LORRAINE BERRY, FORMER MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the late Lorraine L. Berry,

who made her final transition on July 19th. She was born on St. Thomas on November 15, 1949, the eldest of nine children. Her mother, Emelda, and father, Joseph, provided their children with a sense of responsibility and commitment to their community.

Lorraine developed an interest in politics as a teenager, inspired by the riveting and profound words of Dr. Martin Luther King in his "I Have a Dream" speech during the August 8, 1963 march on Washington, DC. His remarks made an indelible mark on Lorraine and she never wavered in her zeal to someday make that dream a reality.

Lorraine got her feet wet as the president of the PTA of Joseph Sibilly Elementary School (formerly known as the Robert Herrick School). Her aggressive agenda and her assertive and dedicated commitment to the improvement of the school so impressed the late Governor, Cyril Emanuel King, that he encouraged her to get involved in politics and join his party, the Independent Citizens Movement. She took his advice to become politically active, but because of the strong impression she had established in the community, she was drafted by then Senator Earle B. Ottley and political activist, Roy Gottlieb to serve on the Democratic Party Territorial Committee.

During her political career, she founded Virgin Islanders for Democratic Action Club (VIDAC) to raise the community's consciousness and provide the basis for political and legislative initiatives and promoted responsible and responsive political leadership. Her most recent symposium was on the "Responsibilities of Political Leadership" and she encouraged women to become involved in the process and run for public office.

Virtually from the time she entered the labor force, Lorraine has been a dedicated public servant. She served in several governmental posts including Manager of the St. Thomas District Office the Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress, Ron de Lugo. In 1982, she successfully ran for a seat in the St. Thomas District of the Virgin Islands Legislature.

Senator Berry gained vast experience in her service as the Chair of the Committee of Government Operations in the 15th Legislature; Chair of the Committee on Finance in the 17th, 18th and 23rd Legislature; Majority Leader of the 18th Legislature; Chair of the Committee on Health in the 19th and 20th Legislatures; President of the 22nd and 26th Legislatures; and Vice-President and Chair of the Committee on Public Safety, the Judiciary, Homeland Security and Justice in the 25th Legislature

In her twenty-four years as a lawmaker, Senator Berry's courageous leadership shepherded passage of landmark legislation that critically impacted on the political, economic and social fabric of our society. The initiatives she enacted provided much needed support for families, economic development incentives for investors, public safety of the community, business opportunities for residents, employment opportunities and public sector employment for Virgin Islanders.

Over the years, one of the most challenging issues was the state of the health care system. Senator Berry supported the establishment of semi-autonomy for our hospitals, and the use of Tobacco Settlement funds for a cancer center on St. Thomas and the cardiac center on St. Croix, both of which are fully operational and successful facilities today pro-

viding services that Virgin Islanders would have to go off island to receive.

In 1986, Senator Berry sought the Democratic Party primary bid for Governor of the Virgin Islands, along with her running mate for Lt. Governor, Senator St. Clair Williams. She fostered a progressive platform that included mandatory education for the children of the Virgin Islands as a birthright. She waged war against the "four horsemen of the apocalypse"—fiscal irresponsibility, corruption, cronyism and rampant waste. Although, she did not prevail, she remained committed to establishing a government that provided services to its citizens, while remaining fiscally viable.

Because of her strong advocacy for women and the obstacles in sexism she had endured over her lifetime, she agreed to join gubernatorial candidate Judge Edgar Ross to run in the 2006 Democratic primary. She wanted to raise the political bar for women in the Virgin Islands. She felt that the Executive Branch had eluded women for far too long, and it was her obligation to enter the race to stimulate women's interest in running for higher office. Although the Ross-Berry team was defeated, their message was positively received by the public and to this day, have a core group of loyal supporters that remain committed to the principles that they ran on.

As she battled with her illness, Senator Berry was unwavering in her concern for the lack of women in the political process and the welfare of our young people. She believed that no future Legislature should be without women. Women make up more than 55% of the population, but over the past 10 years, there has been only one woman in the Senate. She felt that women must encourage and support women in and out of public office if the issues of women, children, and families are to be adequately addressed.

Lorraine leaves behind a legacy that will be difficult to match. The entire Virgin Islands community owes a debt of gratitude to her.

To her husband, Richard, and her children, Roxanne and Curt, thank you for giving her the support as she fought for the Virgin Islands. As you struggle to adjust to Lorraine's passing, please find comfort in knowing that many of us remain dedicated to ensuring that she will never be forgotten.

On behalf of the 111th Congress, my staff and my family we offer our heartfelt sympathy. May her soul forever rest in eternal peace.

RECOGNITION OF THE MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF LYNRYD SKYNYRD

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, in the music world, it is challenging enough for a band to record one hit song, much less become a voice for an entire region and a true icon. That is why Congressman CONNIE MACK and I are pleased to jointly recognize the accomplishments and patriotic spirit of the legendary Lynryd Skynyrd.

From humble beginnings, Lynryd Skynyrd has become one of the most revered and accomplished bands in the history of music, having sold nearly 30 million records worldwide in

the last four decades. Through their live performances and the music and songs still played on radio stations around the world every day, the members of Lynyrd Skynyrd have established themselves as timeless artists who transcend any one musical era or generation.

As validated by their induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2006, Lynyrd Skynyrd has had a seminal impact on the development of rock and country music and a profound influence on the career development of many artists who followed in their creative footsteps.

Through their collective voices, the band has become a beacon for regional identity and pride in the American South. This is perhaps best epitomized by the song "Sweet Home Alabama," an anthem so universally identified with the state of Alabama that it is the official motto displayed on license plates.

Since their start in Jacksonville, Florida in the late 1960s, Lynyrd Skynyrd has been a spokesman for the everyday working man and woman, the friends and neighbors of their formative years. Their ability to capture a unique part of the American spirit has given their music emotional meaning to many fans and built a legacy that continues to grow year after year.

Amid triumph and loss, these sons of the south have evolved from band to close-knit family. A tragic airplane crash in 1977 claimed original members Steve Gaines, Cassie Gaines, and lead singer Ronnie Van Zant, but Ronnie's brother Johnny carried on the tradition as the new vocalist. Devoted fans cherish the contributions of Bob Burns, Ed King, and Artimus Pyle and remember the legacy of Allen Collins, Leon Wilkeson, Billy Powell, and Ean Evans. Today, led by core members Johnny Van Zant, Gary Rossington, Rickey Medlock, and Michael Cartellone, Lynyrd Skynyrd continues to share an unbreakable bond with the fans they count as family as well.

Lynyrd Skynyrd has been a generous supporter of our men and women in the armed forces for many years. The band has long understood that our military personnel bravely and unselfishly stand guard over our everyday security and freedom. They have enthusiastically raised money for military families and played countless shows for our service members in uniform. Their song "Red, White, and Blue" was written as a tribute to the men and women who serve in the defense of freedom.

As representatives of timeless American values and champions of working class heroes, Lynyrd Skynyrd continues to entertain and inspire millions of fans across the world. Along with Congressman MACK, I find it highly appropriate that the people's House takes time to recognize this classic band for lasting contributions not just to the world of music, but to American popular culture as a whole.

LEXINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA—
THE BARBEQUE CAPITAL OF THE
WORLD

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, we call Lexington, North Carolina, the Barbeque Capital

of the World. On April 29–30, 2011, the eyes of the barbeque world will be focused on Lexington as it hosts the Inaugural BBQ Capital Cook-off.

The Cook-off, which hopes to become an annual competition, will not only feature the tastiest food in the world, but will aid in the restoration of downtown Lexington. With people coming from all over the east coast and midwest, hotels will be utilized, food will be eaten, gas will be pumped, and most importantly, people from all over the United States will come to celebrate the heritage and history of world-famous, Lexington-style barbeque.

Uptown Lexington, Inc., has spearheaded the restoration of Lexington and is continuing that goal by hosting the cook-off. The organization has also applied to the Kansas City Barbeque Society for event sanctioning and has asked Governor Beverly Perdue to proclaim the event as a North Carolina State Barbeque Championship.

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District, we congratulate Uptown Lexington, Inc., for sponsoring the Inaugural BBQ Capital Cook-off. We extend best wishes for a rousing success in the Barbecue Capital of the World.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THAT THE UNITED STATES PROMOTE
RESPECT FOR AND FULL
APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS
OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS
OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES,
CONSISTENT WITH U.S. LAW

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution for the United States to promote respect for and full application of the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, consistent with U.S. law.

That Declaration is a landmark instrument outlining the rights of the world's 370 million indigenous peoples in 70 countries. A non-binding text comparable to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples sets out the individual and collective rights of indigenous peoples, as well as their rights to culture, identity, language, employment, health and education.

The United States was one of only four member states of the United Nations to vote against the declaration in 2007, while 143 voted in favor. Three of the four states who initially voted against it have already reversed their opposition to the Declaration or are in the process of doing so. Meanwhile, the U.S. Government has launched a formal review of the Declaration to determine whether the United States will change its stance.

