

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF ARTHUR  
HUG, JR.

**HON. STEVE ISRAEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Arthur Hug, Jr.

Mr. Hug, who passed away on June 12, 2010 at the age of 87, was a leader in the fields of business and journalism and made a strong impact on his community. Mr. Hug was a newspaper reporter for many years and in the 1950s launched the Long Island Commercial Review, which today is known as the Long Island Business News. As the newspaper's publisher, editor, and reporter, Mr. Hug made invaluable contributions to our community and to the public good.

Mr. Hug will be remembered by those that knew him for his deep commitment to his family and his friends, his love for politics and business, and for his strong principles.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY DAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL, NEWPORT NEWS, VA

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th Anniversary of the Southeast Community Day Parade and Festival in Newport News, VA and to congratulate Andrew Shannon for his longtime dedication to this special event and to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The Southeast Community Day Parade and Festival was founded and organized in 1990 by Andrew Shannon for the purpose of strengthening community ties. The Southeast Community Day Parade and Festival is presented by the Southeast Community Day Planning Committee and Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Last year, the event attracted over 60,000 attendees, including national civil rights leaders, and I am pleased that the Newport News Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will continue this wonderful occasion for a 20th consecutive year.

I look forward to joining the citizens in the Hampton Roads region to celebrate this outstanding community event and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this special occasion.

HONORING BRUCE GUNGLE

**HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a community leader who has made a significant and long-lasting contribution to shaping Pima County, Arizona. For the last 13 years, Bruce Gungle has served as a respected member of the Pima County Planning and Zoning Commission, of which he was Chair for two years.

Originally from the north shore of Boston, Massachusetts, Bruce has had a longstanding interest in and acumen for the sciences and literature. He obtained dual Bachelors degrees in Earth Science and Creative Writing from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, where he was also a member of the track team. Bruce went on to earn a Masters of Art in Creative Writing from the University in New Hampshire before moving to Tucson in 1984.

That relocation transformed Bruce into a committed desert conservationist and activist, as well as a fervent University of Arizona Wildcat partisan (although he will always remain a Red Sox fan). Bruce earned a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing in 1990 and a Master of Science in Atmospheric Sciences in 2000, both from the University of Arizona.

Although I am honoring Bruce today for his exemplary public service as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner, a position to which I appointed him in 1997 during my tenure as a Pima County Supervisor, his public service as a hydrologist at the United States Geological Survey has also contributed significantly to federal and public knowledge about the San Pedro River, one of the last free-flowing rivers in the southwest United States. In his role at the USGS, Bruce has overseen the production of the annual "321" reports to Congress. These reports, which stem from Public Law 108-136, Section 321, describe the progress in achieving sustainable yield of the regional aquifer so as to protect the Upper San Pedro River and the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area in Arizona.

Bruce has been a key voice for protecting the Sonoran Desert, which has experienced historic levels of human development in Pima County over a relatively short period of time. Bruce was appointed at a time when Pima County was developing the nationally acclaimed Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan. Using this plan, Bruce consistently favored protecting delicate riparian areas, wildlife movement corridors, and other special areas from the ravages of bulldozers, asphalt and buildings.

In the face of myriad requests to amend the County's comprehensive plan, along with subsequent requests to rezone property and to make other land use changes, Bruce always dug into the mounds of paperwork to get to the core of an issue. His clear understanding of matters before the commission, and his per-

ceptive questions from the dais, earned him the great respect of his fellow commissioners, county staff, applicants, the conservation community, and the public.

Bruce is one of those rare individuals who can maintain his principles and parlay his grasp of the issues into meaningful compromises that protect the County's unique physical assets and enable property owners to move forward on their proposed projects.

Bruce has shaped Pima County, and his absence from the Commission will be felt by all those with whom he worked. Perhaps no one will feel it more strongly than Pima County Supervisor Richard Elías, who followed me in re-appointing Bruce to his last eight years on the commission as a District Five representative. The communities of unincorporated Pima County are much richer because of the invaluable contributions of Bruce Gungle.

EFFORTS TO REACH A  
SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS

**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I am encouraged that the newly elected Dr. Dervis Eroglu, President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, has, like his predecessor, expressed his commitment for a "just and lasting comprehensive settlement through the ongoing negotiations" under UN auspices for a Cyprus settlement.

The Cyprus problem started not in 1974, but in December 1963, after the 1960 Partnership Republic of Cyprus was destroyed by a Greek-backed coup. The UN Peace Keeping Force, UNFICYP was stationed on the island on March 4, 1964, but was unable to prevent inter-communal violence which erupted in 1967 and 1974.

The embargoes on the Turkish Cypriot side existing since 1963 are especially unacceptable given the fact that it was the Turkish Cypriot people who overwhelmingly in 2004 voted to adopt the Annan Plan to end the division of the island. The Greek Cypriots, who voted "no" on the referendum three to one, was rewarded with European Union membership, thereby further isolating the Turkish Cypriots.

Although the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Organization of Islamic Conference adopted resolutions calling for the lifting of restrictions on the Turkish Cypriots, their situation has not changed. This, even after the European Council of Foreign Ministers on April 26 invited the Commission "to bring forward comprehensive proposals. . .to put an end to the isolation of the Turkish Cypriot community and to facilitate the reunification of Cyprus by encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot Community."

The Cyprus dispute has a great impact, not just on the Island, but across Europe and

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throughout the international community. The island's situation remains a source of contention between NATO allies, Turkey and Greece. Additionally, past negotiations have impacted the United Kingdom, the United Nations, and the United States. Therefore, I believe a swift resolution should be encouraged by the United States.

INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS  
AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 21, 2010*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 725, the Tribal Law and Order Act Amendments of 2010 as amended by the Senate, which would address the issues of violence and sexual assault that occur on Indian Reservations. I would like to thank Congressman ED PASTOR for his leadership in introducing this bill to the House floor.

Mr. Speaker, the Tribal Law and Order Act is an amendment to H.R. 725, The Indian Arts and Crafts Act. The Tribal Law and Order Act will create accountability measures for the Federal agencies that are responsible for investigating and prosecuting crime that occurs on Indian Reservations. The act would also equip Indian tribes with the means necessary to tackle crime within their local areas.

Mr. Speaker, I am sorry to say that domestic violence and sexual assault occur quite frequently on Indian Reservations. Most of the victims to such violent crimes are Indian women and children. Statistics show that one in three American Indian women will be raped in their lifetime and two out of every five women will face domestic violence. Within most Indian Reservations, very little police patrol takes place and tribal courts have very limited jurisdiction. Currently tribal courts have a maximum sentencing of only one year, and non Indian criminal offenders cannot be tried under tribal courts. These restrictions continue to put innocent men, women, and children at risk for higher incidents of violent and heinous crimes.

