

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM COBLENTZ

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William Coblentz, a legendary San Franciscan, a great American and citizen of the world who passed away on September 13th. Bill's leadership on many of our most important physical and cultural landmarks profoundly shaped the city's landscape and character, and his impassioned defense of human rights and intellectual freedom helped to define our ideological heritage. He was a visionary whose work helped make San Francisco the international city it is today.

A native of San Francisco, Bill was born in 1922 and attended Lowell High School and the University of California, Berkeley. After studying law at Yale, he returned to join a small real estate practice in San Francisco. He would remain at this firm for more than 55 years—guiding it to become one of the biggest and most influential in the city.

As a partner at the firm, now known as Coblentz, Patch, Duffy & Bass, Bill helped shape many of San Francisco's most significant post-war building projects, such as Yerba Buena Gardens, AT&T Park, the Fillmore Auditorium, Levi Plaza, and Mission Bay. He was a highly respected attorney and influential political leader, both as special counsel to California Governor Pat Brown and to San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Bill inspired others with his profoundly compassionate soul. Bill loved people, and those of us who were fortunate enough to know him will always remember the warmth and ease of his friendship. He believed in the value of every individual, and generously gave his time and energy to those from all walks of life. An example of this can be seen during his service on the Airport Commission, when he would volunteer as a janitor for the day on Christmas so that a custodian could spend that time with his family.

His courage and vision were perhaps most evident in his leadership on the University of California Board of Regents, where he served as a member from 1964 to 1978 and as chairman from 1978 until 1980. As a Regent on a conservative board, he pressed the university to fight apartheid in South Africa and to uphold the right of controversial thinkers Angela Davis and Eldridge Cleaver to teach in the University of California system.

Bill's combination of legal expertise and warm egalitarianism drew some colorful, high profile clients. In the sixties, he worked with Bill Graham on the Fillmore Auditorium, and soon found himself connected to the vibrant San Francisco rock scene. He gave personal and professional legal advice to groups as the Jefferson Airplane, Santana, and the Grateful

Dead, and in doing so was an unlikely contributor to one of the major cultural movements in San Francisco's history.

San Francisco has lost a beloved son. I hope it is a comfort to his wife Jean, his sister Lolita Erlanger, his children Wendy and Andy, and his four grandchildren that countless San Franciscans join them in mourning Bill's passing.

SMALL BUSINESS JOBS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5297, the "Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010," which will generate small business growth and job creation by providing tax relief, enhancing loan accessibility, and cutting inefficient bureaucratic red tape. H.R. 5297 will create 500,000 jobs without adding a dollar to the deficit and is one of the most crucial steps in our recovery.

I thank Chairman FRANK for his leadership in shepherding this bill to the floor and for his tireless commitment to reenergizing our economy by providing relief for struggling small businesses.

Madam Speaker, small businesses are the engine of the American economy. They created two-thirds of all new jobs over the last 15 years and currently account for half of all private sector employees, 44 percent of total U.S. payroll, and 97 percent of our Nation's exports. The 16,300 small businesses in my district are vital to our local economy. Ensuring that they have the credit they need to grow is one of my top priorities.

Many small businesses in my district are ready to make investments, hire new workers, and help grow our economy out of this recession. But because of tight lending standards and a lack of credit, they are being prevented from growing to their full potential and making the investments that our economy needs. Since the financial crisis began in 2008, the number of small business loans is down nearly 5 million.

This bill takes unprecedented steps to cut taxes and provide credit for small businesses. It gives small businesses \$12 billion in tax cuts by: (1) extending bonus depreciation, (2) allowing for 100 percent exclusion of capital gains on investments in small business, and (3) doubling the deduction for startup expenditures.

The bill also creates a \$30 billion Small Business Lending Fund to provide community banks with capital to increase small business lending. The fund is limited to the smallest banks (those holding \$10 billion or less in as-

sets) with key performance-based standards to incentivize those lenders to extend new credit to small businesses.

Madam Speaker, the bold actions taken by Congress and the Administration thus far have stopped the downward spiral caused by years of economic mismanagement. They prevented the Bush recession from becoming a second Great Depression. H.R. 5297 will generate the job creation and economic growth that will mark the next phase of our recovery. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5297, loosening the credit squeeze, and freeing thousands of small businesses to put us back on the road to prosperity.

RECOGNIZING THE METTAWEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL PENNIES FOR PEACE PROGRAM

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary group of students at the Mettawee Community School in West Pawlet, Vermont.

I would like to commend the Mettawee Community School for its effort, inspired by Greg Mortensen's Three Cups of Tea, to collect pennies to help build schools for children halfway around the world. The pennies collected by students at Mettawee were donated to Mortensen's "Pennies for Peace" charity, which helps support education for children in rural Pakistan and Afghanistan. I am immensely proud of the students and teachers of Pawlet and Rupert for organizing this project.

Through a selfless commitment to supporting opportunities for children whom they have never met, Mettawee's students learned about the importance of giving to others, the invaluable nature of education, and the consequences of conflict. They learned that not all the world's children have the chance to attend school, and of the need to fight extremism and intolerance with education and opportunity.

The initiative was spearheaded by Mettawee Community School third graders Sydney Badger, Trinity Delano and Isabelle Desroches, with the help of teacher Nancy Bryant. Together they organized a collection of 47,700 Pennies for Peace. The pennies will go to children in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and these funds have the potential to change lives by providing access to learning opportunities and by ending isolation and cycles of ignorance.

I would like to thank the students of Mettawee Community School for their hard work and dedication to the cause of bringing education to boys and girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan through Pennies for Peace.

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COMMEMORATING THE 99TH NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Day of the Republic of China also known as Taiwan's National Day. October 10, 2010 marks the 99th anniversary of the establishment of the Republic of China and commemorates the 1911 Wuch'ang uprising ultimately leading to the collapse of the Qing dynasty. This day is also known as the "Double Ten" Day where 23 million people in the Republic of China along with Taiwanese from across the world celebrate their new-found democracy.

In recent months Taiwan has experienced a number of achievements, including the signing of an Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement with mainland China and participating as an observer in the World Health Organization's annual meetings in Geneva. Currently, Taiwan is requesting that the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) consider accepting Taiwan as an observer in the organization as Taiwan is a major international hub connecting Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, and North America. Each year, over 1.54 million flights pass through the Taipei Flight Information Region (FIR) and it would be beneficial for ICAO. The safety and security of each passenger is of paramount importance to everyone concerned. Yet Taiwan is excluded from the activities of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to consider opportunities where Taiwan can participate in the Multilateral "public key directory" (PKD) consultations.

As a fellow democratic ally of the United States, we must further support and encourage Taiwan's growing global participation. Again, I wish the people of Taiwan everywhere a blessed day of celebration and reflection.

HONORING THE GREATER HAZLETON AREA POLONAISE SOCIETY'S CELEBRATION OF POLISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AND THE REVEREND LOUIS S. GARBACIK

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Greater Hazleton Area Polonaise Society and its annual celebration of Polish American Heritage Month.

The Society will mark this year's Polish American Heritage Month with its 33rd annual Polish American Heritage Ball on October 17, 2010 in Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

The Greater Hazleton Area Polonaise Society's mission is to preserve the culture and customs brought to Northeastern Pennsylvania by their ancestors over a century ago.

Over the past 33 years, each October the Society has celebrated the history of their ancestors who traveled to the United States, and the lasting impacts they made throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania and its mining industry during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

This year's event will also honor the late Reverend Louis S. Garbacik, who served as Chaplain of the Greater Hazleton Polonaise Society for over 23 years. He passed away on January 1, 2010.

Reverend Garbacik was born in West Hazleton in 1928.

He graduated from Hazle Township High School in 1946 before attending St. Mary's College in Michigan.

Following graduation from St. Mary's College in 1950, Reverend Garbacik enrolled at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Michigan. He was officially ordained to the priesthood at St. Gabriel's Church in Hazleton in 1954.