Today, indigenous peoples face disproportionate discrimination, inadequate health care, violent crime, poverty, unemployment and environmental degradation even as they struggle to maintain their own institutions, cultures and traditions.

The United States has taken great steps to improve the condition of indigenous peoples,

including hosting a historic meeting of nearly 500 tribal leaders last year and President Obama's issuance of an Executive Order on Consultation and Coordination with Tribal Governments. Yet, as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice has said, "far more must be done—at home and abroad—to tackle" the challenges facing indigenous peoples.

The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples provides an important framework for addressing indigenous issues globally. To further U.S. leadership in improving the conditions faced by indigenous people, the United States should promote respect for and full application of the provisions of the Declaration as soon as possible.

I urge all my colleagues to join me and Representatives ELLISON, BARBARA LEE, CHRISTENSEN, GRIJALVA, HASTINGS, DELAHUNT, HONDA, JOHN LEWIS and GEORGE MILLER in supporting this resolution and moving it toward speedy adoption.

CHRISTOPHER BREWER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Christopher Brewer who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Christopher Brewer 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 Christopher Brewer 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 Christopher Brewer 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.

A TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN DERON
BERTHOLD

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Deron Berthold, who has virtuously served the United States and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

After 20 years of dedicated service, Captain Berthold will retire from the Kentucky State Police. However, he leaves behind a great legacy and is an example for all current and future officers.

Captain Berthold earned his degree from the University of Louisville and went on to graduate from Police Academy on November 23, 1981, receiving the Commissioner's Commendation Award.

Throughout his career, Captain Berthold demonstrated exemplary dedication and outstanding leadership, working his way up

through the ranks from a sergeant in Madisonville to the Drug Enforcement Captain at DESI WEST.

He represents his State proudly as a man of honor and is an officer of tremendous depth, intellect and vision.

I honor him today because of his dignified and steadfast commitment to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, his fellow officers and the citizens of our community.

ON THE PASSING OF MY DEAR FRIEND, AMERICAN PATRIOT AND COMMUNITY LEADER, COL. H. WILLIAM "BILL" CARD

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor in memoriam the dedication and outstanding leadership of COL. H. William "Bill" Card, who served as mayor of Harlingen, Texas, from 1987 to 1998. He passed away Sunday, July 18, 2010, in Harlingen at the age of 88.

Colonel Card, who spent more than 2 decades in selfless service as Mayor of Harlingen, championed a united front of Rio Grande Valley communities to develop a regional effort for business opportunities and economic development. He was an unsung hero of the Rio Grande Valley.

Colonel Card was the longest-serving mayor of Harlingen, where he served 4 terms as mayor of the city. During his leadership, Harlingen was named an "All-American City."

Colonel Card retired from the Marine Corps after 28 years of service and relocated to Harlingen in 1968 to become commander of the Marine Military Academy. In 1975, he began his career as a banker and went on to become president of the First National Bank of Harlingen.

Colonel Card is survived by his wife, Garrison, his son, Bill Card III, and his daughter, Patti Card Smith. He is preceded in death by his daughter Cheryl Card Gray.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the life of Colonel Card, who served this Nation with dignity, honor, respect and admiration. He will long be remembered by the communities he cared so much for in South Texas. His family, friends and loved ones will miss him dearly—so will I.

INTRODUCTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY TRANSPARENCY ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Transportation and Housing Affordability Transparency Act, or "THAT Act." This legislation will provide homebuyers, renters, and policy makers with the information they need to make informed decisions about their housing choices.

The average family spends about half of its income on transportation and housing costs.

Housing affordability has traditionally been measured as the extent to which a household's income can cover the purchase price of a home or the monthly rent. However, transportation costs can vary based on the location of a home. The cost of transportation has been growing as people move further from their jobs and community development patterns require families to drive for most of their outings. In certain auto-dependent areas, transportation costs can be very high, leaving families with less money for housing, food, healthcare, education, and other important expenses.

Transportation costs and savings are not currently taken into account in government affordability measures and standards, and information is not generally available to consumers looking to purchase or rent homes. For example, low-income housing tax credits, down payment assistance grants, and rental assistance under Section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 are all awarded and used without regard to this transportation cost burden. At a time of increasing gas prices and the pending expiration of many of the federal subsidies that keep housing near transit affordable, it's important for consumers and decision-makers to take transportation costs into account.

This legislation requires the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to work with the Department of Transportation and other stakeholders to develop a transportation affordability index that measures the transportation costs associated with the location of a home. The bill requires HUD to take into consideration a number of factors that determine transportation costs, including the location and frequency of transit service, the average vehicle miles travelled in the area, and the availability of services such as grocery stores, bike lanes, community centers, and schools. HUD will be required to share this information with the general public, realtors, regional and local housing and planning agencies, states, and entities that engage in transportation demand management programs. The bill also requires HUD, where feasible, to incorporate transportation costs into its housing programs and work with other federal agencies, states, and local governments to incorporate transportation costs into their housing programs.

The information made available by this legislation will ensure transparency in housing and transportation costs for consumers, housing providers, local and regional planning agencies, and other stakeholders. It will also enable HUD, where appropriate, to incorporate transportation costs into its affordability measures and standards. Finally, it will help communities recognize the importance of providing affordable transportation and housing choices for their residents, and give them the tools they need to do so.

I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this simple legislation to help make our families safer, healthier, and more economically secure.

HONORING THE TOWN OF
MATTAWAMKEAG

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the town of Mattawamkeag, Maine as it celebrates its Sesquicentennial this month.

Mattawamkeag is the historical site of an early Native American fishing village located on the Mattawamkeag River, a tributary to the Penobscot River. The Indians once told of an ancient burial ground on the northern bank of this river, not far from the town today. Maine residents began settling the area in 1829, and it became incorporated into the state in 1860.

The citizens of this small town, currently numbering around 825 residents today, have experienced their fair share of history, both within the State of Maine and the greater United States. During the Civil War, thirty soldiers from the town left to fight for the Union; seven did not return. And in 1847, Henry David Thoreau visited and wrote about Mattawamkeag during his travels.

The town's background is also closely tied to the complex railway systems of the United States. It served as a key stop on a transcontinental railway linking Maine to the city of Saint John in New Brunswick, Canada during the late nineteenth century. The network later expanded, and Mattawamkeag became connected to the cities of Megantic in Quebec and Vancouver in British Columbia. Even today, this town plays an important role in interstate exchange, operating as the final eastern stop on the Guilford Rail System connecting Maine, New York, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

I am pleased to share in the celebration as Mattawamkeag looks back on 150 years of rich history.

Madam Speaker, please join me in wishing all the citizens of Mattawamkeag well on this joyous occasion.

H.R. 4173, THE DODD-FRANK WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT CLARIFICATION OF INTENT WITH RESPECT TO THE NONADMITTED AND REINSURANCE REFORM ACT

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, as a House conferee and the chief sponsor of H.R. 2571, the Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act, that was included in the conference report for H.R. 4173, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, I wanted to make one important clarification of intent on the final language. The President signed the Dodd-Frank Act into law yesterday.

Section 521(a) of the Dodd-Frank Act is intended to require the broker to pay or remit all tax in a surplus lines transaction to the "Home State" of the insured as defined in the Act and to no other state or political subdivision of any

state. If other states are to receive a portion of the tax payment, the Act provides that the states may enter into a compact or otherwise establish procedures to allocate among the states the premium taxes paid to an insured's "Home State."

Further, it is the intention that as a result of this Act, each State adopt nationwide uniform requirements, forms, and procedures—such as an interstate compact—that provides for the reporting, payment, collection, and allocation of all premium taxes for surplus lines insurance as well as all nonadmitted insurance in the insured's "home state". Uniformity in the taxation of surplus lines and nonadmitted insurance will be of great benefit to insurance consumers, brokers and the states.

In addition, under Section 522(a) of the Dodd-Frank Act, the placement of all nonadmitted insurance, including surplus lines insurance, shall be subject solely to the statutory and regulatory requirements imposed directly by the insured's "Home State" and no other state. It is the intention that surplus lines and nonadmitted insurance transactions, particularly when the insurance covers risks in more than one state, be within the sole province of the insured's "Home State."

A TRIBUTE TO ANN G.
HUTCHINSON

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ann G. Hutchinson, who has dedicated her career to the United States and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

On July 30, 2010, Ms. Hutchinson will retire after over 30 years of dedicated service. She has been an asset to the Fort Knox community and has distinguished herself while serving in positions of increasing responsibility at the U.S. Army Recruiting Command (USAREC).

In her latest role as the Deputy Protocol Officer, Ms. Hutchinson provided exceptional executive services to nine commanding generals. Her outstanding reputation with so many senior leaders is based on her attention to detail and her "can-do" attitude.

Ms. Hutchinson's unique abilities to manage competing requirements while maintaining the flexibility to respond to changes are unparalleled.