Native American communities continue to suffer from the effects of poverty, substance addiction, and other health related diseases. Unfortunately these communities have been some of the most underserved in our nation. Rampant violent crime that is preventable should not be an outstanding statistic among Indian Reservations. As a Representative from California, a state that has a large population of Native Americans, I am deeply committed to seeing the progress of these communities and ensuring that justice is rightfully served.

Mr. Speaker, the Senate Amendment to H.R. 725 is a way to ensure that the criminal justice system is improved among Indian nations and also that federal law enforcement becomes more responsive to the instances that occur on tribal land. It is critical that attention be given to our nation's justice system and the victims that rely on it the most in order to seek justice. In conclusion, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 725 as amended by the Senate.

IN TRIBUTE TO ROXBURY VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Roxbury Volunteer Emergency Services in honor of its centennial anniversary. Roxbury Volunteer Emergency Services has provided a hundred years of service to the beachside communities of Roxbury, Breezy Point, and Rockaway Point, which are located on the Rockaway peninsula in Queens, New York, the most populous barrier island in the country.

In the summer of 1910, Henry B. Page organized the Roxbury Volunteer Fire Department and became Roxbury's first fire chief. During World War II, the Ambulance and Rescue Corps was founded as a division of the Fire Department. Since its inception, the Roxbury volliies have responded to a number of important emergencies both on the peninsula and in New York City. Following the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, members of Roxbury Volunteer Emergency Services worked tirelessly alongside other first responders assisting in the rescue and recovery efforts at Ground Zero. Two months later, when American Airlines Flight 587 crashed shortly after take-off in Belle Harbor the Roxbury volliies were among the first on the scene. Be it fires, flooding, storm damage, or medical emergencies, our community and our city can always count on Roxbury Volunteer Emergency Services to come swiftly to our aid.

I would like to recognize all of the volunteers who have dedicated their time and are often asked to put their lives on the line for their neighbors. The volliies' members are Anthony Allocco, Timothy Arasin, Brian Baumann, Michael Beehler, James Caffrey, Alex Diffendale, Michael Duemig Jr., Richard Duemig Jr., David Feddem Jr., Diedre Feddern, Michael Forcina, Joseph Forcina, Danielle Hedderson, Paul Hedderson Jr., Gary Hunt, Edward Kurosz, Ryan McKinney, Christina Morton, James Morton, Sandra Morton, Kevin O'Brien, William Reid, Sean Rudolph, Tracy Rutter, Louis Satriano, Charles Thompson, Seamus Ward, Annemarie Willis and Robert Willis. Its life members are LuLu Allocco, William Bocker Sr., Mary Colleran, Richard Colleran Sr., Steven Colleran Sr., Mel Duemig, Michael Duemig Sr., Richard Duemig Sr., Robert Hanretty, William Hartman Sr., Paul Hedderson Sr., Arthur Kahlau, Michael Knowles, Harry Nungesser, and Kenneth Rutter. Its associate members are Robert Bernabo, Ronald Farrell, Eugene Hanretty, Eugene McEnroe and John Mulvanerty. I would also like to extend my congratulations to Richard Colleran, who has served as the volliies' chief for eight years. Roxbury Volunteer Emergency Services and all of its members have faithfully served the many communities of the Rockaway peninsula. They have provided necessary services to an isolated part of New York City that rarely receives the attention it deserves. I am pleased to congratulate Roxbury Volunteer Emergency Services on the occasion of its centennial anniversary.

BEYOND SWEATSHOPS

**HON. GEORGE MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend to my colleagues the following article on one company's attempts to do the right thing—inspired by the consumer choices made by thousands of students across the United States who say that there should be “No Sweat” in their sweatshirts.

For years I have fought against the use of sweatshop labor, exploited adult labor and exploited child labor, around the world. For many years now, the student movement in the United States has played an important role in helping to bring the issue of sweatshop labor to the attention of political leaders, corporate boardrooms, and the college and university community. I applaud them.

Now, one company is trying to do the right thing by making apparel without sweatshop labor. That is good for workers and good for our consumers. I applaud Knights Apparel and urge other companies to follow their example.

I am especially pleased by this development because of the history of the Alta Gracia factory in the Dominican Republic where Knights Apparel is producing its goods. This same factory was unceremoniously shut down in 2007, leaving over 1,000 employees out of work and in dire economic straits—many of them forced to sign agreements that they didn't understand waiving their right to receive severance pay. As this new factory moves forward, it can become a shining example of a new trade model that works by ensuring that all workers are able to take advantage of broader prosperity, rather than by starting a race to the bottom that leaves only a select few better off.

The world looks to the United States to set standards for human rights, labor rights, and democracy. By making products with a decent wage and union rights, this company is setting the finest example of corporate responsibility for the world to see.

The article follows:

[From the New York Times, July 16, 2010]  
FACTORY DEFIES SWEATSHOP LABEL, BUT CAN IT THRIVE?

(By Steven Greenhouse)

VILLA ALTAGRACIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—Sitting in her tiny living room here, Santa Castillo beams about the new house that she and her husband are building directly behind the wooden shack where they now live.

The new home will be four times bigger, with two bedrooms and an indoor bathroom; the couple and their three children now share a windowless bedroom and rely on an outhouse two doors away.

Ms. Castillo had long dreamed of a bigger, sturdier house, but three months ago something happened that finally made it possible: she landed a job at one of the world's most unusual garment factories. Industry experts say it is a pioneer in the developing world because it pays a “living wage”—in this case, three times the average pay of the country's apparel workers—and allows workers to join a union without a fight. “We never had the opportunity to make wages like this before,” says Ms. Castillo, a soft-spoken woman who earns \$500 a month. “I feel blessed.”

The factory is a high-minded experiment, a response to appeals from myriad university

officials and student activists that the garment industry stop using poverty-wage sweatshops. It has 120 employees and is owned by Knights Apparel, a privately held company based in Spartanburg, S.C., that is the leading supplier of college-logo apparel to American universities, according to the Collegiate Licensing Company.

For Knights, the factory is a risky proposition, even though it already has orders to make T-shirts and sweatshirts for bookstores at 400 American universities. The question is whether students, alumni and sports fans will be willing to pay \$18 for the factory's T-shirts—the same as premium brands like Nike and Adidas—to sustain the plant and its generous wages.

Joseph Bozich, the C.E.O. of Knights, is optimistic. "We're hoping to prove that doing good can be good business, that they're not mutually exclusive," he says.

Not everyone is so confident. "It's a noble effort, but it is an experiment," says Andrew Jassin, an industry consultant who says "fair labor" garments face a limited market unless deft promotion can snare consumers' attention—and conscience. "There are consumers who really care and will buy this apparel at a premium price," he says, "and then there are those who say they care, but then just want value."

Mr. Bozich says the plant's T-shirts and sweats should command a premium because the company uses high-quality fabric, design and printing.

