

was the deadliest month in the war thus far, when 102 Americans made the ultimate sacrifice.

It is also hard to justify supporting this legislation with billions more for war when the Senate stripped out \$10 billion for an Education Jobs fund that the House provided to help our school districts retain and develop their teaching workforce. I cannot cast a vote for war funding when we can't find the resources to invest in our schools and students.

Most importantly, the President said our mission in Afghanistan must be definable and winnable. I believe it is neither, and I will vote against funding for it.

CONGRATULATING TEAM WASHINGTON AT LAST WEEK'S SPECIAL OLYMPICS IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Team Washington on an outstanding performance at last week's Special Olympic National Games in Lincoln, Nebraska.

I'm proud to say that Washington's team took home eleven gold, twenty-two silver and fifteen bronze medals. Two of these medalists are from my district: Jason Raymond from Spokane won one gold and three bronze medals in swimming, and Scott Tobin of Cheney brought home three gold and one silver medal in Track and Field.

Our athletes also won medals in bowling, weight-lifting, shot-put and aquatics—and they were extraordinarily successful in many other events, too.

So today I'd like to congratulate the twenty-seven talented, brave and hardworking athletes from my home State of Washington.

They have inspired us with their strength and determination—and are paving the way for a brighter future for my son Cole and all those with special needs.

On behalf of the U.S. Congress, congratulations, Team Washington. Thank you for making us proud.

POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DOMESTIC AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to draw my colleagues' attention to recent positive developments in the domestic automobile industry. Two-and-a-half years ago, at the onset of the current recession, such good news would have seemed improbable, yet thanks to constructive engagement by the best workers in the world, reinvigorated management, attractive product design, and, in the case of Chrysler and General Motors, timely and thoughtful intervention by the federal government, the United States' automakers are back on track to become industry leaders.

Such leadership is already manifest in three measurable areas. First, after consistent losses for the past 5 years and record low levers of U.S. aggregate demand for the sale of light vehicles, Chrysler, Ford, and General Motors have all reported positive operating earnings and cash flow for the first quarter of 2010. Second, according to the 2009 Harbour Report, all three major U.S. automakers now match or exceed Toyota North America's labor productivity levels in major manufacturing operations in North America. Third and finally, according to the most recent JD Power Initial Quality Survey, the Ford Motor Company is now the highest quality mass production automaker based on consumer rankings, beating out Honda, Toyota, and Nissan.

Indeed, these accomplishments merit praise and confirm the wisdom of the Federal Government's role in nursing the domestic auto industry, whether through loans or tax credits, back to health. This in mind, however, we in Congress and the Administration must continue working together to protect the nascent recovery of Chrysler, Ford, and General Motors and the millions of American jobs they support. We must direct Federal support toward the manufacturing sector to rebuild our dwindling supply base. Further, we must enact initiatives to improve the flow of private credit to consumers, suppliers, and automakers alike, so that they can grow and put more Americans back to work. We must also stridently oppose lop-sided trade agreements and unfair foreign trade practices that put our domestic industries at a competitive disadvantage. Finally, we must ensure our automakers and suppliers have the requisite support to meet future technical challenges, for which foreign companies will surely receive state-financed aid.

I urge my colleagues to join with me in congratulating the domestic automobile industry for its most recent achievements, wish it continued success, and help it compete in the future by creating a level playing field with our trade partners.

IN HONOR OF MAJOR GENERAL RUPERT H. BURRIS

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a fallen hero who was a respected and dedicated officer in the United States Air Force. On July 13, 2010, our State and Nation lost a great patriot when Maj. Gen. Rupert H. Burris of the U.S. Air Force, aged 84, passed away at his home in El Dorado.

General Burris was born in Whelan Springs, Arkansas, to his late parents Thomas and Estelle Burris and attended high school in El Dorado. General Burris graduated from Jackson College in Honolulu, Hawaii.

General Burris enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II and served as a crew member of a B-17 bomber in the European theater of operations. He completed more than 30 bombing missions over Germany and France, serving as an armorer and gunner.

Following the war, General Burris re-enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1947, eventu-

ally entering Officer Candidate School in 1948. What followed was a long and distinguished military career. General Burris held numerous commands in the United States and overseas, becoming the first nonrated officer ever to head an Air Force major command.

During his highly decorated career, General Burris received many military awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster; Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters; Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon with "V" device; Good Conduct Medal; Vietnamese Honor Medal, First Class; Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm; and the Republic of China Meritorious Service Medal, Class A, Second Degree.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his daughter and son-in-law Clarice and Chris Long; his brother, Thomas; sister, Jane; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. I know I, along with all Arkansans, will sorely miss General Burris' presence and will try to find solace in the fact General Burris defined what it meant to be a true patriot—dedicating your life to the service of our great Nation and to leave your community better than you found it.

Our Nation is safer and stronger because of the men and women who have dedicated their lives to military service like General Burris. Today, I ask all members of Congress to join me as we honor the life of Maj. Gen. Rupert H. Burris and his legacy, as well as each man and woman in our Armed Forces who gives the ultimate sacrifice in service to our great country.

CONGRATULATING THE PATIENT ADVOCATE FOUNDATION ON THE OPENING OF THEIR NEW HEAD-QUARTERS IN HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I take great pride in the fact that Virginia is home to the Patient Advocate Foundation and that the Nation's most vulnerable citizens have such a great group of people working diligently on their behalf. I cannot mention health care in Virginia or the Patient Advocate Foundation without telling you how proud I am to know and have worked with its founder, Nancy Davenport-Ennis. Not only is she an incredible force for health care in Virginia and the Nation, she is also a constituent and a friend.

Nancy's efforts embody the struggle of her friend and mentor, Cheryl Grinnel. Cheryl's battle with cancer and her frustration with the insurance industry inspires Nancy and all of us to do what we can to correct the egregious context in which a patient has to operate in trying to obtain the level of medical care needed to address a serious health condition. Drawing on that inspiration, Nancy and her husband, John Ennis, founded the Patient Advocate Foundation. Nancy and John have worked tirelessly to get laws on the books in Virginia, and she is now at the forefront of the effort to close the health disparities gap and