Over the past 50 years, Reverend Garbacik led congregations throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

He first was assigned to Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas before being assigned to Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Wilkes-Barre.

In 1977, Reverend Garbacik was named pastor of Holy Child Parish in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, and in 1983 he also became administrator of Ascension Church in Mocanaqua, Pennsylvania.

From 1986 through his retirement in 2006, Reverend Garbacik was pastor of St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church in Hazleton. In 2006 he was appointed pastor emeritus.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the Greater Hazleton Area Polonaise Society and its celebration of Polish American Heritage Month. For over 30 years, the Society has worked to preserve and promote the rich Polish American history in Northeastern Pennsylvania, and this year they will pay special tribute to one of the Society's most dedicated leaders.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR WAYNE A. FAUSZ

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to Command Sergeant Major Wayne A. Fausz, of Florence, Kentucky, who lost his life on August 10, 2010, in an automobile accident in North Carolina.

He was the Command Sergeant Major of the 1st Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division.

Command Sergeant Major Fausz is survived by his mother, Darlene Hinkle of Union, Kentucky and his father, David Fausz, Sr., of Independence, Kentucky.

In addition to being an outstanding father to his two children, Nathaniel and Autumn, he was a dedicated husband to his wife, Natasha.

Command Sergeant Major Fausz was deployed twice to Iraq and once to Saudi Arabia.

His military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star Medal.

Today, as we celebrate the life and accomplishments of this exceptional Kentuckian, my thoughts and prayers are with Command Sergeant Major Wayne A. Fausz's family and friends.

We are all deeply indebted to Command Sergeant Major Wayne A. Fausz for his service and his sacrifice.

HONORING DR. DENNIS E. MURRAY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the work of Dr. Dennis E. Murray and the positive impact he's had on education as Superintendent of the Altoona Area School District in Altoona, Pennsylvania for the last 25 years.

At a time in our country when many public school systems have been under attack for not making the grade, Altoona has experienced steady growth and achieved tremendous accomplishments under Dr. Murray's effective leadership.

Recently, U.S. News and World Report named Altoona Area High School as one of America's best high schools.

Dr. Murray is an innovator who has challenged his district to be on the cutting edge of technology and educational programs. He is also a pragmatist who's helped modernize its buildings and facilities efficiently for the district's taxpayers.

Most important, Dr. Murray has never forgotten his roots in education that began 47 years ago as a classroom teacher. His emphasis on hiring excellent teachers and providing students with the necessary tools for a solid education means that Altoona's graduates are among the best prepared for the future in our great Nation.

Dr. Murray will be honored on October 6, 2010 by the Altoona Kiwanis Club as its Distinguished Citizen of the Year. I congratulate him on this recognition and I ask to place his long list of accomplishments into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I would like to thank him for his continued stellar service to the local Altoona area community.

DR. MURRAY'S LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE RECORD:

Dr. Murray received a B.S. in education from Slippery Rock University in 1963 and an M. Ed. in educational administration from Duquesne University in 1965. He earned his Doctor of Education degree in elementary education and educational psychology from Penn State in 1973.

He has been honored with many prestigious awards including the Educational Leadership Award from Phi Delta Kappa; the Distinguished Educator Award from the Tri-State Study Council of the University of Pittsburgh; the Excellence in Education Award from the Penn State University College of Education; the Exemplary and Innovative Educational Leadership and Management Award from the Pennsylvania Department of Education; the Excellence in Administration Award from the Pennsylvania School Study Council; the Blair Bedford Central Labor Council AFL-CIO Person of the Year Award; and an honorary doctorate from St. Francis University in 2008.

In addition to his service to the Altoona Area School District, Dr. Murray is a member of the Board of Trustees at Slippery Rock University. He has served on numerous community boards and committees and teaches graduate level courses for St. Francis University and Penn State.

Management of the budget for the past 25 years with only four minimal tax increases over that time period. The 2010–2011 AASD budget is \$89.3 million.

Completion of numerous capital projects including new school construction/renovation at Baker, Ebner, Juniata Gap, Penn-Lincoln, Irving, Pleasant Valley and Logan elementary schools as well as the \$48.5 million Altoona Area Junior High School which opened in 2008.

Creation of the Bertram Leopold Recreation Center (five tennis courts, two volleyball courts and two basketball courts) on the campus of Altoona Area High School in 1988.

Successful negotiation of numerous contracts with teachers in the Pennsylvania State Education Association, non-instructional employees in the AFSCME Union, and teacher assistants who belong to the Educational Support Personnel organization. These agreements included health/hospitalization agreements.

Negotiation of payments to the school district in lieu of taxes from area hospitals.

Outsourced management of the school district's food service program as well as student bus and van transportation.

Improved computerization of the school district Tax Office.

Established countless school/community partnerships which have stimulated economic development in Blair County.

Implemented a school-based management/total quality education program known as Q-SITE (Quality Schools Involving Teams for Excellence). As part of this initiative, the school received ISO-9001 certification in January, 2002.

Creation of the Altoona Area School District Foundation—a non-profit organization that has attracted \$2.9 million in private contributions since 1989. More than \$725,000 has been allocated for a very successful Teacher Grants program.

A \$507,000 donor-designated gift to the AASD Foundation by the Sheetz family led to the creation of the new Sheetz Athletic Training Center at Mansion Park. Last year, Bob Sill, an AHS graduate, donated \$125,000 for team rooms and coaches' offices at Mansion Park.

Creation of the national 4,200-member Altoona Area High School Alumni Association.

Establishment of partnerships with colleges and universities that have helped to make Altoona a teaching/research-based school district.

Creation of the Center for Advanced Technologies in 1994, believed to be the first of its kind in a public school district in the United States thanks to a partnership with the Cornell University Synthesis Coalition.

Creation of the Central Pennsylvania Digital Learning Foundation, a cyber charter school begun during the 2002–2003 school year in cooperation with 32 Central Pennsylvania school districts.

Creation of an After-School Arts Program and an Elementary Stage Band.

Establishment of a rigorous secondary curriculum which features 18 Advanced Place-

ment courses. The College Board has recognized this AP program.

Creation of a digital multi-media lab at AAHS to enhance foreign language instruction. A digital Mt. Lion Television studio enables students to learn broadcasting skills. Another new digital lab is used to teach multi-media skills and music theory and harmony.

Installation of an artificial surface and an all-weather track at Mansion Park Stadium and an artificial turf on the Altoona Area High School intramural field. In 2008, a new Trophy Turf surface was installed at Mansion Park. Construction of a third turf field, Roosevelt Field, at the site of the former Roosevelt Junior High School, also has a Trophy Turf playing surface.

Offering elementary students a school of choice at the McAuliffe Heights Program at Irving School, which was named a National Blue Ribbon School in 2007 as well as an Apple Computer Distinguished School in 2010.

U.S. News and World Report named Altoona Area High School as one of America's best high schools in 2010.

Becoming the first Pennsylvania school district to put strobe lights on school buses.

Establishment of the William P. Kimmel Alternative School for at-risk secondary students.

Creation of a partnership with Atlantic Broadband which has enabled the school district to deliver public access/educational access television to Blair County residents.

Helped create the Central Blair Recreation Commission of which the school district is a member.

Establishment of a School Police Department will full police powers. This department oversees an extensive network of security cameras throughout the school district. Security greeters are also assigned at all three secondary schools.

Established a technology coordinator position along with a Technology Department.

Instituted drug testing for all new AASD employees and for secondary interscholastic athletes.

Created an employee wellness center.

Helped AASD become one of Pennsylvania's first school districts to implement full-day kindergartens at all schools. This year, Altoona has 31 full-day kindergartens.

HONORING THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT (ASTD)

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) as one of the largest associations dedicated to the training and development of professionals, recognizing them for their annual Employee Learning Week, held December 6 through the 10, 2010.