In the factory's previous incarnation, a Korean-owned company, BJ&B, made baseball caps for Nike and Reebok before shutting it in 2007 and moving the operation to lower-wage countries. Today, the reborn factory is producing under a new label, Alta Gracia, named after this poverty-ridden town as well as the Virgin of Altigracia, revered as protector of the Dominicans. (Alta gracia translates to "exalted grace.")

"This sometimes seems too good to be true," says Jim Wilkerson, Duke University's director of licensing and a leader of American universities' fair-labor movement.

He said a few other apparel companies have tried to improve working conditions, like School House, which was founded by a 25-year-old Duke graduate and uses a factory in Sri Lanka. Worker advocates applaud these efforts, but many say Alta Gracia has gone further than others by embracing higher wages and unionization. A living wage is generally defined as the amount of money needed to adequately feed and shelter a family.

"What really counts is not what happens with this factory over the next six months," Mr. Wilkerson says. "It's what happens six years or 10 years from now. We want badly for this to live on."

Santa Castillo agrees. She and many co-workers toiled at other factories for the minimum wage, currently \$147 a month in this country's free-trade zones, where most apparel factories are located. That amount, worker after worker lamented in interviews for this article, falls woefully short of supporting a family.

The Alta Gracia factory has pledged to pay employees nearly three and a half times the prevailing minimum wage, based on a study done by a workers' rights group that calculated the living costs for a family of four in the Dominican Republic.

While some critics view the living wage as do-gooder mumbo-jumbo, Ms. Castillo views it as a godsend. In her years earning the minimum wage, she said she felt stuck on a treadmill—never able to advance, often borrowing to buy necessities.

"A lot of times there was only enough for my kids, and I'd go to bed hungry," she says. "But now I have money to buy meat, oatmeal and milk."

With higher wages, she says, her family can move up in the world. She is now able to borrow \$1,000 to begin building her future home and feels able to fulfill her dreams of becoming a minister at her local evangelical church.

"I hope God will continue to bless the people who brought this factory to our community," she says.

In many ways, the factory owes its existence to an incident a decade ago, when Joe Bozich was attending his son's high school basketball game. His vision suddenly became blurred, and he could hardly make out his son on the court. A day later, he couldn't read.

A doctor told him the only thing that would cause his vision to deteriorate so rapidly was a brain tumor.

So he went in for an M.R.I. "My doctor said, 'The good news is you don't have a brain tumor, but the bad news is you have multiple sclerosis,'" he says.

For three days, he couldn't see. He worried that he would be relegated to a wheelchair and wouldn't be able to support his family. At the same time, a close friend and his brother died, and then one of his children began suffering from anxiety.

"I thought of people who were going through the same thing as my child and me," Mr. Bozich recalls. "Fortunately, we had the resources for medical help, and I thought of all the families that didn't."

"I started thinking that I wanted to do something more important with my business than worry just about winning market share," he adds. "That seemed kind of empty after what I've been through. I wanted to find a way to use my business to impact people that it touched on a daily basis."

He regained his full vision after three weeks and says he hasn't suffered any further attacks. Shortly after Mr. Bozich recovered, Knights Apparel set up a charity, weKAre, that supports a home for orphans and abused children. But he says he wanted to do more.

A national collegiate bodybuilding champion at Vanderbilt, Mr. Bozich was hired by Gold's Gym after graduation and later founded a unit in the company that sold Gold's apparel to outside retailers. Building on that experience, Mr. Bozich started Knights Apparel in 2000.

Still solidly built at 47, he has made apparel deals with scores of universities, enabling Knights to surpass Nike as the No. 1 college supplier. Under Mr. Bozich, Knights cooperates closely with the Worker Rights Consortium, a group of 186 universities that press factories making college-logo apparel to treat workers fairly.

Scott Nova, the consortium's executive director, says Mr. Bozich seems far more committed than most other apparel executives to stamping out abuses—like failure to pay for overtime work. Knights contracts with 30 factories worldwide. At a meeting that the two men had in 2005 to address problems at a Philippines factory, Mr. Bozich floated the idea of opening a model factory.

Mr. Nova loved the idea. He was frustrated that most apparel factories worldwide still paid the minimum wage or only a fraction above—rarely enough to lift families out of poverty. (Minimum wages are 15 cents an hour in Bangladesh and around 85 cents in the Dominican Republic and many cities in China—the Alta Gracia factory pays \$2.83 an hour.)

Mr. Bozich first considered opening a factory in Haiti, but was dissuaded by the country's poor infrastructure. Mr. Nova urged him to consider this depressed community, hoping that he would employ some of the 1,200 people thrown out of work when the Korean-owned cap factory closed.

Mr. Bozich turned to a longtime industry executive, Donnie Hodge, a former executive with J.P. Stevens, Milliken and Gerber Childrenswear. Overseeing a \$500,000 renovation of the factory, Mr. Hodge, now president of Knights, called for bright lighting, five sewing lines and pricey ergonomic chairs, which many seamstresses thought were for the managers.

"We could have given the community a check for \$25,000 or \$50,000 a year and felt good about that," Mr. Hodge said. "But we wanted to make this a sustainable thing."

The factory's biggest hurdle is self-imposed: how to compete with other apparel makers when its wages are so much higher.

Mr. Bozich says the factory's cost will be \$4.80 a T-shirt, 80 cents or 20 percent more than if it paid minimum wage. Knights will absorb a lower-than-usual profit margin, he said, without asking retailers to pay more at wholesale.

"Obviously we'll have a higher cost," Mr. Bozich said. "But we're pricing the product such that we're not asking the retailer or the consumer to sacrifice in order to support it."

Knights plans to sell the T's for \$8 wholesale, with most retailers marking them up to \$18.

"We think it's priced right and has a tremendous message, and it's going to be marketed like crazy," says Joel Friedman, vice president of general merchandise at Barnes & Noble College Booksellers. He says Barnes & Noble will at first have smaller-than-usual profit margins on the garments because it will spend heavily to promote them, through a Web campaign, large signs in its stores and other methods.

It helps to have many universities backing the project. Duke alone placed a \$250,000 order and will run full-page ads in the campus newspaper, put postcards in student mailboxes and hang promotional signs on light poles. Barnes & Noble plans to have Alta Gracia's T's and sweats at bookstores on 180 campuses by September and at 350 this winter, while Follett, the other giant college bookstore operator, plans to sell the T's on 85 campuses this fall.

Still, this new, unknown brand could face problems being sold alongside Nike and Adidas gear. "They have to brand this well—simply, clearly and elegantly—so college students can understand it very fast," says Kellie A. McElhaney, a professor of corporate social responsibility at the University of California, Berkeley. "A lot of college students would much rather pay for a brand that shows workers are treated well."

Nike and Adidas officials said their companies have sought to improve workers' welfare through increased wages and by belonging to the Fair Labor Association, a monitoring group that seeks to end sweatshop conditions. A Nike spokesman said his company would "watch with interest" the Knights initiative.