I know she means so much to her colleagues. Her hard work ethic, personal sacrifice and professionalism will be an example for so many others to follow.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ann G. Hutchinson for her commitment to the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, our Nation and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

HONORING THE CITY OF
SIMPSONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Simpsonville, South Carolina for being

named one of Family Circle Magazine's "10 Best Towns to Raise a Family" in 2010. Led by Mayor Dennis Waldrop's vision, Simpsonville was picked as one of the "perfect places to raise kids" because of its "affordable homes, green spaces, blue-ribbon schools and giving spirit."

The city hosts one of the top balloon festivals in the country annually in Freedom Weekend Aloft and features the Discovery Island Waterpark, Golden Strip YMCA and a new state-of-the-art IMAX movie theater.

The proximity to the mountains, coastal beaches and revitalized downtown Greenville make Simpsonville one of the Upstate's top destination cities for a family-friendly atmosphere.

I congratulate Simpsonville and Mayor Waldrop on their continuous strides in moving the community forward.

AMBASSADOR JOHN BOLTON'S ADDRESS TO THE PRO-DEMOCRACY IRANIAN RALLY IN PARIS, JUNE 26, 2010

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, on 26 June 2010 tens of thousands of pro-democracy Iranians and hundreds of parliamentarians and dignitaries from Europe gathered in Paris (Taverny), France to express their support for the Iranian dissidents based in Camp Ashraf, as well as the uprising in Iran. Notable among prominent speakers was our former Ambassador to the United Nations, Mr. John Bolton. I believe his speech provides very important guidelines beyond partisan politics, for any American policymaker who is genuinely concerned about Tehran's nuclear threat and is looking for potential options as the solution to the Iranian problem.

AMBASSADOR JOHN BOLTON'S ADDRESS BEFORE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF IRANIANS AND HUNDREDS OF PARLIAMENTARIANS AND DIGNITARIES FROM EUROPE HELD ON 26 JUNE 2010 IN PARIS, FRANCE

Ambassador John Bolton: Thank you. Thank you very much. It's a great pleasure to be here today and to say thank you for the opportunity to address the free people of Iran. I would like you to know and all the people still inside Iran to know how many tens of millions of Americans believe that the policy of the United States government should be regime change in Iran.

I don't need to tell anybody here today how oppressive the regime is and the crimes it has committed against the people of Iran. This is not a government that is loyal to the people. This is a government that is loyal only to itself and keeping itself in power. What is important, I think, for the rest of the world to understand is how, in the past several years in particular, the regime has become increasingly a military dictatorship, and that this is an oppressive, in fact fascist, regime that controls Iran today.

The repression that followed last year's fraudulent June 12 presidential election was an eye opener for many people in the West and certainly in the United States. And this is because not simply that the election itself was fraudulent and not simply because of the brutality of the Pasdaran and the Bassiji against the people of Iran, but because the

entire sequence of events revealed just how basic are the flaws in the current regime and just how strong is the opposition of the people of Iran to the regime itself.

I must say, speaking as an American, that I found the US reaction to the repression after the June 12 election as very disappointing. I think that the administration did not want to speak the truth about what was going on inside Iran because it was still focused on the open hand that it had extended to the Iranian regime; an open hand for negotiations particularly over the nuclear weapons program. Now, I think, anyone familiar with the regime had to know at the beginning that the open hand would be rejected and that there would be no negotiation over the nuclear program and certainly no negotiations over the freedom of the Iranian people. It remains to this day a disappointment that the administration in Washington has not realized that yet.

But I do want to assure you that in the United States, among the people, in the Congress, in the media, and in academic circles, there is an increasing realization that the regime in Tehran is not a regime that we can negotiate with and that the open hand policy has failed.

This meeting today is a signal both to the people still trapped inside Iran and the democratic countries all around the world that the people of Iran seek to have control over their own government and to participate in democratic elections. It is a tragedy for Iran that its best friend and closest ally in the world is North Korea; North Korea, which has its own nuclear weapons, which pursues ballistic missile technology that threatens peace and security not only in Asia but in the Middle East as well, which, financed by the regime in Tehran, was building a nuclear reactor in Syria, and which partners with Iran on the nuclear program. It is a regime that is the most dictatorial on Earth today; North Korea is a prison camp. North Korea's people are on the verge of starving; and it still nonetheless pursues nuclear weapons and works with the government of Iran. This is a huge tragedy for the people of Iran. But what it reflects is the isolation of the regime from civilized governments all around the world. It is a fitting tribute to the free people of Iran that so many parliamentarians, from Europe, Canada, the United States, and around the world have begun to see the impact of the regime on the people of Iran.

It also has to be troubling that the regime's closest large friends around the world are Russia and China; China which has never had on the mainland true democratic institutions; and Russia which passed from authoritarianism into a period of democracy and may be passing right back into authoritarianism. This is not something that a free Iran would tolerate.

Moreover, the regime's support for international terrorism—some have described it as the central banker for international terrorism, supporting terrorist groups all around the world—have helped contribute to the isolation of Iran and the increasing difficulty imposed on the Iranian people. Now, I think that the United States' policy of regime change should be a very active policy. I think the first thing that we need to be clear on is that the United States will not stand in the way of legitimate opposition groups of Iranians who seek regime change in Iran.

As all of you know, in many European countries, the designation of the MEK as a terrorist organization has been lifted. That has not happened in the United States yet. But there are many members of Congress who have pressed Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, to have the State Department reevaluate that designation which after all was

first imposed in 1997 during the Clinton administration, many say as a favor to the regime in Tehran. That obviously has not produced anything in response. And I do think that it is incumbent on this administration to make it clear if it has evidence to bring it forward and if it does not have evidence to remove the designation.

U.S. opposition to international terrorism is unwavering but it is an opposition that has to be based on facts and not ideology and that is what we need to see. In the short term I believe the United States has a responsibility for the safety of people at Camp Ashraf. At an absolute minimum, the US presence inside Ashraf has to be continued and perhaps expanded back to something like its previous level. I think the UN mission inside Ashraf has to be extended and I think we need to make it clear to the government of Iraq that we will not tolerate interference in the camp and certainly not the kind of assaults that have occurred on the inhabitants of the camp before. This is again something, I think, of a very high priority in the American Congress.

I think going beyond simply getting out of the way of legitimate democratic opposition to the regime in Tehran that the United States should be prepared to provide assistance to the opposition; resources and information continuing and expanding, for example, the work of Radio Farda, and other ways to get information to the people still inside Iran. I think the utility of this kind of support has been demonstrated throughout history, such as Solidarity in Poland. Obviously we do not want to do anything that would give the regime the ability to say that the opposition was anything other than fully independent. But, I think our support and the support of other western democracies should go beyond the merely rhetorical.

In recent weeks we have seen the UN Security Council impose the fourth set of sanctions against the regime because of its nuclear weapons program. Sanctions are useful to put pressure on the regime and will bring us closer to the day when the regime will fall and there will actually be a democratic Iran. But I do not think that the sanctions unfortunately will be enough to stop the regime's continued pursuit of nuclear weapons. And I worry very much that the Obama administration and our western European friends believe that there is now nothing more that can be done to prevent the regime and the Revolutionary Guards from obtaining nuclear weapons. Their fallback position is that the mullahs and the Revolutionary Guard can be contained and deterred once they achieve a nuclear weapons capability. I think this is a huge mistake for the region and the world but mostly for the people of Iran. The fact is that once this regime gets nuclear weapons it will be immeasurably strengthened and the power of Revolutionary Guards, already considerable, will be strengthened even further. This regime with nuclear weapons is not simply an external threat to its neighbors and stability in the region and the world as a whole, but an even greater threat to the people of Iran. It is the trump card for the regime to stay in power.

I think it is very significant here that the position of the democratic opposition is that it does not want an Iran with nuclear weapons. Commentators in the West are continuously telling us that opposition to the nuclear program helps bring the people of Iran into closer support for the regime in Tehran. We know that that is simply not true and I think it is very important that in Maryam Rajavi's platform for the future Iran it says in point 10 very explicitly, (let me quote it so that the media can hear it, this is Mrs. Rajavi's own platform), "We want the free Iran of tomorrow to be devoid of nuclear

weapons and weapons of mass destruction." Mrs. Rajavi's position is exactly the right position, because an Iran with nuclear weapons will be a less secure Iran. If this regime gets nuclear weapons, you can count on Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey and perhaps others getting nuclear weapons. So in a very brief period of time, five to ten years, you can have a multi-polar nuclear Middle East that will make everybody less secure and particularly Iran. This is why it is so important that we support the democratic opposition in Iran to see regime change at the earliest possible date.

Now, some people in the West, although they do not like to put it this explicitly, basically do not think Iran is ready for democracy. I think they are flatly wrong. Iran is more than ready for democracy. This is something that we feel very deeply about in the United States.