Established in 1943, ASTD has been a leader in the training and development field. In recent years, ASTD has widened the profession's focus, aligning learning with an individual's performance and their organizations' results. In 1945, ASTD held their first annual

conference and continues to be a leading voice in the field of workplace development 65 years later.

Members of ASTD come from more than 100 countries and connect locally in 130 U.S. chapters with 30 international partners. They work in thousands of organizations of all sizes, in government, as independent consultants, and as suppliers.

ASTD continues to help its members and the learning profession build a highly skilled workforce that is critical for organizations to grow and sustain a competitive advantage. To further these goals, ASTD has declared December 6 through December 10, 2010 as "Employee Learning Week" and designated time for organizations to recognize the strategic value of employee learning.

I applaud ASTD and its members for their dedication to developing the knowledge and skills of employees during Employee Learning Week. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting policies that commit to maintaining a highly skilled workforce.

THE LEAVING ETHANOL AT EXISTING LEVELS (LEVEL) ACT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation to place a pause on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) irresponsible actions in moving forward toward approving a waiver for an increase in ethanol in fuel.

Currently, gasoline contains a 10 percent blend wall of ethanol, known as E-10. The EPA is considering increasing the allowable amount of ethanol in gasoline to 15 percent, or E-15. This, despite the EPA not performing any of its own studies on the matter, and relying entirely on outside studies. I questioned Assistant Administrator Gina McCarthy regarding the EPA's decision to move forward with a waiver for E-15, and was wholly dissatisfied with her responses as to the research EPA has done itself on the safety of increasing to this level of ethanol. She deferred entirely to outside groups and to the Department of Energy's research. Does EPA not employ its own scientists and experts? Is EPA's position that it is incapable of doing its own research? We saw that EPA was inept at performing its own "climate science" research, I suppose we could expect no different with the safety of ethanol levels.

But this is serious business. If EPA approves this waiver, car engines, lawn mowers, tractors—any engine that uses gasoline, could be potentially at risk for catching fire or having mechanical failure. Moreover, businesses tasked with selling this new gasoline with increased ethanol could face potential lawsuits from consumers who fail to follow posted signs warning them that E-15 should only be used in newer engines. Does anyone truly believe that mis-fillings and misunderstandings of the sign won't lead to disastrous results? The fact that EPA is even considering this change proves they simply don't care.

I'm not necessarily opposed to increasing the level of ethanol in fuel—if it's done responsibly, and with sound science to back it up. I

don't believe EPA has done its due diligence, and certainly nothing EPA has provided to the Energy & Commerce Committee would dispel my fears. This bill will allow for a pause—before EPA hastily approves any further ethanol in fuel—for more studies to be conducted and more assurances to be made that an increase in the blend wall for ethanol will be safe. The security of the public's well-being should be paramount in this case.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MR.
SAM WOLF

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished career and significant regional contributions of Mr. Sam Wolf.

Sam Wolf, a resident of Granite City, Illinois, served 18 years in the Illinois House of Representatives from 1974 until he retired in 1992. Among his more notable accomplishments during his time in the General Assembly was legislation establishing community college voting sub-districts. This was important to ensure equitable representation of the different geographic areas covered by a community college district.

Sam Wolf has been a strong proponent of Southwestern Illinois College and was a driving force in the establishment of the college's Granite City Campus in 1984. Sam worked to secure funding for the Industrial Technology Center at the Granite City Campus and the development of the Automotive Collision Repair Technology program there. Sam has been a member of the Southwestern Illinois College Board of Trustees since October 1995.

In recognition of Sam's tireless efforts to expand and improve Southwestern Illinois College, the Granite City Campus is named the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus. This is a fitting tribute for a man who has done so much to provide quality educational opportunities for current and future generations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mr. Sam Wolf for his many contributions to the Southwestern Illinois region and to wish him the very best in the future.

CONGRATULATING WALTER
PAYTON COLLEGE PREP OF CHICAGO
ON RECEIVING THE INTEL
SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION TOP
AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN
MATH AND SCIENCE

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, today I wish to congratulate Walter Payton College Prep from Chicago on its success within the Intel Schools of Distinction competition. Walter Payton prevailed over 149 other schools to win both the School of Distinction for Mathematics Excellence as well as the overall competition grand prize, the Star Inno-

vator Award. Together, these two awards convey over \$175,000 in monetary grants as well as materials—including hardware and software, professional development materials, and curriculum resources. I celebrate the hard work of the students and faculty of the school and applaud their success.

Walter Payton College Prep High School is a magnet school whose curriculum emphasizes mathematics, science and world languages. The Intel award highlighted Walter Payton's mathematics program. Impressively, over a quarter of the students at Walter Payton take five or more math courses before graduation. In addition to this rigorous set of core classes, many of the students at Walter Payton fill their electives with advanced placement statistics and/or university-level math courses. Over 99 percent of the student population scores as "Meeting or Exceeding" state math standards on the Prairie State Achievement Examination. Walter Payton also has an impressive 98 percent graduation rate and an outstanding record of students who both qualify for advanced placement courses and pass advanced placement tests.

Through its focus on math and science, Walter Payton College Prep is helping America become more competitive globally. Multiple reports and experts have sounded the alarm that our nation must quickly accelerate and enhance its training of students in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math in order to meet the growing demand for U.S. workers with these skills and to improve our ability to compete in a global economy. Further, these experts agree that we need to broaden the participation of individuals who are underrepresented in these fields, such as racial/ethnic minorities and women. According to the Census Bureau, 39 percent of the population under the age of 18 is a racial or ethnic minority. However, in 2003, only 4.4 percent of U.S. science and engineering jobs were held by African Americans and only 3.4 percent by Hispanics. In 2008, the American Community Survey reported that 10.3% of the total U.S. population were in the professional, scientific, management and administrative services industry; however only 7.7% of Cambodians, 6.8% of Hmongs, and 5.2% of Laotians actually held these types of jobs. Given that over half of the students attending Walter Payton represent racial/ethnic minorities, the school is helping decrease this gap in science and math fields. State, local and federal officials must do more to offer the high-caliber programming offered at Walter Payton to all students so that we can strengthen our citizens and our nation.

As we start the 2010–2011 school year, I am pleased to congratulate Walter Payton College Prep in the Seventh Congressional District of Illinois for its achievements and commitment to the mathematics and science fields. Well done!

TRAINING AND RESEARCH FOR
AUTISM IMPROVEMENTS NA-
TIONWIDE ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5756, the "Training

and Research for Autism Improvements Nationwide (TRAIN) Act of 2010," which will provide grants and technical assistance to create innovative approaches to providing services to children and adults with autism, and their families. This legislation will help secure the resources necessary to provide the best possible care for the people and families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders.

I thank Congressman DOYLE, the sponsor of this legislation, for his leadership on this issue and his commitment to raising awareness about the growing number of people diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Mr. Speaker, there is a lack of trained professionals capable of providing desperately needed services and support to children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders. H.R. 5756 will expand the number of training facilities for service providers by awarding grants to University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service. Training individuals to provide services to people with autism is critical to addressing the growing demand for care.

In addition, these grants will help fund autism research. Research into the causes of Autism Spectrum Disorders across multiple disciplines is a critical part of improving our understanding and treatment of these disorders. For example, research continues to indicate that environmental factors, such as air pollutants, the presence of hazardous chemicals in the home, and poor nutrition, can contribute to the risk of developing autism. I find these studies particularly significant, as my district contains several poor, low-income areas, where these kinds of environmental factors are disproportionately concentrated.

Finally, H.R. 5756 will also establish a nationwide structure to disseminate important research and the latest evidence-based findings related to Autism Spectrum Disorders. This will help doctors and families affected by autism stay up to date on the latest research on diagnosis and treatment of autism.

Mr. Speaker, the growing number of people in this country that are diagnosed with autism demands action on this issue. We must take action so that families no longer have to struggle to find care for loved ones with autism. This bill will take important steps to achieve health care equity for individuals with autism by finally making available the care that they deserve.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5756.