To promote its gear, Knights is preparing a video to be shown at bookstores and a Web documentary, both highlighting the improvements in workers' lives. The T-shirts will have hanging tags with pictures of Alta Gracia employees and the message "Your purchase will change our lives." The tags will also contain an endorsement from the Worker Rights Consortium, which has never before backed a brand.

In a highly unusual move, United Students Against Sweatshops, a nationwide college group that often lambastes apparel factories, plans to distribute fliers at college bookstores urging freshmen to buy the Alta Gracia shirts.

"We're going to do everything we can to promote this," says Casey Sweeney, a leader of the group at Cornell. "It's incredible that I can wear a Cornell hoodie knowing the

workers who made it are being paid well and being respected.”

One such worker is Maritza Vargas. When BJ&B ran the factory, she was a stand-up-for-your-rights firebrand fighting for 20 union supporters who had been fired.

Student groups and the Worker Rights Consortium pressed Nike and other companies that used the factory to push BJ&B to recognize the union and rehire the fired workers. BJ&B relented. Today, Ms. Vargas is president of the union at the new plant and sings a very different tune. In interviews, she and other union leaders praised the Alta Gracia factory and said they would do their utmost to make it succeed and grow. Mireya Perez said the living wage would enable her to send her 16-year-old daughter to college, while Yolando Simon said she was able to pay off a \$300 debt to a grocer.

At other factories, workers said, managers sometimes yelled or slapped them. Several said they were not allowed to go home when sick, and sometimes had to work past midnight after beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Comparing this factory with other ones, Ms. Vargas said, “The difference is heaven and earth.”

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HONORING ROBERT DEDMAN

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Mr. COOPER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Dedman, a dedicated public servant who is completing his third term as Wilson County Mayor. Since 1998, Mayor Dedman has served with distinction as Wilson County's Executive and has announced that he plans to retire at the end of the current term.

A lifelong resident of Lebanon and Wilson County, this native son has also rendered meritorious service to his fellow citizens as Wilson County Assessor of Property and as a Lebanon City Councilman representing Ward 4.

After completing a tour of duty in the United States Army in the 1950's, Robert Dedman worked for the American Legion for many years before entering public service. He began his long and distinguished career in government in 1972, when he was hired as the first Purchasing Agent for the City of Lebanon. He also enjoyed a productive tenure with the Tennessee Secretary of State's Personal Property and Inventory Division from 1978 until 1984. Robert Dedman additionally served Tennessee's 100th General Assembly as a Senate sergeant-at-arms.

Because of his broad experience in local, county, and state governments, Mayor Dedman was successful in promoting a harmonious relationship between and among all levels of government to accomplish Wilson County's future goals.

Madam Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, Robert Dedman is a remarkable man who has compiled a singular record during his exemplary career in county and state government. Please join me in honoring him as he retires after thirty-eight years of outstanding service to the people of Wilson County and Tennessee.

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND DISASTERS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5266, to extend the final report deadline and otherwise reauthorize the national commission on children and disasters. H.R. 5266, is an important piece of legislation that assists a commission whose job is to report to Congress and the President on the necessary precautions and actions needed before major disasters or emergencies.

I would like to thank Speaker PELOSI, Majority Leader HOYER, and Chairman OBERSTAR for their leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I also thank the sponsor of this legislation, Congresswoman BROWN, for her important work on the reauthorization of the national commission on children and disasters through 2013.

Madam Speaker, in an average 3-year period, roughly 5 hurricanes strike the coastlines of the United States. The 2009 Atlantic hurricane season included 9 named storms, including 3 hurricanes, 2 of which were category 3 or higher. In 2009 there were 1843 earthquakes in the United States between the magnitudes of 3.0 and 6.0. From 2007 to the present, 269 fatalities have resulted from tornadoes. As Chair of the Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response, my Subcommittee recently held a hearing on the difficulties of reaching those with special needs, such as children, during emergencies such as a hurricane or tornado. Children comprise about 25 percent of our population and have unique needs during a disaster that require specific recognition and coordination on the part of federal, state, Tribal and local governments and their non-governmental disaster-relief partners. The rise in major disaster declarations over the past two decades, and more recent disasters have highlighted the need to improve the gaps in preparedness, response and recovery policies that should specifically address the needs of children.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased that H.R. 5266 would reauthorize the National Commission on Children and Disasters through 2013. The National Commission on Children and Disasters examines and reports to the Congress and the President on the needs of children during the preparation for, response to, and recovery from major disasters and emergencies. Under current law, the commission would terminate in 2011.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I support this legislation to keep our children safe. I am pleased that Congress is taking action to promote increased safety measures in emergency situations as well as providing the funds in support.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5266.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, on July 22nd, I missed six rollcall votes numbered 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, and 466 because I was unavoidably detained in Kansas.

Rollcall No. 461 was a vote on H. Res. 1550, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4213, Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

Rollcall No. 462 was a vote on H.R. 1469, the Child Protection Improvements Act of 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall No. 463 was a vote on H.R. 4213, the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

Rollcall No. 464 was a vote on H.R. 5341, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Orndorf Drive in Brighton, Michigan, as the Joyce Rogers Post Office Building. Had I been present, I would have voted “aye.”

Rollcall No. 465 was a vote on ordering the previous question for H.R. 4773, providing for consideration of H.R. 1264, Multiple Peril Insurance Act of 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

Rollcall No. 466 was a vote on H. Res. 1549, providing for consideration of H.R. 1264, Multiple Peril Insurance Act of 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN BARROW**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Mr. BARROW. Madam Speaker, due to prior commitments in my district, I was absent from the House Monday, July 19 and Tuesday, July 20, 2010, and thus did not cast any votes on those dates. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following way on bills considered by the House: “yea” on rollcall 448; “yea” on rollcall 449; “yea” on rollcall 450; “yea” on rollcall 451; “yea” on rollcall 452; and “yea” on rollcall 453.

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IN HONOR OF COLONEL GEORGE JUSKALIAN

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Army Colonel George Juskalian, a constituent from Centreville, Virginia, for his dedicated service in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He passed away on July 4, 2010, at age 96, having served nearly 30 years on active duty.

Colonel Juskalian was one of the most highly decorated Armenian-American veterans to

ever serve in the U.S. Military. He also was a member of the Armenian Assembly of America. He joined the United States Army in 1939 and was called to active duty as a first lieutenant in 1940 and served with distinction in World War II. He continued to serve for three decades, as a battalion commander in combat in the Korean War as well as a military adviser in the Vietnam campaign.

He was in General Eisenhower's secretariat in the Pentagon between 1945 and 1948 and an adviser to the Imperial Iranian Army in Tehran. He was captured by the Germans in Tunisia and spent 27 months in prisoner of war camps in Italy, Germany, and Poland. He retired with the rank of colonel in 1967.