I would offer to all of you the great insight of our President Abraham Lincoln, who gave us the inspiration that I hope will be of assistance to you, that what we want for the people of Iran is what Lincoln wanted for the people of the United States: government of the people, by the people and for the people.

APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN THE BURMESE FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY ACT (H.J. RES. 83)

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of H.J. Res. 83, a resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act (P.L. 108-61). I am proud to have once again introduced this legislation this year with the gentleman from New York, Mr. CROWLEY.

In 2003 Congress passed the Burmese Freedom & Democracy Act, legislation that I co-authored with my friend, the late Tom Lantos. President Bush signed this bill into law and we have reauthorized these import restrictions every year since. The legislation bans imports from Burma and the issuance of visas to those officials affiliated with the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC), the military junta that rules Burma and brutally represses its people. This law also bans U.S. financial transactions that involve individuals or entities connected with the SPDC.

These sanctions are critically important to keeping the pressure on the Burmese junta. The government continues to have one of the worst human rights record in the world and routinely violates the rights of Burmese citizens, including the systematic use of rape as a weapon of war, extrajudicial killings, arbitrary arrests and detention, torture, as well as slave and child labor. The Burmese regime has destroyed more than 3,500 ethnic villages, displaced approximately 2,000,000 Burmese people, more than 500,000 of which are internally displaced, and arrested approximately 2,100 individuals for expressing critical opinions of the government. And it continues to detain Aung San Suu Kyi, the head of the National League for Democracy and the democratically elected leader of Burma.

We must continue to stand with the Burmese people and expose the despicable and

reprehensible actions of the SPDC. Sanctions are critical to putting pressure on the junta. In 2008, Congress passed and President Bush signed into law Tom Lantos Block Burmese JADE Act (P.L. 110-286) which bans the importation of Burmese gems into the United States and freezes the assets of Burmese political and military leaders. But we still need others to follow ours and the EU's lead. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) must impose multilateral sanctions against Burma's military regime including a complete arms embargo.

Finally, it is my hope that the Obama Administration promptly implements all the provisions of the Tom Lantos Block Burmese JADE Act, appoints a Special Coordinator for Burma, and supports the establishment of UNSC Commission of Inquiry on Burma.

I urge adoption of the resolution.

CONGRATULATING DR. WILLIE WILSON ON 23 YEARS WITH SINGSATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, Dr. Willie Wilson is a successful entrepreneur, philanthropist and national gospel recording artist. He was born in Gilbert, Louisiana and overcame significant challenges to become a successful businessman and humanitarian. Every Sunday he can be found singing at someone's church and donating thousands of dollars to assist the kingdom of God.

Dr. Wilson owned five McDonald's Restaurants and received numerous awards for his commitment to the community. In 1987, Dr. Wilson founded Willie Wilson Productions, a television production company where he produced the nationally syndicated Gospel Show Singsation. Dr. Wilson's television show Singsation is viewed by more than 40 million homes nationally. He is the first African American to have a nationally syndicated Gospel show.

Dr. Wilson produced five national recordings entitled: I'm So Grateful, Lord Don't Let Me Fail, I'll Fly Away, Just a Closer Walk With Thee, and Through it All. He recently penned a book about his life story entitled "What Shall I Do Next, When I Don't Know Next What To Do?"

Dr. Wilson holds several Honorary Doctorate Degrees including and Honorary Doctorate in Divinity from Mt. Carmel Theological Seminary, a Doctor of Humane letters from Chicago Baptist Institute, and an Honorary Doctorate in Humanitarianism from Swisher Bible College.

Dr. Wilson started Omar Inc., in 1997, a company that is the seventh largest black-owned company in Illinois and ranks 96 nationally on the list compiled by Black Enterprise Magazine. The company grossed more than \$50 million last year.

In 2009 Dr. Wilson acquired Oak Gloves Manufacturing Plant in Tullahoma, Tennessee making him the first and only African American manufacturer of medical grade gloves in North America. Dr. Wilson's story reflects the American Dream—that hard work and persistence wins every time.

I urge my colleagues and citizens of the Seventh Congressional District to join with me in congratulating Dr. Wilson on 23 years of providing soul energizing, gospel music to more than 40 million homes around the nation.

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND DISASTERS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I submit the attached exchange of letters on H.R. 5266, the "National Commission on Children and Disasters Reauthorization Act of 2010" between the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Homeland Security.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
Washington, DC, July 20, 2010.

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

DEAR CHAIRMAN OBERSTAR: I write to you regarding H.R. 5266, the "National Commission on Children and Disasters Reauthorization Act of 2010."

H.R. 5266 contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security. I recognize and appreciate your desire to bring this legislation before the House in an expeditious manner and, accordingly, I will not seek a sequential referral of the bill. However, agreeing to waive consideration of this bill should not be construed as the Committee on Homeland Security waiving, altering, or otherwise affecting its jurisdiction over subject matters contained in the bill which fall within its Rule X jurisdiction.

Further, I request your support for the appointment of an appropriate number of Members of the Committee on Homeland Security to be named as conferees during any House-Senate conference convened on H.R. 5266 or similar legislation. I also ask that a copy of this letter and your response be included in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of this bill.

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

Sincerely,

BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE,
Washington, DC, July 20, 2010.

Hon. BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I write to you regarding H.R. 5266, the "National Commission on Children and Disasters Reauthorization Act of 2010"

I agree that provisions in H.R. 5266 are of jurisdictional interest to the Committee on Homeland Security. I acknowledge that by forgoing a sequential referral, your Committee is not relinquishing its jurisdiction and I will fully support your request to be represented in a House-Senate conference on those provisions over which the Committee on Homeland Security has jurisdiction in H.R. 5266.

This exchange of letters will be inserted in the Congressional Record as part of the consideration of H.R. 5266 in the House.

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

Sincerely,

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

HONORING THE MORRIS COUNTY 4-H FAIR

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Morris County 4-H Fair, celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

The 4-H organization began at the start of the 20th century with a group of individuals who wanted to promote the idea of practical, "hands-on" learning. In a society where young people were beginning to gravitate toward city living, this group felt the desire to create an organization focused on country life. Ever since, their ideas have grown from a need to initiate new agricultural technology and techniques on the nation's farms to creating a safe and fun environment where any young person can be involved.

4-H officially came to New Jersey in 1915. The first Morris County 4-H boys were involved with Corn Clubs. Girls worked in Tomato and Canning Clubs. It was World War I that gave them a practical purpose. Clubs adopted the slogan "Feed A Fighter" by raising livestock and growing vegetables to help feed United States soldiers.

Morris County 4-H, as we know it today, began in the early 1940s adopting to "pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world." The club began with boys and girls participating in a variety of project areas ranging from traditional livestock and home economics to wood working, conservation and fashion. Today, Morris County 4-H members learn leadership, citizenship and life skills through a variety of projects related to science to healthy living.

The annual 4-H Fair has filled the gap left by the disappearance of many of the old country fairs. It began as a few tables in the middle of Rockaway Town Square Mall, and with borrowed tents and personal dedication, evolved into a modern-day country fair with 25,000 visitors. Today, area residents can see the accomplishments of the Morris County 4-H youth first hand as they exhibit their handiwork in everything from food and nutrition to model cars and rockets. In a world overrun by videogames and television, 4H teaches the youth of our community the value of hard work by creating contests and rewards for each club. The 4-H Fair provides the outlet for these young people to display their projects

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Morris County 4-H Fair as they celebrate 40 years of dedicated years of service to the youth of Morris County!

HONORING ROBERT FOZIO

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Ms. SUTTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to Robert Fozio, who passed away on April 17, 2010 after a courageous battle with cancer. Robert played a very active role in the Northeast Ohio community and that is how I became acquainted with him.

Robert was a bricklayer, an avid outdoorsman, devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, and brother. Robert always taught his family that wherever you are, to be 100% there. He also emphasized the importance of never forgetting who you are and where you came from. Whether it was through his longstanding membership with Bricklayers Local 5, the Northern Ohio Administrative District Council, the International Union of Bricklayers, the Allied Craftworkers, or his time serving with the U.S. Navy in Vietnam, Robert was a fixture in the community.

At the young age of 17, Robert received special permission from his mother to join the U.S. Navy so that he could bring in additional income for his family. Robert joined the Local 5 in 1963 shortly after returning from his naval tour in Vietnam. Robert quickly ascended through the ranks in the allied crafts and was a superintendent and foreman for the majority of his career. He was a brilliant man, which was demonstrated by his own professional success, as well as his efforts to improve the lives of other tradesmen.

In 1998, Robert was named interim director of the District Council and was elected full-time director in 2001 until his retirement in 2009. His tireless work for the industry was rewarded when the Robert A. Fozio Regional Training Center for all craft apprentices and journeyman upgrading was opened in May 2005. The Training Center was a model in innovation, training all facets of the allied crafts under one roof, which provided a higher standard and level of expectation for contractors in the area. This center came to be known as the best training center in the United States for apprentices in allied crafts and for journeyman upgrading.