HONORING SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE WEST HILLS
COLLEGE NORTH DISTRICT CENTER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the students, faculty, staff and administration at West Hills College, North District Center as they are recognized for being named as one of "America's 50 Best Community Colleges" in August 2010 by the Washington Monthly. Chancellor of West Hills Community College District Frank Gornick, President of West Hills College-Coalinga Willard Lewallen, Director of the North District

Center Marcel Hetu, and the Board of Trustees deserve special recognition for their leadership and commitment to education in our Valley.

The beginnings of this fine institution were set in motion during the Great Depression and it is to the credit of the greatest generation and their forward thinking that this college came to be. Established to provide much needed educational opportunities for our Valley's rural areas, West Hills College has been on the forefront of efforts to ensure the hard-working residents of the Central Valley have access to a quality education and the opportunity to improve their circumstances. The North District Center shares in the wonderful history of the local community, having been a restaurant, a bowling alley, and business offices prior to the service it provides today to students. The college district includes campuses in Lemoore and Coalinga, with numerous satellite operations in nearby towns enhancing educational access for our Westside communities.

West Hills College has shown great commitment to supporting student learning and providing educational, cultural, and economic development opportunities to students and the local and global communities that they serve. Academic and vocational programs, including administration of justice, agriculture, child development and nursing among many others, give local students the tools they need to succeed. West Hills College has truly become a premier interactive learner-centered community college and it is fitting that this institution is recognized today for its contribution to our Valley's educational, social, cultural and economic vitality.

I am proud to have West Hills Community College as part of my congressional district and furthermore proud to have an alumnus of the North District Center as a member of my staff. It was with great honor that I spoke at commencement ceremonies in May 2006, and it is again with that same honor that I rise today to celebrate West Hills College and their outstanding programs.

It goes without saying, "Once you go here, you can go anywhere." As we celebrate one of America's best, let us applaud the dedication West Hills Community College has shown to the community throughout the years. Please accept my warmest congratulations on being rated the 34th Best Community College in America and the highest ranking community college in California and our deepest thanks for your contributions to our Valley.

HONORING DR. PRINCE JACKSON,
JR.

HON. JOHN BARROW

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. BARROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents and one of my heroes, Dr. Prince Jackson, Jr., who died last Tuesday at the age of 85. There's an old proverb, "He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Dr. Jackson proved it, because he spent his entire life refreshing others, and he certainly seemed to be refreshed all along the way.

A mathematician by profession, with a master's degree from New York University and a

Ph.D. from Boston College, Dr. Jackson was trained to think logically. But it was a passion for justice and equal opportunity that led him to fight the system of legal and economic discrimination that once defined our part of the country. After having been fired from his position in the public schools for daring to advocate an end to segregation, Dr. Jackson went on to become president of his alma mater, Savannah State University, and served as the president of the Savannah Branch of the NAACP. Even in retirement, Dr. Jackson continued to mentor teens and worked to overcome the economic vestiges of discrimination and the violence that threaten so many of our youth.

Dr. Jackson leaves an indelible footprint on the academic and political landscape of Georgia. He was a good friend to me personally, but more importantly, he was a great man and a great leader.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ADCARE
HOSPITAL OF WORCESTER, INC.
ON ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker I rise today to congratulate and thank AdCare Hospital of Worcester, Inc. on this 35th Anniversary for its unwavering dedication to our community in its mission to help individuals and their families overcome the disease of addiction. Over the years AdCare Hospital has provided invaluable services to our community by responding to area demand for alcohol and drug abuse treatment. I am proud to have an institution in the Massachusetts Third Congressional District that has provided so many resources to the citizens of the district and beyond for so many years; your work is truly remarkable.

Conceived in 1975 as a 10-bed alcoholism unit in an acute care hospital setting, ADCARE grew into one of the most comprehensive provider's of alcohol and drug abuse services in the country. In 1984 Adcare converted the entire 114-bed medical/surgical facility to an addiction treatment hospital. ADCARE continued to expand beyond its inpatient roots, by opening Adcare Outpatient Services Worcester in 1986. Their mission of providing quality alcohol and drug abuse treatment in a safe environment and throughout the continuum of care expanded even further with the establishment of AdCare Outpatient Services in Boston in 1989, North Dartmouth in 1993, Warwick, Rhode Island in 2000, Quincy in 2003, and West Springfield in 2005. All are fully licensed clinics in convenient locations throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

ADCARE is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations and Licensed by the Department of Public Health demonstrating strict compliance with national standards for patient safety and quality of care and is a member of the Northeast Node of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Clinical Trials Network, participating in research designed to improve clinical treatment outcomes. ADCARE continues to expand national access to treatment through

1-800-ALCOHOL, the nationwide Admission and Referral Line, founded and sponsored by ADCARE HOSPITAL.

Over the years AdCare Hospital employees have answered more than 3 million 1-800-ALCOHOL calls; admitted over 150,000 patients for a total of over 1 million days of patient care; and conducted in excess of 750,000 outpatient visits to individuals and families seeking services for substance abuse treatment. This was achieved thanks to a committed clinical, medical and administrative staff that all work together to treat a debilitating and chronic disease.

Madam Speaker, I am sure that the United States House of Representatives joins me in recognizing AdCare Hospital of Worcester for its important role in our community.

KAGAYAKI KOBE SOCIAL
WELFARE ORGANIZATION

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, people helping their fellow men and women in their time of need is so prevalent amongst us that we can only believe it is an integral part of our makeup, that which gives us our humanity.

An organization in this mode is the Kagayaki Kobe Social Welfare Organization, in Kobe, Japan, who, with its volunteers and supporters, is dedicated to providing services to the physically and mentally handicapped, their families and to the community at large. Part of the aid includes job training, daily living skills, assisted living, training and support for family members, all ongoing features of this organization's selfless dedication to gaining acceptance, integration and fair treatment of the most vulnerable members of our society.

Kagayaki Kobe focuses on the individual needs of the disabled. It has promoted creativity and self expression through the staging of the popular "Clown Angels" performers, through art and calligraphy and in the production of crafts. The organization provides psychological and physical therapy, medical assistance and the forum for group activities to encourage openness and communication so that we all can better understand and provide assistance for others.

From November 20th through November 23rd the Kagayaki Kobe International Event will celebrate the people who strive endlessly to make possible the good work of this organization: Mrs. Polissa Choueke, International Liaison, Mrs. Miyoko Ikeyama, President, and Mrs. Natsuko Dama, Financial Director, and all of the volunteers and supporters who so are dedicated.

The Choueke Family, including Tony Choueke and Mrs. Polissa Choueke, also maintains a museum in Kobe as home to many artworks, antiques, interior decoration and a garden open to the public to benefit community events and charitable causes. The building, designed as an English mansion with a blend of Japanese and international influences, was acquired by the Choueke family in 1954 and for four generations, the Choueke family has been dedicated to its preservation and acquiring the artworks that adorn the interior.

As a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and its subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment I salute the efforts and cooperation between Kagayaki-Kobe and Mrs. Polissa Choueke in their dedication to the betterment of the mentally challenged, in furthering awareness and acceptance for the disabled, in providing both material and personal assistance to those in need, and working together to promote good will in nurturing the friendship between the people of Japan and those of the United States of America through service to others.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S NATIONAL
DAY

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Republic of China's National Day on October 10th. Today I join the Taiwanese people as they celebrate their freedom. Taiwan has peacefully transformed itself from an authoritarian regime to full-fledged democracy. It will hopefully constitute a model for the eventual establishment of a genuine democracy in China.

The United States and Taiwan value human rights, civil liberties, a free press and the rule of law. Our shared values have produced a strong and dependable friendship for over sixty years. Today, the people of Taiwan determine their own destiny and government through free and fair elections.