Colonel Juskalian received the Army's second highest award, known as "the Legion of Merit," for non-combat service. He also received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the Air Medal and the Parachutist Badge, and the combat Infantry Badge with a Star awarded for World War II and the Korean War.

Madam Speaker, I salute Colonel Juskalian for his patriotism and service to our Nation and express deepest sympathy to his wife Lucine and family on his passing.

HONORING MR. J. CLYDE HOOKER,  
JR.

**HON. THOMAS S.P. PERRIELLO**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of a leader in the Martinsville, Virginia, community, Mr. J. Clyde Hooker, Jr., who died on Monday, July 12.

Born December 20, 1920, J. Clyde Hooker, Jr. was the son of J. Clyde Hooker, Sr. and Mabel Bassett Hooker. He graduated as valedictorian from Virginia Military Institute in 1942, and soon after, joined the allied troops in Europe during World War II. He served until 1946 when he was discharged with the rank of Captain. During his service in the Third Army, he was decorated with the Bronze Star and three campaign stars.

Upon returning from abroad, Mr. Hooker began working at his father's furniture business starting out in the factory before entering sales. In 1960, he was elected president of Hooker Furniture and during the ensuing 40 years, took the business to new heights. His ability to recognize changing trends and implement new manufacturing methods enabled the company to grow from 375 employees to over 2,000 and to increase sales from \$4.4 million to \$250 million. His peers recognized him as a giant in the furniture industry, inducting him into the American Furniture Hall of Fame in 1997. Yet, Mr. Hooker will be remembered throughout the Martinsville community for far more than just his contributions to the furniture industry.

Mr. Hooker was active as a philanthropist throughout Martinsville, helping support programs that benefitted a wide range of interests. He provided for children through his support of the local YMCA and Boy Scout troops, for the arts through his donations to the Piedmont Arts Association, for animals through his contributions to the local SPCA, and for the less fortunate through his gifts to the

Martinsville-Henry County United Way. Mr. Hooker, however, gave far more than monetary contributions. He dedicated his time to these organizations and provided them with advice and support. As one local leader stated, "He made everybody feel like they were the most important person in the world."

Most notable, however, was his dedication to his employees. His workers admired him and he treated them as equals, often visiting with them on the floor of the manufacturing plant. Additionally, he and his mother set up the Hooker Educational Foundation to provide scholarships to children and spouses of Hooker Furniture employees.

Mr. Hooker's passing, our community lost a leader and dear friend who can never be replaced. His memory will live on in all of the lives he touched. Mr. Hooker is survived by his devoted wife, Katherine; his daughter Katherine, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. On behalf of Virginia's 5th District, I honor the passing of one of our finest business visionaries and magnanimous philanthropists, and ask that his legacy be remembered for years to come.

HONORING BISHOP WALTER L.  
HAWKINS

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Grammy Award-winning gospel singer and musical trailblazer, Bishop Walter L. Hawkins. With his passing on July 11, 2010, at the age of 61, we look to Bishop Hawkins' personal legacy of spiritual service, the joy he inspired, and the outstanding quality of his life's work.

A Bay Area native, Walter Hawkins began an unanticipated career in gospel music when, at the age of 19, he sang with the Berkeley-based Ephesians Church of God in Christ's youth choir. The choir, directed by older brother Edwin Hawkins, recorded an album to sell locally as a fundraising effort. It exceeded expectations when the track, "Oh Happy Day," sold over a million copies as an instant pop hit. The Hawkins' enjoyed success as they toured nationally and internationally with the legendary Edwin Hawkins Singers. And in the early 1970s, Walter Hawkins decided to forge another path by entering the ministry.

In 1973, Bishop Hawkins founded the Love Center Church in Oakland where he directed the Love Center Choir. The choir's live album, "Going Up Yonder," became one of the decade's highest selling gospel albums and stayed on Billboard's Gospel Top 40 Chart for three consecutive years. The church's "Love Alive" series of recordings sold over a million copies from the 1970s through the 1990s, with "Love Alive IV" spending an astounding 39 weeks at the top of Billboard's Gospel Chart.

Throughout his prolific career of composition, collaboration, directing, producing, recording and performance, Bishop Hawkins earned myriad accolades, including a Grammy Award, eight Grammy nominations, three Dove Awards and Gospel Music's Lifetime Heritage Award. Even with Bishop Hawkins' musical success, he remained committed to his spirit-filled ministry throughout the Bay Area and the nation.

In Oakland, Bishop Hawkins' ministry enriched and touched the lives of many residents throughout the 9th Congressional District. The musical component of his teachings inspired both spiritual and artistic communities alike with its profound messages of love and hope. Bishop Hawkins was a spiritual leader, an American icon, a gospel music innovator—and he was also a close friend. It was a great joy for me when Bishop Hawkins accepted my invitation a few years ago to perform at the prayer breakfast during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference. We all sat transfixed as Bishop Hawkins moved us by performing old gospel classics. It is a memory that I will forever cherish.

Today, California's 9th Congressional District salutes and honors Bishop Walter L. Hawkins. We celebrate his amazing life as we mourn his passing. He was a friend and a great man who will be remembered as one of the most beloved figures in contemporary gospel music. Although we will miss Bishop Hawkins tremendously, his musical genius, his ministry and his abounding spirit will live on with his legacy. My thoughts and prayers are with Bishop Hawkins' brother Edwin, his children, grandchildren, and an extended group of loved ones. It is my hope that they find comfort in their deep and abiding faith during this time of loss. Bishop Hawkins will be deeply missed. May his soul rest in peace.

IN RECOGNITION OF YERECIC  
LABEL OF NEW KENSINGTON,  
PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. MARK S. CRITZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Mr. CRITZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Yerecic Label, a New Kensington, Pennsylvania company who has been honored with the Employer Support Freedom Award from the Secretary of Defense.

Initiated in 1996, the Employer Support Freedom Award was created by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), an organization within the Department of Defense. The ESGR's mission is to "develop and promote employer support for Guard and Reserve service by advocating relevant initiatives, recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of applicable laws, and resolving conflict between employers and service members." As a part of fulfilling that mission, the ESGR awards 15 employers nationally who go above and beyond in offering support to employees that are members of the National Guard or the Reserves.

Out of 2,500 nominations from Guard and Reserve members and their families, Yerecic Label was chosen as one of our country's top employers who take the extra initiative to support our men and women in uniform. Starting as a small labeling company out of a garage in western Pennsylvania in 1969, Yerecic has grown to accommodate the needs of customers throughout the eastern half of the United States. Along with their continued successful business practices, Yerecic has stood by and offered assistance to its employees who are on call and ready to defend our country.

Three of Yerecic's 90 employees were deployed to the Pennsylvania Army National Guard from September 2008 to September 2009. While proudly serving their country overseas, Yerecic provided these guardsmen with international cell phones and laptops capable of video chat and internet access. Yerecic also continued to pay their salaries while they were deployed. The three guardsmen also received numerous letters, cards and care packages from fellow employees to keep their spirits high while overseas.