In his free time, Robert was an avid hunter and fisherman and spent several years as a professional archer. In recent years, he developed a love for sporting clubs and spent his free time shooting with friends and family. In fact, Robert went on a hunting expedition in 2008 with the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Society and appeared in a video shooting white-tailed deer, which still appears on many outdoors programs.

He was a respected and beloved member of the greater Brunswick community, and his presence will be remembered by the entire area. His legacy of community, friendship, family, and hard work will continue for many years.

Robert leaves behind not only those whom he served, but also a loving family—his wife Dorothy, his daughters Tiffany Yohman and Theresa Berthold, his sisters Rose Marie Friend, Marilyn Seltzer, and Carolyne Fozio, his brothers Donald and Patrick Fozio, his grandchildren, as well as many other close family members and friends. Robert will truly

be missed. We will always remember Robert for his commitment to his community, his caring for his union brothers and sisters, and his dedication to his family. And I will remember the central quotation by which Robert lived his life: "Plan your work and work your plan."

On behalf of the people of Ohio's 13th District, I want to express my deepest sympathies to the Fozio family. They have lost a great husband, father, and grandfather who passed away much too soon and we have lost a true friend and committed member of our community.

HOMELAND SECURITY SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY AUTHORIZATION
ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4842, the Homeland Security Science and Technology Authorization Act, which will authorize needed funds for important activities and programs within the Department of Homeland Security to help make our country more secure.

This bill is the product of extensive bipartisan work dating back to last summer, which includes input from numerous stakeholder meetings, the Department of Homeland Security, and the House Committee on Science and Technology.

I want to recognize the work of Chairwoman CLARKE—the author of the bill—and Ranking Member LUNGREN, whose Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology marked up this bill on March 16 and reported the bill favorably by voice vote.

The Full Committee then considered this bill and reported it unanimously by a vote of 26–0 on April 15, 2010.

We appreciate the Majority working with us in a bipartisan way, and including a number of provisions of importance to Republican Members.

These provisions include the establishment of research initiatives to bolster border and maritime security, development of tools to enhance resilience to terrorist attacks and other incidents, especially in rural communities, research and testing of technologies to help secure the border and ensure the safety of our underground mass transit systems, and an assessment of how useful rapid screening tools for influenza and other biological threats would be at our border ports of entry.

I also want to highlight a very important provision in this bill that is critical both to the security of New York City and surrounding areas as well as to our Nation as a whole, which is the authorization and expansion of the Securing the Cities program.

Securing the Cities is a vital homeland security program to help prevent terrorist attacks in major cities using nuclear or radiological weapons, like a dirty bomb. The program has enabled the establishment of a networked ring of radiological detectors on highways, toll plazas, bridges, tunnels, and waterways leading into and out of New York City, which as we have seen, is the top terror target for al-Qaeda and affiliated terrorist organizations.

Securing the Cities is both a regional capability and a national asset. The program provides the operational capability to interdict a radiological or nuclear weapon in one city so that it cannot be delivered to and detonated in another.

Recent attacks on New York City came from other regions: Najibullah Zazi traveled from Denver to New York City in a plot to possibly bomb the subway system and Faisal Shahzad traveled from Connecticut to New York and attempted to detonate a car bomb in Times Square.

The detonation of a nuclear or dirty bomb in the New York tri-state area, or in any major metropolitan area, would inflict serious damages to our country's economy, much like the 9/11 attacks did.

Securing the Cities is a successful program that can and should be replicated in other areas around the country. That is why language in this bill would expand the program to at least two additional high-risk cities where these capabilities are most needed, leveraging what we have already learned about building defenses against nuclear and radiological weapons in New York to erect similar security perimeters in and around other cities.

Securing the Cities is an excellent example of the type of coordination between Federal, State, and local partners that Congress has demanded and the Department has worked to facilitate. We absolutely must enhance our nuclear detection architecture in a world where the threat of nuclear terrorism is on the rise.

The House has voted in favor of the Securing the Cities program on four separate occasions. These include last year, when the full House supported similar language when it passed H.R. 2611 under Suspension of the Rules by voice vote on January 20, 2010. The House again voiced strong bipartisan support when it adopted an amendment Representative Clarke and I offered in June 2009 to H.R. 2892, the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, to restore funding for this vital program.

House passage of this bill will reaffirm the continuing bipartisan support for this program in the House and send a strong signal to the United States Senate to pass legislation to authorize Securing the Cities prior to adjournment of the 111th Congress.

I want to remind our colleagues that the threat of nuclear or radiological terrorism is real. The WMD Commission warned in 2008 that an attack using a weapon of mass destruction was likely to happen somewhere in the world by 2013. Commissioners Graham and Talent repeated this warning before the Committee on Homeland Security on April 21 of this year.

The President's National Security Strategy that was released earlier this year concluded that "the American People face no greater or more urgent danger than a terrorist attack with a nuclear weapon."

The potential of nuclear or radiological terrorism is a nightmare scenario that we must guard against with every available capability and resource. Authorizing and expanding Securing the Cities will help better protect our country from such danger.

Let me close by saying while I am pleased we are considering this bill today, I believe the House should be considering a comprehensive authorization bill for the Department. The House has not done so since 2007, with one

of the reasons being too many committees and subcommittees have jurisdiction over homeland security issues.

The 9/11 Commission recommended in 2004 that "Congress should create a single, principal point of oversight and review for homeland security." The current jurisdictional web of congressional oversight of the Department of Homeland Security results in conflicting guidance to the Department and is a serious drain on its time and resources.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the 9/11 Commission—Governor Kean and Congressman Hamilton—have testified this jurisdictional maze is unworkable and could make our country less safe.

I hope that we can streamline congressional jurisdiction moving forward so that Congress can enact a comprehensive authorization bill for the Department, which has not happened since its creation in 2003. The failure to do so jeopardizes our ability to ensure that our nation's homeland security policies are as robust as they need to be to meet the evolving nature of terrorist threats.

I again want to thank Chairman THOMPSON, Congresswoman CLARKE, and my friend from California, Mr. LUNGREN, for crafting a very good bill that will help improve our homeland security capabilities.

I urge my colleagues to support passage of H.R. 4842.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
CLEVELAND POLICE OFFICER
EMIL CIELEC

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Cleveland Police Officer Emil Cielec, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend to many and lifelong guardian and protector of the people of the City of Cleveland. Officer Cielec retired from the Cleveland Police Department less than two years ago. He left behind a legacy that will forever reflect excellence, honesty and bravery.

Mr. Cielec was raised by parents who came to America from Poland in search of a better life for their family. Growing up on the west side of Cleveland as one of eleven children, he learned early on the significance of hard work and community. He lived his life in dedication to his family and to his Roman Catholic faith. Mr. Cielec graduated from Lincoln High School and then served our nation in the United States Army. He was working on the production line at General Motors when he learned that the City of Cleveland Police Department was hiring. He immediately applied and diligently studied for the test. In 1957, Mr. Cielec was sworn in as a Cleveland Police officer and served with honor until his retirement in 2008.

Officer Cielec had a stellar reputation as an officer who treated all people with dignity, fairness, and respect. He was tough, yet compassionate and honorable. During his tenure with the Cleveland Police Department, Officer Cielec saw twenty-two Police Chiefs come and go. He weathered many storms—on the streets and in City Hall. His reputation was

known throughout the department, and he was often approached by other officers seeking his insight, wisdom and expertise.

Beyond the job, his family was his foundation and his greatest love. His devotion to his wife, Dorothy, to his sons, Kevin and Alan, to his daughter Sandy, and to his grandchildren was unconditional and unwavering.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Police Officer Emil Cielec, who lived life with great love and devotion to his family and to those he served. Officer Cielec's work made our Cleveland community a better place to live. He will be remembered and honored forever.

CONGRATULATING THE BOY
SCOUTS OF AMERICA ON THEIR
100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, 2010 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, the largest youth organization in the United States. Since 1910, more than 111,000,000 youth have participated in Scouting programs focused on character development and leadership training.

This Sunday, July 25th, the Boy Scouts will kick-off their 100th Anniversary celebrations with a Grand Centennial Parade. Not since the very first Jamboree in 1937 has there been a Scout-specific parade in Washington, DC. There will be floats, marching bands, vintage vehicles, great entertainment, flags, fun and so much more. I am proud to join my father, former FBI Director Judge William S. Sessions, as a division marshal in this historic parade.

From July 26th to August 4th, the National Boy Scout Jamboree will be hosted at Fort A.P. Hill just south of Washington, DC. The Jamboree will host over 43,000 Scouts and adult leaders visiting from across the globe. This is the last year the Boy Scouts will celebrate its Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill having procured a new high-adventure base, The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, near Beckley, West Virginia. This new base covers 10,600 acres and is located adjacent to 70,000 acres of National Park Service land, offering world-class outdoor opportunities when it opens in 2013.