The Republic of China was one of the first to come to our aid after the events of September 11th attacks and Hurricane Katrina devastations. Taiwan continues to be our ally in the war against terrorism by providing humanitarian assistance in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In honoring the Republic of China, we need to continue to sell defensive weapons to Taiwan fulfilling our commitments under the Taiwan Relations Act. Despite the goodwill that has been gradually built up between Taiwan and China, the possibility of military confrontation continues to exist in the Taiwan Strait. A well-armed Taiwan is the best guarantee to perpetuate peace and stability in the region.

To ROC President Ma Ying-jeou I say "good luck." I remain hopeful that our relations will continue to be strengthened in 2011 and beyond. Certainly, the capable leadership of Ambassador Jason Yuan has helped to further our relations with the government and people of Taiwan.

HONORING GLOS POLEK

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the centennial of Glos Polek, the official publication of the Polish Women's Alliance of America, PWAA. Since its first issue was printed in 1910, Glos Polek has influenced the lives of hundreds of thousands of Polish women and their families in the United States and abroad.

Throughout hundreds of issues, the newspaper documented women's struggle and their plight to attain equal rights within society. The articles and photographs contained in Glos Polek's pages covered the scope of female injustice. They were undoubtedly instrumental in rallying women's voices to collectively demand their right to vote and make their own financial decisions. Glos Polek urged women to pursue higher education, enter into the professional world and, in the face of the global battle, tear down fascism and communism along Poland's path toward democracy and independence. To its core, Glos Polek told the stories of ordinary, everyday women facing the challenges of their time.

A traveling exhibition called "A Voice of Their Own" has been planned to mark Glos Polek's centennial. It is scheduled to open in Chicago in the fall of 2010 and travel to other U.S. cities in 2011 before continuing to Poland in 2012. The exhibit hopes to attract publicity for the newspaper's historic anniversary, generate interest in the PWAA, and increase membership.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing one of the most impactful, longest running and well-respected publications in women's history. Chicago's extensive Polish community has greatly contributed to the city's multicultural identity, and the city is proud to host Polish American organizations like the PWAA. Please join us in making Glos Polek's 100th birthday a successful and meaningful celebration.

HONORING MR. BILL KLING FOR
HIS SERVICE TO AMERICA'S VET-
ERANS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William "Bill" Kling for his continued service to America's veterans. Mr. Kling's unwavering patriotism and continued dedication to America's heroes are to be highly commended.

Bill Kling served in the Navy during the Second World War. It was during his time in the Navy that Mr. Kling developed an unceasing devotion to his fellow servicemen. For over 35 years since, Mr. Kling has served his fellow veterans living in South Florida through community service and political activism.

Mr. Kling currently serves as the Chair of the Broward County Veterans Council (BCVC), a coalition of 57 organizations in Broward and Palm Beach Counties that operates under a common plan to protect and implement benefits for veterans.

Uniting behind its mission "To Serve and Unite our Veterans," the BCVC has achieved substantial benefits for our veterans under Mr. Kling's leadership. As an advocate for better health care for veterans, Mr. Kling led the drive to build the new state-of-the-art Broward County VA Outpatient Clinic in Sunrise, FL. In addition to a successful campaign for a veterans state nursing home located in Pembroke Pines—a crucial service for veterans living in South Florida—Mr. Kling and the BCVC were also instrumental in delivering a VA hospital to Palm Beach, Florida.

Mr. Kling's leadership has even had a national impact. Mr. Kling and the BCVC are responsible for the implementation of the handicapped parking signs that are now ubiquitous in shopping malls and public areas across America.

Bill Kling's most recent service to America's veterans has focused on national legislation and keeping the BCVC's member organizations informed so that they may act accordingly. Mr. Kling has been an outspoken critic of the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and a leading voice in the fight for its repeal. Additionally, Mr. Kling has been actively working to ensure that military families receive the same benefits as private citizens under America's recent landmark health care reform. Mr. Kling's leadership will help 700,000 young adults whose families are members of TRICARE, which covers military families, become eligible for health insurance coverage.

I have always valued Mr. Kling's insights and advice, and I proudly salute his exceptional service to our nation's veterans and, indeed, to all Americans. Not only is Bill Kling an American hero, Madam Speaker, he is a living testimony to the spirit of national service and a true role model.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,468,173,874,830.08.

On January 6, 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 \$2,829,748,128,536.28 so far this Congress.

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

HONORING DISCOVERY HOSTAGE
SITUATION

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the actions of the men and women who responded courageously to the recent hostage situation at the Discovery Communications building in Silver Spring, Maryland.

On Wednesday, September 1, 2010, a man entered the Discovery Communications building in downtown Silver Spring, Maryland, taking three people hostage. This individual was holding a gun and possessed four improvised explosive devices, including one strapped to his body. For more than three hours, authorities attempted to negotiate with him to surrender and release the hostages. He was heard to repeatedly state that he was prepared to die. After hearing what was believed to be either a gunshot or an explosive detonating, the law enforcement team shot him and freed the hostages.

The local and federal authorities responding to this crisis situation in a dense urban environment are to be commended for their courage and professionalism. Responders included the Montgomery County Police Department, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, the Maryland State Police, the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. I want to especially recognize the Special Operations Division SWAT team of the Montgomery County Police Department for its leadership throughout this intense and uncertain situation. The Discovery Communications' building security officers and administrative staff also are to be commended for their quick and effective implementation of their crisis plan. The seamless communication and coordination between these agencies was a demonstration of their outstanding training and preparedness to handle crisis situations.

I would also like to commend Discovery Communications for implementing effective emergency plans that resulted in the safe evacuation of their employees and children in the building's day care center. The level-headed approach of Discovery's management and employees towards the situation prevented the crisis from escalating into a far worse scenario. Discovery's actions were essential in ensuring the safety of its employees during this crisis.

Outstanding preparedness training and seamless inter-agency communication, combined with the effective implementation of emergency plans by calm and cooperative Discovery management and employees, brought this harrowing situation to a safe conclusion. Although there was a loss of life, the first responders' courage, swift response, and professionalism helped prevent a bad situation from becoming worse and even more deadly.

CONGRATULATING MRS. MARTHA
TWISSELMAN ON RECEIVING THE
2010 AGRICULTURIST OF THE
YEAR AWARD

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Martha Twisselman of McKittrick, California on receiving the 2010 Agriculturist of the Year Award from the Kern County Fair. Mrs. Twisselman's dedication to fostering youth interest in agriculture through her work on the Kern County Fair Junior Livestock Auction Committee and her many years of community service make her most deserving of this award. It should also be noted with special recognition that Mrs. Twisselman is the first woman to be recognized with this honor.

Mrs. Twisselman was born in Paso Robles, California, to Ellsworth and Mary Muttney. Martha attended Olig Elementary, McKittrick Elementary, and graduated from Taft High School. After graduation, she married Carl F. Twisselman II and moved to the Temblor Ranch where she began her life in the cattle business.

Mrs. Twisselman is an active community volunteer, having held several posts in the past years including President of the McKittrick Elementary School Parent Teachers Association and President of the Taft High and

McKittrick Elementary Parent's Support Organizations. Martha has also supported local youth groups, acting as a girls' softball coach for eight years and serving as a 4-H leader for 14 years.

Mrs. Twisselman's service to the agricultural community includes many years of involvement with the Kern County Cattlewomen's Association. She served as a director of the association, held the offices of secretary, treasurer, vice-president, and served as President of the association from 1997 to 1998. In 1996, Martha was also named Kern County Cattlewomen's Association Cattlewoman of the Year.

In addition to her volunteer service to youth and agriculture groups, Mrs. Twisselman has worked side-by-side for more than five decades with her husband, Carl, in the family's livestock grazing business. Martha was also a staff member of the Kern County Fair Junior Livestock Auction Committee for five years, working with families involved in showing livestock at the Kern County Fair. Last year, the Kern County Fair Auction Committee dedicated its catalogue to Martha and Carl Twisselman in honor of the couple's service to the agricultural community.