Madam Speaker, Yerecic Label knows what it truly means to support our troops. Through their generosity and kindness, they have provided our Guard and Reserve members and their families with the reassurance they need to make it through this tumultuous time of war. The company's president, Art Yerecic, even gives his personal phone number to families of deployed employees, should they need any additional support.

In the 15 years that the Employer Support Freedom Award has existed, only 130 companies nationwide have been presented with the award. Madam Speaker, I would like to once again honor Yerecic Label for receiving this prestigious award and for supporting our men and women serving abroad.

HOMELAND SECURITY SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY AUTHORIZATION  
ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2010*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4842, the Homeland Security Science and Technology Authorization Act of 2010, which authorizes important management functions and programs within the Department of Homeland Security Science & Technology (S&T) Directorate.

I would like to acknowledge Speaker PELOSI and Majority Leader HOYER for their leadership in bringing this important resolution to the floor. I would also like to thank my colleagues Chairman THOMPSON and Congresswoman CLARKE, who authored this legislation, which represents a milestone for the S&T Directorate and the Homeland Security Committee. It is the first authorization bill for S&T since the Department was created in 2002.

As Chair of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response, I have been concerned about these issues. Through the Committee's years of oversight work, I have a great appreciation for not only S&T's strengths and successes, but also its weaknesses, which include a lack of accessibility, transparency, and responsiveness.

H.R. 4842 addresses those weaknesses and acknowledges the importance of science and technology research, development, testing, and evaluation in ensuring the safety and security of the American people and our nation. This bill ensures that the Science and Technology Directorate has the right tools available to be successful, such as delivering products into the hands of our first responders, law enforcement officials, or critical infrastructure owners to help them achieve their

mission and make America more secure. This legislation also authorizes critical management functions and programs within S&T, including the Securing the Cities program.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I support this legislation because we need the very best science and technology available to defend the threats against our homeland. I am pleased that Congress and the Committee on Homeland Security are taking action to promote these improvements and adequately fund the areas of government responsible for science and technology research.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4842.

TRIBUTE TO LONNIE ANDERSON

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lonnie Anderson, whose passion for youth in Southern and Eastern Kentucky has forever impacted the education and success of generations of families in Whitley County, Kentucky.

Lonnie Anderson retired as the longest, consecutive-term superintendent to serve the Whitley County School District. Since 1991, Lonnie has been evaluating needs and developing solutions for the students, parents and staff members in the Whitley County School District. The programs he implemented were dedicated to much more than merely improving test scores. Lonnie established programs to improve reading not only for his students, but for their parents. He developed a jobs program geared specifically to students at risk of dropping out of school. He also opened a day care center for teen parents attending the middle and high schools. Lonnie understands that our students face much different challenges in our world today and has made a goal of supplying each one with the tools they need to be successful in life. The results of his efforts were highlighted when the Whitley County School District ranked as the highest performing, highest poverty school in Kentucky in 1997.

Lonnie Anderson also teaches his students to be civically responsible by his own actions. Lonnie lends his wisdom across the region through his service on numerous boards and community organizations including the Operation UNITE Board of Directors and rallying students to participate in PRIDE environmental cleanups. Outside of education, Lonnie is also a savvy business owner. In fact, it is his entrepreneurial skills that turned around the Whitley County School District's general fund from bankruptcy at \$300,000 in 1990 to \$4.64 million in 1999, moving the entire district among the top performing school systems in the state. The phenomenal impact he has made on the school district and economy of Whitley County will resound for decades.

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

CONGRATULATING THE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM OF NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE IN ROSEVILLE, MN ON THEIR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the men's basketball team of Northwestern College in Roseville, Minnesota. The Eagles are the 2010 National Christian Collegiate Athletic Association (NCCAA) Division I Men's Basketball National Tournament champions.

The players and coaches of the Northwestern men's basketball team worked diligently throughout the season—ultimately finishing with a 22–7 record, and winning 18 of their last 19 games. They earned this championship title through much hard work and determination. This is their first NCCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship, and they have made their fans, their university, and the state of Minnesota proud.

The odds were against the Eagles from the start of the tournament. They were ranked number six out of eight teams, and Northwestern was one of only two Division III universities competing for the title. The team members and coaches were aware of their apparent disadvantage, but they worked their hardest to prove their skeptics wrong.

The championship game was a close competition between Northwestern and their opponent, King College, which was ranked number one in the tournament. Both teams played admirably, but the Eagles' stellar offense and solid defense propelled them to victory over King College. The dedication and strength of character this team has shown are an inspiration to persevere even in the face of defeat.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the players and coaches of the men's basketball team of Northwestern College, whose talent and perseverance led them to the 2010 NCCAA Division I championship.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,248,524,997,009.91.

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 \$2,610,099,250,716.11 so far this Congress.

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

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, due to the passing of my mother, Mrs. Rita Capuano, I was not present during the week of July 19, 2010 to vote on rollcall Nos. 448 through 466. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: "yea" on rollcall No. 448; "yea" on rollcall No. 449; "yea" on rollcall No. 450; "yea" on rollcall No. 451; "yea" on rollcall No. 452; "yea" on rollcall No. 453; "yea" on rollcall No. 454; "yea" on rollcall No. 455; "yea" on rollcall No. 456; "yea" on rollcall No. 457; "yea" on rollcall No. 458; "yea" on rollcall No. 459; "yea" on rollcall No. 460; "yea" on rollcall No. 461; "yea" on rollcall No. 462; "yea" on rollcall No. 463; "yea" on rollcall No. 464; "yea" on rollcall No. 465; "yea" on rollcall No. 466.

HONORING AMERICA'S KOREAN WAR VETERANS ON JULY 27, 2010, NATIONAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, a day especially set aside to ensure America remembers the valiant sacrifices and the patriotic service of the Korean War veterans.

On Tuesday, the stars and stripes will be flown across our great nation in their honor, as a result of President Obama's enactment of the Korean War Veterans Recognition Act, which became Public Law (111-41) last year after it unanimously passed in both chambers of the U.S. Congress.

At the National Korean War Memorial on the morning of the Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, July 27, 2010, hundreds of veterans, their friends and families, members of the U.S. Armed Services, and foreign dignitaries will pay tribute to all those who served in Korea, and lay wreaths for the fallen who never made it back home. Among those in attendance are members of the Korean War Veterans Association, who have gathered in Washington, D.C., for their 2010 Convention and Gathering to mark the occasion.

Sixty years ago, war broke out on the Korean Peninsula, when North Korea invaded the South on June 25, 1950. Before the ceasefire three years later, 1.8 million Americans had served in Korea and the region, more than 54,000 had been killed, more than 103,000 wounded and up to 8,176 listed as missing. Today, there's no peace treaty ending the war, and 28,500 American soldiers are still stationed in South Korea, guarding democracy's eastern flank.