On Tuesday, July 27th, the Postal Service will host the first day of sale for a new 44 cent commemorative stamp entitled "Celebrate Scouting," made possible through bipartisan congressional support of over 300 Representatives and Senators. The stamp, unveiled in November of last year, will be dedicated by the Boy Scouts at the National Jamboree on Tuesday.

Additionally, the National Postal Museum will be hosting a Congressional Stamp Exhibit at the Rayburn House Office Building from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 28 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 29/30. In collaboration with the Boy Scouts of America, I will be hosting an exhibit on the "2010 Celebrate Scouting" stamp.

As an additional token of celebration, I was proud to have introduced H.R. 5872, the Boy Scouts of American Centennial Commemora-

tive Coin Act, which was signed into law by President George W. Bush on October 8, 2008. In accordance with the legislation, the United States Mint produced 350,000 Silver Dollar coins in celebration of the Boy Scouts centennial anniversary. Each having a \$10 surcharge equally matched by private funds, this bill raised \$7 million for Scouts in hard to serve areas. After only 12 short weeks these coins sold out, a remarkable success for spreading the joys of Scouting.

This Friday, I am proud to host 11 troops made up of over 500 Scouts from the Dallas area to Washington, DC. I have the pleasure of meeting them on their historic journey to the Jamboree, showing them through the Capitol, and providing them insight into the government of our nation. In this historic year, I ask everyone to join in the celebration of this monumental occasion, and congratulate the Boy Scouts of America on their centennial anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF ANTONIO L. "TONY" NUNES, SR.

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and public service of Antonio L. "Tony" Nunes, Sr., a life-long farmer and community leader.

Tony was born on August 16, 1915 in Rio Vista, California to Antonio and Mary Nunes. He graduated Adult School and obtained his high school diploma in 1983, 50 years after initially leaving high school due to the death of his father. Tony went into the dairy business with his brother Joe in 1943 in Pixley, California. His sons Tony, Jr. and Patrick entered the Nunes Brother Dairy Business in 1976. Tony retired in 1988 and moved to Tulare.

In addition to running the dairy, Tony was an active member of the community. He was on the Tulare District Hospital Foundation Board, a lifetime member of the Tulare Historical Society, a World Ag Expo volunteer, part of the Tulare County Fair Board for over 32 years, Tulare County Farmer of the Year in 1968, and Tulare Dairy Family of the Year in 1992. He was also an active member of the Roon Kiwanis Club, Tulare Cabrillo Civic Club, Mosquito Board, California Poling Review Board, and the Tulare City Planning Commission.

Tony loved life and traveled with his wife, Mary, to many parts of the world. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, six children, 14 grandchildren, and 17 great grand-children.

I knew Tony personally. He was a dedicated dairy farmer, and had a positive impact on all who knew him. His values and commitment to agriculture in the San Joaquin Valley will live on through his family and friends, and in the community he nobly served.

JOYCE ROGERS POST OFFICE
BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5341, legislation I have introduced on behalf of my friend and colleague from Michigan, Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI-08). The bill would name the postal facility on Orndorff Drive in Brighton Michigan, the "Joyce Rogers Post Office Building."

Joyce Rogers, the late mother of Congressman MIKE ROGERS, passed away at her Brighton, Michigan home on November 4, 2009 at the age of 78.

Joyce Rogers was a long-time Brighton resident and a tireless public servant, devoting much of her time to the betterment and economic development of the Brighton community. As executive director of the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce, Joyce Rogers played an integral role in building the business organization into the area's most important political and business networking organization. Through her efforts, Brighton was transformed into a thriving business community, attracting new residents and customers to the area. In addition to being a small business advocate, Joyce Rogers always remembered her role as a leader, taking time to serve her community by acting as a mentor to Brighton women. She has left a lasting impression on the Brighton business community and imparted on her community the importance of public service.

Mr. Speaker, the Michigan delegation has thrown its support behind Congressman ROGERS. Every member of the delegation is an original cosponsor of H.R. 5341. I urge the rest of my House colleagues to show their support for Congressman ROGERS, whose mother accomplished much, both in the public sphere and in her private life as a devoted wife of 57 years and mother of three. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5341.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR PAUL
COVERDELL

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the late Paul Coverdell, the former United States Senator from Georgia, as Sunday marked the 10th anniversary of his death. Senator Coverdell was known to be a fair and honest statesman, and I always admired him for those traits along with his reputation for being a voice of reason in the Senate. Many of my colleagues from Georgia say that he wasn't a man of many words—but he always meant what he said and followed up on his promises.

Senator Coverdell was accomplished in his trade on many different levels. Before coming to the U.S. Senate, Paul spent 19 years representing the best interests of Georgians in the State Senate, where he served as the Minority Leader, and as the Chairman of the

Georgia GOP. It was during this time that Paul met and formed a friendship with then-Governor George H. W. Bush—who would later appoint Coverdell to serve as the Peace Corps Director when he became President.

In 1992, Coverdell was elected to the U.S. Senate, where he was influential on many different committees. Under the slogan "Coverdell Works," Paul became the first Republican from Georgia ever to be re-elected to the U.S. Senate. In his second term as Senator, he created the Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, also known as the "Coverdell Plans." These accounts have allowed millions of students to save money and then withdraw it later—tax free—in order to fund their college educations.

Senator Coverdell left a lasting impression on both the State of Georgia and the Nation—and I am honored to have known and worked with him. He understood the importance of compromise, and was very well respected and liked by people of all political persuasions. We miss him to this day, and my thoughts and prayers are with Senator Coverdell's wife Nancy this week.

A TRIBUTE TO CHARLES E. KRUSE

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, the United States is blessed in many ways, but the ingenuity, patriotism, and character of the people who make up the fabric of our country are the greatest of our strengths. The characteristics of our people—the values we learn from our fathers, mothers, grandparents, and siblings—help to define American leadership. Outstanding American leaders walk among us each day.

One such American leader is the current president of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation, Missouri National Guard Brigadier General (Retired) Charlie Kruse, who with his wife Pam have become dear friends of mine through the years. I learned this week that Charlie plans to retire from the Farm Bureau after serving as its president since 1992. While his retirement will be a loss to the Farm Bureau family and to those of us in Congress who work with him, I know that Charlie and Pam will continue serving the people of Missouri and the farmers and military personnel who call the Show-Me State home.

Charlie is a native of Dexter, Missouri, located in the southeastern portion of the state. He is an Eagle Scout who earned that rank in 1959 and then went on to graduate in 1963 from Dexter High School. Charlie and Pam continue to farm in Dexter.

Charlie graduated in 1967 from Arkansas State University with a degree in agronomy and graduated in 1973 with a Masters of Science in Agronomy from Missouri University. As a distinguished graduate from Mizzou, I know Charlie must have been thrilled when in 1983, Missouri Governor Kit Bond appointed him to the University of Missouri Board of Curators.

In 1985, Missouri Governor John Ashcroft honored Charlie by appointing him to his cabinet as Missouri Director of Agriculture. In 1990, he became the only Missourian to serve

on President George H. W. Bush's Council on Rural America and was appointed to the Inter-governmental Advisory Committee of U.S. Trade Representative Carla A. Hills.

In 1991, Charlie became executive vice president of the North American Equipment Dealers Association but resigned that post in August 1992 to seek the presidency of the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation. Charlie was elected president of the Missouri Farm Bureau that year.

During his tenure as Missouri Farm Bureau president, Charlie has been a state and national leader in agricultural policy making and has well represented the interests of Show-Me State farmers during Congressional farm bill debates. He has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the U.S. Meat Export Federation; the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture; the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Grains, Feed, and Oilseeds; the Missouri State Government Review Commission; the Missouri Plant Biotechnology Advisory Committee; and President George W. Bush's Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations. Charlie has also served as chairman of the American Farm Bureau's Task Force on the U.S. Livestock Industry; chairman of the American Farm Bureau's Trade Advisory Committee; and a member of the board of directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (FARMER MAC).

Charlie's agricultural career has been paralleled by a career in military uniform. In 1967, Charlie enlisted in the Missouri Army National Guard as an infantryman. He worked his way through the ranks from Private to Brigadier General. As a general officer in the Missouri Army National Guard, Charlie served as Assistant Adjutant General of Missouri. Charlie retired from the Army in 1993 after 26 years of distinguished service. We owe him and his family a debt of gratitude for his military service.

Because of his outstanding leadership, Charlie holds many awards and honors. But, despite these accolades, I expect Charlie's top honor is being a husband and a father.

Madam Speaker, I wish Charlie, Pam, and their family all the best as they transition into a new chapter of life. I know my colleagues in the House will join me in expressing a debt of gratitude to them.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,237,494,446,894.52.

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 \$2,554,068,701.72 so far this Congress.

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

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO ENSURE RISK ASSESSMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PREPAREDNESS FOR OFFSHORE DRILLING

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster is a terrible reminder of the inherent safety, environmental, and economic risks associated with offshore drilling. This tragedy claimed the lives of 11 people and released millions of gallons of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico, forcing people out of work, devastating beaches and fisheries for years to come, and impacting our food supply.