Martha and her husband Carl have four children, Mary Ann Hagstrom and husband Chuck; Carl F. Twisselman III and his wife Stacey; Julie M. VanSickel and her husband Jim; and Kathy Tracy and her husband Rob. Martha and Carl are also the proud grandparents of 13 grandchildren.

The leadership, commitment and dedication Mrs. Twisselman has shown to the Kern County Fair and to Kern County youth has not wavered during the many years she has served her community. Martha Twisselman is a role model for community spirit and it is with great pride that I congratulate her again on receiving the distinguished 2010 Kern County Fair Agriculturist of the Year Award and thank her for the great work she does for the residents of Kern County.

HONORING PASTOR SCOTT
MANGANELLA AND PRECIOUS
LIFE INCORPORATED

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the work of Pastor Scott Manganella and Precious Life Incorporated of Altoona, Pennsylvania. Precious Life has been involved in helping young women between the ages of 16 to 22 through the challenges of unplanned pregnancies for over 20 years.

Precious Life began its mission in 1985 when Pastor Manganella began operating a non-profit 24-hour hotline to give pregnant women counseling and an alternative to abortion. 80 women were helped in the hotline's first year of operation.

In 1988 after seeing a need for expanded services, Precious Life bought a house on Allegheny Street in Hollidaysburg and converted it into a temporary home for pregnant women with nowhere else to turn.

Since the Precious Life Maternity Home opened 22 years ago, it has offered shelter, comfort and support to over 150 displaced young pregnant women in the Altoona area.

Pastor Manganella and the staff at Precious Life provide an open door for comfort and support to young women who have been kicked out of their homes, abused or simply have no other place to turn.

Equally important, the staff act as a surrogate family for many of these young women, giving them structure and direction that was absent in their lives.

Pastor Manganella's work has expanded throughout central Pennsylvania, with a sister office in Bedford as well as a ministry in Johnstown. In addition, Pastor Manganella recently partnered with My Brother's Keeper, a Pennsylvania non-profit international Christian charity to open a center for education on abortion and family issues in Romania.

Pastor Manganella will be honored for his leadership on October 19, 2010 at the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation's 2010 Celebrate Life Banquet in Harrisburg and I congratulate him for his noble service.

HONORING THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF
MORRISTOWN

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Woman's Club of Morristown located in Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year.

Since its inception in 1920 as the Woman's Town Improvement Committee, the Woman's Club of Morristown has played a significant role in the community. Part of the New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs and the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, the Woman's Club of Morristown has a long history of helping improve the lives of others.

Over the past century, the scope and impact of the efforts made by the members of the Woman's Club of Morristown have been far-reaching; from raising funds to volunteering their time for a variety of causes. They have shown a strong commitment to assisting the needs of cancer patients, newborns, nursing home residents, and residents at Greystone Psychiatric Hospital. In addition, they have shown their support for education by providing assistance to The Lake Drive School for the Hearing Impaired, awarding scholarships to graduates of Morristown High School and donating books to the Morristown Library. The Woman's Club of Morristown has also shown their support for organizations that help battered women and abused children. They are continuously looking to help those less fortunate, exemplified by their donations of clothing to Seaman's Institute and their co-sponsoring of "Operation Holiday," which provides gifts to those who cannot afford them.

In addition to assisting organizations in the community, the Woman's Club of Morristown has noted the historical importance of the area by preserving and maintaining the historic house of Dr. Lewis Condict, which serves as their club house. The house was built in 1797 and has been maintained by the organization for over 50 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of the Woman's Club of Morristown as

they celebrate 100 incredible years of community service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN BARROW

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. BARROW. Madam Speaker, I was not present for votes on Wednesday, September 22, 2010. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 532 and "yes" on rollcall vote 533.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOHNNIE AYCOCK

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the contributions of Johnnie Aycock, the President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama, for his dedicated and tireless work to bring greater opportunity to the people of our region and State. Johnnie has announced plans to retire from the Chamber effective March 21, 2011 after 28 years of exemplary service.

During Johnnie's tenure, the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce has earned statewide recognition and respect for economic and workforce development, education initiatives and innovation in community development programming. West Alabama has enjoyed significant economic achievements, from the recruitment of large manufacturing plants to the development of many new small businesses. Johnnie's ability to build partnerships among the private sector, educational institutions, and government has been an integral part of this success.

Johnnie has stressed the importance of business leaders being active in public affairs and in their communities. He founded Leadership Tuscaloosa, which has trained more than 900 citizens in leadership. He has served on the Alabama Governor's Commission on Existing Industries and as Co-Chair of the Committee on Tax, Incentives & Fiscal Policy and has freely given of his time and talents to numerous civic organizations including the Alabama Jaycees, the Literacy Council of West Alabama, Junior Achievement, and the Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa. Johnnie has been recognized for his outstanding work with honors that include the Phi Delta Kappa's Outstanding Citizen For Education in Tuscaloosa County, the Tuscaloosa Advertising Federation's Bronze Oak Wreath Award for Community Service, the Outstanding Commitment to Public Service Award from the University of Alabama, and induction into the Tuscaloosa County Civic Hall of Fame.

A skilled communicator, Johnnie is the author of "Tuscaloosa: The Tradition, The Spirit, The Vision" and a contributor to the book, "Tuscaloosa: Centennial Progress, Millennial Hopes." He has been a columnist for the Tuscaloosa Business Ink Magazine, Planet Weekly, and Tuscaloosa Christian Family Magazine and for 7 years wrote a weekly column for the Tuscaloosa News.

Johnnie Aycock is a graduate of Auburn University and the Institute of Organization Management at the University of Notre Dame. He is also a graduate of the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, North Carolina. Johnnie is a former member of the faculty of the Kettering Foundation's Public Policy Institute and has served as an adjunct professor at Stillman College's Management Institute.

The sound economic base and high quality of life that distinguishes West Alabama can be traced in no small part to the energy and enthusiasm of Johnnie Aycock. It is has been my pleasure to work with Johnnie on many economic development, education, and service initiatives during my time in Congress. Though Johnnie is retiring from his leadership position at the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce, I have no doubt that he will continue to be a devoted servant to the community that he so dearly loves.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF TREE FRESNO IN FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tree Fresno on the occasion of their 25th anniversary celebration. Tree Fresno has made a significant impact on the community of Fresno by promoting environmental stewardship programs and educating the community on the importance of preserving the environment. During their quarter-century of work, Tree Fresno has been responsible for planting over 37,000 trees in the greater Fresno area.

Tree Fresno was founded in 1985 during the city of Fresno's centennial anniversary by a group of concerned citizens dedicated to improving the local environment and preserving green spaces. Initial efforts from this group came to fruition in the form of a telethon raising \$27,000 which was used to purchase trees to be planted in the downtown and Tower District areas.

While Tree Fresno's primary focus is on preserving green space in the community of Fresno, educational programs remain an important aspect of Tree Fresno's mission. Educational and stewardship programs such as Trees for Campuses & Kids and the Junior Board of Directors help teach Valley children the value of green spaces and caring for the environment. The Trees for Campuses & Kids program, which has planted over 4,100 trees on Fresno County school campuses, is only one example of the great services Tree Fresno provides to the community.

Community support, including endowment and membership programs, has helped Tree Fresno accomplish a variety of projects in the Fresno community. Examples of these initiatives include the planting of 500 trees along the McKinley Avenue Canal Bank and 939 trees on Blackstone Avenue, as well as partnerships such the "A Shade Better" program with Pacific Gas & Electric which allowed for 400 trees to be provided to homeowners to reduce energy costs. Through their efforts, Tree Fresno has planted over an average of a thousand trees a year in Central California. Tree

Fresno also continues to make progress on the Friant Oak Loop-Scenic Highway Beautification and Reforestation Project and the Master Urban Parkway Plan which will create a network of over 200 miles of urban trails and connect schools, parks, and recreation areas.