Despite the great loss of life in such a short time, Korea—a so-called United Nations conflict sandwiched between World War II and Vietnam War—was simply forgotten. I hope the flags displayed on this day would remind Americans to remember and recognize the

Korean War veterans of a war that has yet to end.

INTRODUCTION OF THE "NO PRISONER ACCESS TO SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS ACT OF 2010"

**HON. EARL POMEROY**

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Mr. POMEROY. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce the "No Prisoner Access to Social Security Numbers Act of 2010." I am honored to be joined by the Ranking Member and other members of the Committee on Ways and Means as cosponsors of this needed legislation.

The bill would protect the accuracy of Social Security records and help shield individuals from identity theft by prohibiting federal, state, and local governments from employing prisoners in any capacity that would allow inmates access to full or partial Social Security numbers (SSNs) of other individuals.

Some prisons allow inmates to work while incarcerated, generally for the government or government contractors. In the course of their duties for these prison industries, some inmates perform duties such as data entry and digital scanning of documents, which allow them to view SSNs on student transcripts and employee wage statements for Federal, State or local governments. Such access raises the potential for crimes such as harassment or stalking, and SSN-related identity theft, which damages the integrity of Social Security records and puts individuals and businesses at risk for fraud.

Identity theft remains the fastest growing type of fraud in the United States. In 2009 over 11 million Americans were reportedly victims of identity theft, an increase of about 12 percent from the number of cases in 2008. In addition, the Federal Trade Commission estimates that it costs consumers about \$50 billion annually. Access to Social Security numbers provides criminals with a key that unlocks many other sources of private personal information that can be used to perpetrate identity theft. The Social Security system relies on accurate earnings records associated with an individual's SSN. When an SSN is used by more than one person, it affects the accuracy and integrity of the Social Security system.

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the Social Security Administration (SSA) has investigated the use of prison inmates to process SSN information in several reports. In a 2006 report, the OIG found 13 states had allowed prison inmates to perform work that allowed them access to personally identifiable information, including SSNs. SSA responded by contacting the state governments and advising them of the dangers of this practice. In response, five states stopped this work. However, a more recent audit found that several states continue to allow prisoner access to SSN information. The states are Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Tennessee. Some of these states have adopted limited safeguards to keep prisoners from stealing the information, but the OIG's audit found these protections generally insufficient. SSA and the OIG agreed that legislation to ban on this practice altogether was warranted.

The Committee's comprehensive SSN privacy bill (H.R. 3306) included a prohibition on prisoner access. That bill was reported out of the Committee on Ways and Means unanimously in the 110th Congress but has not advanced. Based on the findings in the Inspector General's report, however, Ranking Member JOHNSON and I agreed that the prohibition on prisoner access was needed immediately and therefore we have introduced it in its own bill, so that we may move to enact it as quickly as possible.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, which will help shut down a dangerous and unnecessary threat to the privacy of Social Security numbers.

## HONORING DUANE ZUCKSCHWERDT

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Duane Zuckschwerdt on his retirement after 46 years of service to the UAW. A dinner will be held in his honor tomorrow to celebrate his life and work.

Duane Zuckschwerdt began his affiliation with the UAW in 1964 at Local 652 in Lansing. One year later he was hired at the Flint Chevrolet Manufacturing complex and he became a member of Local 659. Over the years he was elected to several positions with the Local including 1st Vice President in 1990 and President in 1996. He served as Chairman of the Greater Flint Area President's Council, and President of the Flint Area Community Action Program Council.

Appointed the UAW International Staff in 1998, Duane was selected to be the Assistant Director of UAW Region 1-C in 2002. In 2006 he was selected by the delegates at the UAW Constitution Convention as Regional Director leading the 90,000 active and retired UAW members in an 11 county area.

Recognized for his achievements by his peers, Duane is a recipient of the Walter Reuther Award. He has attended every Constitutional Convention and Bargaining Convention, except two, since the early 1970s. Duane and his wife, Connie, have two sons and four grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank Duane Zuckschwerdt for his friendship, his counsel, and his service. Duane works to benefit people and has set an example of compassion, enthusiasm, and goodwill for others to emulate. I wish him the best as he moves into this new phase of his life.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: THE LATE LEO EARL HOLLIE SR.

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, George S. Patton, Jr. said "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such

men lived." For that reason, on July 14, 2010 we did not mourn Mr. Leo Earl Hollie Sr.'s death, rather we celebrated his life.

He left behind his wife of forty-two years and his two children, Constance Hollie-Ramirez and Leo E. Hollie, Jr. In addition to his wife and children, he leaves behind 6 brothers, 4 sisters and 7 grandchildren. He will rest in peace with his late mother Ella B. Mallard, his late brother Kent Hollie, his late brother Columbus Hollie, and his late brother Charlie Frank Hollie.

Mr. Hollie was a faithful member of Hopewell Missionary Baptist church and a proud twenty-year coach of the Oak Cliff Cowboys. He was also a member of the Teamsters Union Local #745 and had been recently re-elected as the Dallas county Precinct Chair of District #3302. Not only did he serve his community in the Dallas area, but he served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War Era.

Madam Speaker, we are proud of our community leader and the accomplishments he has left behind. We will not mourn that he has left us behind; rather we will rejoice what he has left behind.

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HONORING BRUCE KERN

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bruce Kern for a long career of public service and leadership on the occasion of his retirement. As Executive Director of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA), Mr. Kern led a local public/private partnership responsible for the retention and attraction of business and the promotion of sustainable development.

Native to California and born in the Bay Area, Bruce Kern has enjoyed a multi-faceted career for the State of California as an Economic Analyst, as well as for Alameda County as Director of Research and Planning for its Criminal Justice Planning Board and Director of Planning for the Alameda County Social Services Agency. Between 1982 and 1986, Mr. Kern also lectured part-time on social planning and public policy for the School of Social Welfare at the University of California, Berkeley.

As a county employee in 1990, Mr. Kern was assigned with coordinating a County taskforce comprising 14 of its cities and private and nonprofit community leaders in re-

sponse to the significant impact of military base closures in the region. This taskforce became a committee of the County commissioned by the Mayors' Council of Alameda County, which eventually evolved into the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) and later expanded to include Contra Costa County.

Now with a membership of over 700, including leaders in business, local government, education, labor and community service, the East Bay Economic Development Alliance strives to maintain the East Bay as a world-recognized location attracting revenue, business growth and the creation of quality jobs. Under Mr. Kern's vision and leadership, the East Bay EDA has been a driving force for collaborative leadership in the region to strengthen local infrastructure and promote economic prosperity.