BP's so-called response plan to deal with such a disaster was a farce: it listed a wildlife expert that had been deceased since 2005 and said that sensitive biological resources in the Gulf included walrus, sea otters, sea lions and seals, none of which actually live there. BP also stated that it could handle a worst case oil discharge scenario 10 times the size of the Deepwater Horizon disaster.

These glaring flaws in its response plan make it abundantly clear that BP did not take the permitting process seriously. There was virtually no thought or time put into developing these plans and certainly no accountability.

Today I am introducing legislation to ensure that risk assessment and emergency response preparedness for offshore drilling are more than an exercise in pushing paper. My legislation would require the chief executive officer of each offshore drilling and production operation under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to annually certify (1) the demonstrated capability of the operation's exploration and production plans to respond immediately and effectively to the worst-case oil spill in real-world conditions; and (2) that each plan, to their knowledge, is an accurate and effective response to a worst-case oil spill in real-world conditions, under risk of personal civil penalties.

Ever since the BP Deepwater Horizon well began spewing oil into the Gulf of Mexico, executives from BP have repeatedly excused their inability to seal the well by describing the difficult circumstances in which they are operating. I am willing to acknowledge that, because the well is 5,000 feet below the surface, effectively stopping the flow of oil is a technological challenge. But I believe these are all things that should have been considered before BP began drilling the well. And I believe that if company executives are accountable for the content of their proposals to address these safety concerns, one of two things will happen. Either they will ensure that they do have an effective and realistic response capability to an oil spill. Or they will not drill the well.

This tragedy is a game-changing event. We must reevaluate our policy on offshore drilling emergency response preparedness and bring accountability to risk assessment and the planning process. This legislation would go a long way toward ensuring our offshore drilling operations have thoughtful, accurate, and useful response plans.

Offshore drilling operations, no matter how technologically advanced, can never completely eliminate the risk of a major disaster

but it is incumbent upon us to make sure these companies have a plan to respond when disaster does strike.

I hope my colleagues will support this simple but overdue legislation.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES KING
PICKETT

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of a longtime Mobile resident, and a very special friend, Charles King Pickett, who passed away at the age of 74 on March 4, 2010.

King, as he was affectionately known to his family and many friends, was loved by everyone who knew him. He never met a stranger and always had a kind word for others.

He served America with uncommon dedication as a paratrooper with the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division and in the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

The founder of Pickett and Adams Insurance Agency in Mobile, King shepherded his very successful business for more than four decades before retiring in 2003.

An active member of the community, King Pickett helped launch the Port City Pacers and led by example, jogging over 30,000 miles during his lifetime.

Harkening back to his Army paratrooper days, he also enjoyed recreational skydiving, racking up 115 jumps, including one on his 70th birthday.

He was a strong supporter of Mobile's Mardi Gras and was an active member of both the Knights of Revelry and the Comic Cowboys. Additionally, King was very involved in the Cellular South 1st and 10 Club, Mobile's Senior Bowl football game and numerous other community events such as the American Cancer Society's Chili Cook-Off.

Madam Speaker, Joseph Kennedy once said "The measure of a man's success in life is not the money he's made . . . it's the kind of family he has raised."

King was deeply loved by his son, Dr. Taylor King Pickett, his daughter, Eliska Pickett Morgan, my deputy chief of staff and district director, as well as his wonderful grandsons, William Roe, Smith Pickett and Michael Morgan, as well as his lovely granddaughters, Riley Pickett, Taylor Roe, Hannah Pickett and Adalee Pickett. He also leaves behind hundreds of friends throughout South Alabama. In a very real way, we were all King's family.

As his longtime friend, C. Dennis McCann, recently observed in a letter published in the Mobile Press-Register, "King always brought a contagious happiness to everyone he met."

Without question, Mobile lost a great citizen and a dear friend this past March.

On behalf of all those who knew and loved King, I offer my deepest condolences to his family. King Pickett lived a truly remarkable life and his death leaves a void which is not possible to be filled.

IN MEMORY OF DR. ROBERT N.
BUTLER

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. GRAYSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Robert N. Butler, the father of modern gerontology. Dr. Butler, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, researcher, and psychiatrist, died at the age of 83 on July 4th at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. Dr. Butler was known for coining the phrase "ageism" to describe the discrimination against the elderly. He made it his life work to help create a health care system in which Americans would grow old with dignity and respect. I was honored to be a co-founder and to serve on the Alliance for Aging Board with Dr. Butler. It is truly a privilege to recognize the leading advocate for the treatment and care of the elderly.

Dr. Robert Butler was born in 1927 in New York, and raised by his grandparents on a chicken farm in southern New Jersey. His close bond with his grandparents sparked his passion and interest in the strength and determination of the elderly.

After serving in the U.S. Maritime Service, Dr. Butler attended Columbia University, where he received his undergraduate degree in 1949 and medical degree in 1953. He studied psychiatry and neurology as a resident at the University of California; later joining National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland as a research psychiatrist. He studied the central nervous system in elderly people, and helped investigate problems in nursing homes. Dr. Butler was a U.S. Public Health Service surgeon from 1955 to 1962. During the 1960's he maintained a private practice, while he was a researcher and gerontologist at the Washington School of Psychiatry. He also taught at several medical schools, including Georgetown, Howard, and George Washington Universities.

In 1976, Dr. Butler became the founding director of the National Institute on Aging at the National Institute of Health. During his time there, he successfully pressed Congress to increase research funding, particularly for Alzheimer's disease. Later, he established and led one of the first comprehensive geriatrics departments at an American medical school at Mount Sinai Hospital. His efforts led to an overhaul in the treatment of the elderly by improving the education of doctors.

Throughout his career, Dr. Butler authored hundreds of articles and various books about the biology and sociology of aging. He wrote his most famous book in 1975 titled, "Why Survive? Being Old in America", which won him the Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction. Since its founding in 1986 until his death, Dr. Butler was the Vice Chair and served on the Board of the Alliance for Aging Research. This non-profit based in Washington, DC is the nation's leading citizen advocacy organization for promoting a broad agenda of medical and scientific research to improve the health and independence of older Americans.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Butler's accomplishments are very personal to me. I help found the Alliance for Aging Research and served as an officer for 22 years. I worked closely with Dr. Butler, as he provided guidance and inspi-

ration for the organization's mission. I am deeply saddened by the loss of a true medical pioneer, and a true friend. Dr. Butler always believed that if you love what you do and can contribute to society, then there is work to be done. He worked until three days before his death. He will be remembered for his groundbreaking work in the field of gerontology, which has changed the medical landscape and will greatly impact the lives of every American.

HONORING THE 50TH ANIVERSARY
OF THE 1960 OLYMPIC TEAM IN
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE AU-
GUST 27, 2010

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Madam Speaker, fifty years ago, arguably the greatest Olympic team in history—the United States Summer Olympic Team—traveled to Rome, Italy and proceeded to take over the athletic world. This Olympics, and this Olympic team, not only surpassed athletic marvels, but also broke racial, gender and ethnic barriers in doing so. On August 27, 2010, Nashville, Tennessee will be the home of the gathering of these champions, whose exploits are chronicled in David Maraniss' fantastic book, "Rome 1960: The Olympics That Changed the World." This event is more than a gathering of greats. It is also a fundraiser for the Ed Temple Foundation, and proceeds from this event will help low income families in Franklin, Tennessee and surrounding communities. I am proud to rise in support of this most worthwhile endeavor.

The names from these Olympics are part of athletic history and lore. During the 1960 Olympics, women's track and field, heretofore an afterthought, was catapulted to the world's stage through the incredible achievements of the Tigerbelles of Tennessee State University. Led by legendary humanitarian, educator and coach Ed Temple of Tennessee State University, Mae Faggs, Wilma Rudolph, Wyomia Tyus, Edith McGuire, Chandra Cheeseborough and others illustrated that women could perform with grace, class and honor. I was blessed and remain blessed to have had the personal friendship of Wilma Rudolph for more than two decades. Her spirit, strength and service are an example to all Americans, especially during these racially trying times. These women—young, strong, proud African American women—shattered traditional and outdated stereotypes, furthering the cause of equality and justice for all Americans. Coach Temple would end his career as the greatest track and field coach in Olympic history, as the women on his team won more than 23 Olympic medals, set dozens of Olympic world records, and more incredibly, more than 80 percent of the women coached under his program graduated from college.

Rafer Johnson, an African American, carried our Nation's flag, also was the first African American to win the grueling decathlon. Ralph Boston, another graduate of Tennessee State University, won the Olympic gold in the long jump. The 1960 Olympic basketball team, led by Oscar Robertson, Jerry Lucas and Jerry

West, never had a game that was close. This team was so talented, so smart and so skilled, ten out of its 12 members played in the National Basketball Association, and the entire team was named to the Basketball Hall of Fame.