In honor of Tree Fresno's 25th anniversary, they are launching a new endeavor called the "Real Green" program which aims to plant 100,000 trees over the next 10 years in partnership with organizations in the Fresno area. Tree Fresno's 25 years of advocacy for green spaces has contributed immensely to making the Central Valley a better place to live, work and raise a family. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Tree Fresno on the occasion of their 25th Anniversary and applaud their tireless work and enormous contributions as they continue their mission to preserve green space and provide environmental education for the community of Fresno.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 6222, THE NATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL ACT

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, hunger and poverty are scourges on our society, but they do not have to be enduring or debilitating. Over the last hundred years, we have created a safety net system in this Nation that ensures that low-income families do not go without food, shelter and healthcare. No longer do we see mass starvation in this country. Communities aren't ravaged by disease and low-income families, for the most part, have access to doctors and medicine when they do face illnesses.

The sad fact, however, is that we are not winning the battle against poverty in this country. Recent Census data show that over 43 million Americans now live in poverty and, of those people, over 15 million are children.

If that weren't bad enough, we are continuing to recover from the worst economic times this Nation has faced since the Great Depression. Federal and state funds are tight and private donations to non-profits and charities aren't coming in at the same levels as before the recession.

It's easy to talk the talk when it comes to poverty. There may be a press release or a quick statement for the local papers. Some may even give a policy speech talking about the travesty of poverty and professing the need to do something bold.

But actions speak louder than words. We need to renew our commitment to fighting poverty. We need to refresh our thinking about the way our communities target poverty. Frankly, it's time we start addressing poverty in a new way, a way that reflects the challenges of low-income families while respecting these difficult economic times.

That's why I introduced "The National Opportunity and Community Renewal Act" today. I'm pleased that Senator BOB CASEY from Pennsylvania introduced a companion version in the Senate and I look forward to working with him on this issue.

The idea is simple—reduce poverty by better utilizing federal and state resources in

smarter and more sensible ways. Making ends meet through federal programs is not how people in this country want to live. The families I talk to want good paying jobs that allow them to put good, nutritious food on their table; pay for a roof over their head; and have a job that provides access to good, comprehensive healthcare. But the current federal safety net programs don't help people lift themselves out of poverty.

This bill, however, will help them do that. The National Opportunity and Community Renewal Act will award ten communities grants for five years each to test new and innovative approaches to poverty reduction. Each award is for \$10 million that must be used in ways that will reduce poverty in half over 10 years. In other words, this bill allows communities to come up with antipoverty plans while maximizing the amount of funding spent on these plans.

We know that some plans work better in urban areas than in rural areas; that fighting poverty in Central Pennsylvania is different than fighting poverty in Central Massachusetts. But that doesn't mean the goals and means are any different.

Let me be clear—no one should interpret this legislation as cut to the social safety net. During these difficult times, we must ensure that low-income families have the support they need to put food on the table, heat their homes and receive proper medical care. This legislation is a starting point in this effort, a way to begin the dialogue on ways to improve and more efficiently run our anti-poverty programs. Frankly, it's a way to start the conversation on how to cut poverty in half in 10 years; a way to shift the conversation from individual safety net programs that manage the problem to a focus on results that actually help lift people out of poverty.

We need to commit to reducing poverty, but we need to do so smartly and responsibly. We need to allow communities the flexibility to come up with plans that suit their communities and we need to properly but responsibly fund these programs.

Ultimately, we'll be judged by the results of these programs. I believe we can reduce poverty in these participating communities by half in 10 years and I'm looking forward to working Senator CASEY, Father Larry Snyder and the Catholic Charities community on this worthy project.

HONORING UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE
REMEMBRANCE DAY 2010

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay homage to the 10 million innocent men, women and children who lost their lives in the Ukrainian genocide of 1932–1933. As a result of Joseph Stalin and the Soviet government's brutal economic policies, peasants were stripped of their land, herded onto collective farms, and all the food that was produced was property of the state. Due to this deprivation of food and aid, masses of Ukrainian people began to starve in what is now known as one of the greatest atrocities known to civilization: an intentional, manmade famine intended to

defeat all resistance and break the will of the Ukrainian people.

The Soviets, however, failed to account for the resilience and unbreakable spirit attributed to the people of this nation as the Ukrainians proved their strong will in emerging from an overtly oppressive regime to form a strong democratic nation. The Orange Revolution and the people of Ukraine are a true testament to the world of how a nation in dire straits can triumph over its oppressor to build a sovereign democracy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ukrainian Genocide Remembrance Day 2010, as we shed light on the horrific effects of group-targeted acts of violence and commemorate those who suffered. It's important not to fall into the line of retroactive thinking and dismiss these instances of the worst type of groupthink as issues from the past. Regimes in power with the desire and intent to destroy national, ethnic and religious still exist in many countries around the world. The divisive will of these people is only strengthened if we choose to ignore their presence.

HONORING D.C.'S DIFFERENT
DRUMMERS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating D.C.'s Different Drummers on their 30th Anniversary of providing music and entertainment for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community in Washington, D.C.

The marching band began with 9 members in the 1980s, but D.C.'s Different Drummers has grown in membership and is comprised of several marching bands that range from four to 74 players, including the Capitol Pride Symphonic Band, Capitol Pride Winds, DC Swing! big band, DCDD Marching Band, Pep Band, and several other ensembles.

D.C.'s Different Drummers are committed to creating fine music and entertainment for the community. Their annual marches in the Capital Pride Parade and the Fourth of July Palisades Parade have received significant local attention over the years, but their march in the Inaugural Parade of President Barack Obama, as part of the Lesbian and Gay Band Association, brought national attention to their excellence as well. The D.C.'s Different Drummers have marched in Pride Parades in Baltimore, Harrisburg, Fredericksburg and Durham, Maryland.

The community has benefited as well through their volunteer efforts, such as carrying banners, US/DC flags, and the like at parades.

D.C.'s Different Drummers welcome not only non-gay members and non-musicians, but also encompass people of all races, cultures, and backgrounds. They hold open, weekly rehearsals. D.C.'s Different Drummers are truly a community-oriented band with respect for all.

I have marched in Pride parades since coming to Congress to emphasize universal human rights and the importance of enacting

federal legislation to secure the same rights for the LGBT community enjoyed by others. Congress has much work to do. We must pass the Family Leave Insurance Act, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, the Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act, the Respect for Marriage Act, the Safe Schools Improvement Act, the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, the Tax Equity for Health Plan Beneficiaries Act, the Family and Medical Leave Inclusion Act, the Uniting American Families Act, and the Responsible Education About Life Act.

This year our Nation's capital joined Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire in extending equal marriage rights to its LGBT residents.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the D.C.'s Different Drummers on their 30th Anniversary.

INTRODUCING THE HAITIAN EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT ACT OF 2010

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Haitian Educational Empowerment Act of 2010. This legislation will allow those students who have had their studies interrupted as a result of the January 12th earthquake to complete their degrees at a U.S. university. It will also provide grants to American universities that have taken in Haitian students so that these schools can provide necessary support services.

As we are all well aware, this past January, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake rocked the already struggling nation of Haiti. Approximately three million people were affected and 230,000 are estimated to have died. Those that survived are facing unimaginable conditions with a crumbling infrastructure that has hindered the availability of even basic necessities.

However, in addition to the massive physical devastation and loss of human life, the earthquake also dealt a devastating blow to Haiti's already struggling higher education sector. With 87 percent of Haiti's universities located in the affected region, the earthquake leveled many university buildings and killed scores of students and academics. The State University of Haiti, the nation's largest, saw 80 percent of its buildings destroyed.

Even if classes are able to resume under current conditions, many students have found that they can no longer afford to attend as they and their families struggle to recover from the earthquake. Additionally, prior to the earthquake, only 1 percent of Haitians between the ages of 18 and 24 were enrolled in a university. For many of these students, a college education was their ticket out of poverty.

Now, they have not only seen their loved ones perish and their homes reduced to rubble, but their hopes for a better future have been dashed as well. My legislation will allow these students to complete their studies while requiring them to return to the island upon completion to put their education to work.