Additionally, Mr. Kern has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Manufacturing Excellence (Manex), the Technology Venture Corporation, the California Association for Local Economic Development (CalEd) and the Alameda County Work Force Investment Board. His many accolades include the 1998 Golden Bear Award from the California Association for Local Economic Development rewarding his vision, drive, enthusiasm, creativity and commitment to CALED and the economic development profession.

On behalf of California's 9th Congressional District, Mr. Bruce Kern, we salute you. Thank you for your many contributions to our community, which will continue to influence local business leaders, economic development and working men and women for years to come. I am confident that the East Bay Economic Development Alliance will continue in your legacy of excellence and success. Once again, congratulations on your many achievements. We wish you and your loved ones all the best in this next chapter of life.

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UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION  
EXTENSION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 22, 2010*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, Thursday the House took action to help nearly 2.5 million Americans with the very basic needs of putting food on the table and paying the bills by extending unemployment insurance. After weeks

of Republican efforts to withhold these benefits, we are sending a lifeline to families while sending a jolt to our economy because most of the aid will be spent quickly on food, rent, and other necessities.

The Emergency Unemployment Compensation, EUC, Program began to phase out at the end of May. This means individuals exhausting their 26 weeks of regular unemployment benefits since that time, or exhausting any of the tiers of Federal EUC benefits, are not eligible for emergency unemployment benefits. H.R. 4213 retroactively restores those benefits and continues the EUC program through November.

Those in the Minority who are opposed to helping our middle class families often claim that providing unemployment insurance discourages Americans from seeking work. This couldn't be further from the truth. The Joint Economic Committee, which I chair, has just released its 2010 Annual Report. One of the findings is that extending unemployment benefits does not discourage job seekers from looking for work. The JEC report finds that unemployment benefits actually serve to keep some workers attached to the labor force who might otherwise shift to other more costly government programs.

By the end of the year, if no further action is taken, some 290,000 unemployed disabled workers will exhaust their unemployment benefits, and two-thirds of these workers will leave the labor force and move onto the Social Security Disability Insurance program. Shifting these workers from the labor market and onto the SSDI rolls would be a \$24.2 billion lifetime cost. Compare that with the \$721.3 million cost of extending unemployment benefits for these workers.

These numbers demonstrate that extending unemployment benefits is not only morally right, it is the fiscally responsible thing to do.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2010*

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, July 22, I was absent from three votes due to a stomach virus. Had I been present I would have voted: Rollcall No. 466, "aye"; Rollcall No. 465, "yea"; and Rollcall No. 464, "aye."

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 28

Time to be announced

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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

Room to be announced

10 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Terence Patrick McCulley, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Michele Thoren Bond, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, and Robert Porter Jackson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, all of the Department of State.

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Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider H.R. 2868, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance security and protect against acts of terrorism against chemical facilities, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to enhance the security of public water systems, and to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works, S. 3335, to require Congress to establish a unified and searchable database on a public website for congressional earmarks as called for by the President in his 2010 State of the Union Address to Congress, S. 2991, to amend title 31, United States Code, to enhance the oversight authorities of the Comptroller General, S. 3243, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to administer polygraph examinations to all applicants for law enforcement positions with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to complete all periodic background reinvestigations of certain law enforcement personnel, S. 2902, to improve the Federal Acquisition Institute, H.R. 3980, to provide for identi-

fying and eliminating redundant reporting requirements and developing meaningful performance metrics for homeland security preparedness grants, H.R. 1517, to allow certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection employees who serve under an overseas limited appointment for at least 2 years, and whose service is rated fully successful or higher throughout that time, to be converted to a permanent appointment in the competitive service, an original bill to amend chapter 21 of title 5, U.S. Code, to provide the fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preferable eligibles for treatment in the civil service, S. 3567, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Broadway in Lynbrook, New York, as the "Navy Corpsman Jeffrey L. Wiener Post Office Building", H.R. 5278, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 405 West Second Street in Dixon, Illinois, as the "President Ronald W. Reagan Post Office Building", and H.R. 5395, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 North Maitland Avenue in Maitland, Florida, as the "Paula Hawkins Post Office Building".

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Rules and Administration

To resume hearings to examine the filibuster, focusing on legislative proposals to change Senate procedures.

SR-301

2:30 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Janet L. Yellen, of California, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Peter A. Diamond, of Massachusetts, Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, all to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Osvaldo Luis Gratacs Munet, of Puerto Rico, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank, and Steve A. Linick, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

SD-538

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine protecting America's water treatment facilities.

SD-406

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kathleen M. O'Malley, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Beryl Elaine Howell, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, and Robert Leon Wilkins, of the District of Columbia, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

SD-226

3 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration Subcommittee

Disaster Recovery Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings to examine flood preparedness and mitigation, focusing on map modernization, levee inspection, and levee repairs.

SD-342

JULY 29

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the new START.

SD-G50

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian gaming.

SD-628

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Contracting Oversight Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine mismanagement of contracts at Arlington National Cemetery.

SD-342

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Children and Families Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the state of the American child, focusing on the impact of Federal policies on children.

SD-430

Finance

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Michael C. Camuez, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Charles P. Blahous, III, of Maryland, and Robert D. Reischauer, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, and a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

SD-215

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 3397, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for take-back disposal of controlled substances in certain instances, S. 2925, to establish a grant program to benefit victims of sex trafficking, S. 518, to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, and the nominations of Mary Helen Murguia, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Edmond E-Min Chang, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Leslie E. Kobayashi, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, Denise Jefferson Casper, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Carlton W. Reeves, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, and John F. Walsh, to be United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, John William Vaudreuil, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, William J. Ihlenfeld, II, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia, Mark Lloyd Ericks, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Washington, Joseph Patrick Faughnan, Sr., to be United States Marshal for the District of Connecticut, Harold Michael Oglesby, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas, and Conrad Ernest Candelaria, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico, all of the Department of Justice.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Intelligence

Closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SH-219

2:30 p.m.

## Foreign Relations

To hold joint hearings to examine Al-Megrahi release, focusing on one year later.

SH-216

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine closing the language gap, focusing on improving the Federal government's foreign language capabilities.

SD-342

## Judiciary

Terrorism and Homeland Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the passport issuance process, focusing on closing the door to fraud, part II.

SD-226

AUGUST 3

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the report of the Quadrennial Defense Review Independent Panel.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine implementation, improvement, and sustainability, focusing on management matters at the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-342

AUGUST 4

9 a.m.

Impeachment Trial Committee (Porteous)

Organizational meeting of the Impeachment Trial Committee on the Articles Against Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.

SR-301

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine social security disability fraud, focusing on case studies in Federal employees and commercial drivers licenses.

SD-342

AUGUST 5

9:30 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-418

SEPTEMBER 22

10 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine a legislative presentation focusing on the American Legion.

345, Cannon Building

SEPTEMBER 23

9:30 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Veterans' Affairs disability compensation, focusing on presumptive disability decision-making.

SDG-50