While many of us know of his career as a humanitarian, a man of peace and justice, and perhaps the greatest boxer of all time, the 1960 Olympics in Rome also saw the beginning of the career of a young Cassius Clay. Of course, the world would later know and revere him as Muhammad Ali. In 1960, Muhammad Ali won a light heavyweight gold medal in boxing, setting the stage for an athlete like never before.

On behalf of my colleagues in Congress, I salute all of the athletes of this significant and ceiling-breaking Olympic team, and have the highest of hopes and wishes for the continued health and good fortune of these individuals and the Ed Temple Foundation. God bless.

HONORING THE WHITNEY
FOUNDATION

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate The Whitney Foundation on ten years of successful grant making in the greater Fresno area. Their ten year celebration will be held in Fresno, California on Thursday, July 22, 2010.

The Whitney Foundation was founded by Kathryn Whitney Stephens in 1999 and was based on the philosophy that one should share with others what one is given. When Ms. Stephens came into an inheritance the decision about what to do with the money was simple: share it with those that are less fortunate and bring a positive change in their lives. She wanted to help others become self-sufficient, productive members of society. With this vision, and a two million dollar endowment, The Whitney Foundation was created and the Board of Trustees was put into place in July 2000. Ms. Stephens and the board initially decided that the grants they provided would not fund direct services, but would support programs that develop self-determination and self-reliance through health, education and housing. While Ms. Stephens has since passed away, The Whitney Foundation still holds true to its original mission.

While the Foundation initially provided funding to a broad range of groups who worked in the areas of health, education and housing, the Board has since narrowed its focus and created a niche within these areas to support groups who's goals involve overcoming obstacles, bringing about social change and lending assistance to organizations or projects that would otherwise fall through the cracks. The Whitney Foundation has helped to fund various housing projects including homeownership education classes, neighborhood improvement and the construction or rehabilitation of low income housing units. They have also funded projects that educate others about how to become more self-sufficient by learning new skills for future employment and living in safer and less violent neighborhoods. Finally, The Whitney Foundation has provided funding

to a number of health projects that reach out to the uninsured, immigrant health needs and programs that promote culturally sensitive services. The Whitney Foundation has funded over twenty projects that have one or more of these principals. Through the Foundation's generosity, non-profits have been able to extend services that fulfill a need in the community.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate The Whitney Foundation on ten years of giving. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing The Whitney Foundation many years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 21, 2010, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall votes 454 through 455 and 458 through 459.

Had I been present for rollcall 454, on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 292 supporting the goals and ideals of National Aerospace Week, and for other purposes "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 455, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendment H.R. 725 to protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings, and for other purposes "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 458, on agreeing to the resolution H. Res. 1537 Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 459, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended to H.R. 5566 Prevention of Interstate Commerce in Animal Crush Videos Act of 2010 "aye."

TRIBUTE TO PAUL COVERDELL

HON. PAUL C. BROUN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it has been said that "this man had the heart of a lion." I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and colleague whom this most accurate description by former Senator Phil Gramm is referencing . . . Paul Coverdell.

This week marked the 10th anniversary of Senator Coverdell's passing, and I proudly join my colleagues in both this body and in the Senate to commemorate the life and achievements of one of Georgia's finest citizens.

Paul Coverdell was a pioneer of the Republican party in our great state and, in fact, for many years, he defined it. After serving in our state Senate for nearly 20 years, 15 of which he was the Minority Leader, Paul took the reins of our struggling state party, and like a true member of the United States Army for which he proudly served, he established a beach head of conservatism in our state.

Now, 25 years later, Republicans occupy the governor's office and four of the other seven statewide offices, both U.S. Senate seats, seven of the thirteen U.S. House seats, and represent the majority party for both the state House and state Senate.

However, Paul Coverdell did not just chair our state party, he led by example. In 1992, Paul took on an incumbent U.S. Senator, enduring four close elections in less than five months, and emerged victorious. Six years later, Senator Coverdell won his re-election campaign and became the first Republican U.S. Senator from our state re-elected since Reconstruction.

Known as a quiet man who worked hard behind the scenes, Senator Coverdell's work was not often seen or discussed on Sunday morning talk shows or national radio programs, but it touches millions of lives each day, most notably through the "Coverdell Education Savings Accounts." In my own district, we are reminded daily of Senator Coverdell's work and legacy through the Paul D. Coverdell Center for Biomedical and Health Sciences at the University of Georgia.

His sudden passing in 2000 became one of those days for myself and many others where you remember where you were when you heard the news. Greatly admired and respected by his friends and colleagues, it is not surprising that more than fifty members of Congress joined over 900 mourners to attend his funeral in Atlanta. To his wife Nancy and his family, I bear witness that Paul Coverdell's character was definitely born from "the heart of a lion."

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR H.R.
2364

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

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 2864, which amends the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes. This legislation will authorize appropriations for studying the Arctic, which will enable the United States to better examine and understand our Arctic territory.

I have visited the Arctic and I know first hand the important role the Arctic plays in the global ecosystem and our national security. I was able to see the impact of climate change on the Arctic. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I have participated in numerous hearings and I have shared the increasingly strategic role the Arctic plays in our national security. As a new member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I look forward to addressing issues related to maritime activities in the Arctic.

The United States has significant political and economic interests in the Arctic. Hydrographic services are important for maintaining Arctic environmental protection, navigational safety, and international relations. Over the

last five years, sea ice in the Arctic Circle has been at its lowest levels on record, and there has been a 35 percent decrease in thicker multi-year sea ice. These are symptoms of climate change, and represent a threat to fragile ecosystems and Arctic inhabitants. Hydrographic research is necessary to improve scientific understanding of the Arctic system and its adaptation to the dramatic environmental changes it is currently experiencing.

Rising sea levels in the Arctic have also altered sea routes and coastlines, compounding the need for new hydrographic research to produce updated navigational charts. Because the region has heretofore been relatively inaccessible, information about the Arctic is lacking in comparison to information about other American marine and coastal areas. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Arctic currently has minimal tide, current, and water level prediction coverage, obsolete shoreline and hydrographic data, unsatisfactory nautical charts, and poor weather and ice forecast coverage. Moreover, most Arctic waters that have been charted were surveyed with obsolete hydrographic technology, as far back as the 1800s, and most of Alaska's northern and western shoreline has not been mapped since 1960, if ever. New hydrographic data on the Arctic region is sorely needed. Charts produced from new research will ensure the safety of both civilians and the Coast Guard as they live and work near and on our Arctic waters.

The opening of new Arctic sea routes as the polar ice caps melt also has political implications. Recent geological surveys indicate that as many as 90 billion recoverable barrels of oil and 2 trillion cubic feet of natural gas may be present in the Arctic Circle. With unprece-

ded access to these resources made possible by climate change, the contentious debate over drilling in the Arctic will continue to intensify, as will disputes over coastal borders between circumpolar nations. The better the U.S. understands the nature of our Arctic territory, the better prepared we will be to participate in the international conversation about the future of Arctic policy.

I support this bill because new hydrographic research is necessary to gather the most accurate data about our Arctic coastline and natural resources. This data would include oceanographic tidal, current, and wave information; depth measurements for bodies of water; information on navigational hazards and considerations; and updated navigational maps of the area. With this data, the Coast Guard and research institutes can inform the American public and government about the Arctic to the best of their abilities. To make this possible, I urge Congress to pass H.R. 2864, to authorize funds for hydrographic research in the Arctic.

I urge my colleagues to support this important resolution.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 5283

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a proud cosponsor of H.R. 5283, the Help Haiti Act of 2010, introduced by my colleague Congressman JEFF FORTENBERRY. This bill normalizes the immigration procedures for certain adopted Haitian orphans that received hu-

manitarian parole between January 18, 2010 and April 15, 2010. It allows their adoptive families, who are U.S. citizens, to apply immediately on their behalves to become legal permanent residents and eventually qualify for citizenship.

As the Representative of the second largest population of first and second generation Haitian immigrants, Haiti has been at the core of my Caribbean agenda. That is why I am extremely concerned that more than 1,000 paroled Haitian orphans being adopted by American families remain in immigration limbo due to a legal technicality. It is alarming that these children have to wait two years before they are granted legal permanent residency. If this situation is not addressed, these children will remain in this country without certain legal protections and are in jeopardy of being separated from their adoptive family and deported back to Haiti where they have no family.

The legal technicality that put these kids in such a precarious position is yet another example of why our nation needs comprehensive immigration reform. That is why I am committed to working with my colleagues to make immigration reform a reality as soon as possible. Our national security is at stake; our moral standing in the world depends on it; and the American people, many of whom are first and second generation immigrants, demand it. I urge Congress to take a fresh look at the antiquated policies and bureaucratic backlogs that tear families apart and devastate our communities.

Finally, I commend Congressman FORTENBERRY for addressing this issue and his continued support for the children of Haiti.