At a time of extreme instability and crisis, the United States must do all within its power

to help Haiti rebuild from this current tragedy. However, this recovery cannot be sustainable if Haitians lack the necessary skills to participate in the process.

While investments are made to rebuild and expand Haiti's university system, it would be counterproductive if, in the meantime, we allow Haiti to fall even further behind in educational attainment. My legislation will not only provide immediate relief to those struggling students who saw their hopes squandered on January 12th, but will also help ensure a more robust, long term recovery.

I ask my colleagues to support this legislation and urge the House Leadership to bring it swiftly to the House floor for consideration.

HONORING REVEREND HERMAN C.
MCCRAY, JR.

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and honor Reverend Herman C. McCray, Jr., an anchor throughout the Palm Beach County community who has continued to be a living example of the ideals of community service. On September 25, 2010, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Bridge Dedication Ceremony for the "Herman McCray Jr. Bridge."

A native Floridian, Reverend McCray was born in West Palm Beach and graduated from Roosevelt High School. Upon graduation, he joined the United States Armed Services, 101st Airborne Division. Once Reverend McCray returned home, he attended Palm Beach Junior College, which is now Palm Beach Community College. He received religious training from Palm Beach Atlantic University School of Theology.

Reverend McCray became an anchor in both the West Palm Beach community where he grew up and the Riviera Beach community where he moved once he married his wife of 47 years, Lillian. The couple has three sons. Reverend McCray and his family joined Greater Bethel Primitive Baptist Church and have remained members for more than 40 years. In 1992, Reverend McCray was ordained a Minister and has served as Assistant Pastor of Greater Bethel for more than 10 years. Under his leadership, the church has sponsored many ministries and provided services that deal with issues affecting the lives of people in all age groups.

As a former Supervisor of Sanitation for the City of Riviera Beach, Reverend McCray brought great changes to his community. In the State of Florida, he was the first and only African-American to hold this position. He was also the first African-American to be employed as a ticket agent for the Greyhound Bus Company.

In an effort to complement his professional achievements, Reverend McCray operated McCray's Barbeque Restaurant in Riviera Beach where he prepared and distributed—free of charge—dinners and other meals to the sick and shut-in, homeless, elderly and other disadvantaged individuals. He has also volunteered with incarcerated men and women by giving self-enhancement messages. For

more than 47 years, Reverend McCray has been a member of the Youth of Recreation Association of Riviera Beach. During this time, he served as president of the organization. Working with the Imperial Men's Club, he organized the Young Entrepreneurs, teaching students from Suncoast High Community School the art of establishing their own business. Because Reverend McCray has been a driving force in the fight for civil and equal rights for citizens in Palm Beach County, he has been listed in Blacks in Social Change in the South by University of Florida Professor Jim Button. He was also elected to Palm Beach County Biracial Committee and the Riviera Beach City Council.

Moreover, Reverend McCray has received numerous awards and recognitions such as: Business Man of the Year from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; the Westboro Business and Professional Women's Club; and Senior Citizen on the Year from the Martin Luther King Coordinating Committee.

Madam Speaker and my colleagues, I ask that you join me in honoring Reverend Herman C. McCray, Jr., a humble public servant, a true beacon of hope and a guiding light in the Palm Beach County community. He is an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and appreciation. It is with deep respect and admiration that I commend Reverend McCray for dedicating his life to the community, and I thank him for his exceptional leadership.

RECOGNIZING THE 99TH NATIONAL
DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize October 10, 2010 as the 99th National Day of the Republic of China. Taiwan's National Day, also known as Double Ten Day, celebrates the October 10, 1911 Wuchang Uprising. This uprising in the city of Wuchang was the beginning of the Xinhai Revolution, which led to the collapse of the imperial Qing Dynasty and the subsequent establishment of the Republic of China.

Double Ten Day is commemorated annually in Taiwan and across the globe, beginning with the raising of the flag of the Republic of China and followed by parades, festivals, and other celebrations. In my own state of New Jersey, the Double Tenth will be celebrated at a special event held on October 3, 2010 in Edison Township. I am proud to recognize this important holiday and express my continued support for a strong Taiwanese democracy.

Madam Speaker, today I would like to congratulate the Republic of China on its 99th National Day and offer my best wishes to Taiwan as it looks toward its centennial year!

RECOGNIZING UNIVERSITY OF THE
OZARKS FOR ITS SPECIAL
NEEDS PROGRAM

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the University of the Ozarks for its work with students with special needs.

The Clarksville, Arkansas university earned national attention and was named by Parade Magazine to its "College A-List" for its efforts to help college students with learning disabilities.

Established in 1971, the University of the Ozark's Jones Center was one of the first centers in the nation created to assist college students with learning disabilities or attention deficit/hyperactivity disorders. The center has a student to faculty rate of 4 to 1 which allows the center to provide students with the best services available so they can achieve the results they are capable of.

Jones Learning Center Director Linda Frost says this recognition confirms the dedication and commitment of staff to providing students with comprehensive support that allow all students to succeed.

This is a great honor for the staff and the students. Having such innovative leaders in the classroom provides an opportunity for all students to get the education they deserve. I am proud of the efforts of the Jones Learning Center and the University of the Ozarks and wish them success in the future as education leaders work to meet the needs of all students. I look forward to recognizing its future successes.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SER-
GEANT FIRST CLASS
KRISTOPHER CHAPLEAU

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to Sergeant First Class Kristopher Chapleau, from LaGrange, Kentucky, who lost his life on June 30, 2010, of injuries sustained at Forward Operating Base Blesing, Afghanistan.

He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Sergeant First Class Chapleau was a thirteen year veteran infantryman and platoon leader who enlisted in the Army in 1997.

He was the beloved husband of Terry Chapleau and a father to four young children, Jacob, Tyler, Angelica and Kimberly.

Today, as we celebrate the life and accomplishments of this exceptional Kentuckian, my thoughts and prayers are with Sergeant First Class Chapleau's family and friends.

We are all deeply indebted to Sergeant First Class Kristopher Chapleau for his service and his sacrifice.

HONORING LATINA LEADER
AWARD RECIPIENT DR. JULIET
V. GARCÍA, PRESIDENT OF UTB/
TSC

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work, dedication and leadership of Nueces, UTB/TSC President, Dr. Juliet V. García, who will receive this evening the Latina Leader Award at the Washington Court Hotel.

Dr. García joined The University of Texas System as the president of The University of Texas at Brownsville in January 1992 after having served as president of Texas Southmost College for six years. When she was named as president of TSC in 1986, she became the first Mexican-American woman in the nation to become president of a college or university.

Under Dr. García's leadership, the campus has grown from 49 acres to more than 460 acres; the budget has increased from \$31.4 million to \$150 million, and the total fall enrollment has grown from 7,000 students to more than 15,000 students.

While the university has continued to increase in quantity, it has also grown in quality. The vocational nursing graduates have achieved a pass rate of more than 95 percent for their state licensures, likewise, the teacher education graduates achieved a 94 percent pass rate on their certification exams, with education students specializing in music, school counseling, Spanish, social studies, special education, physical education and mathematics achieving a 100 percent pass rate.

Dr. García has established a campus culture that promotes student success. She was instrumental in the establishment of a Math and Science Academy for high school students, an Early College High School in collaboration with the Brownsville Independent School District.

She has a strong history of public service. She served as chair of the Advisory Committee to Congress on Student Financial Assistance and on the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. Most recently, Dr. García has served on the boards of National Campus Compact, chaired Texas Campus Compact, and was a member of President-Elect Obama's Transition Team.

She currently serves on the boards of Ford Foundation, the Public Welfare Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Humanities Texas, and Raise Your Hand Texas. She is also currently serving as the co-chair of the Notre Dame University Task Force: On the Participation of Latino Children and Families in Catholic Schools in America.

Among the many honors Dr. García has received for her work is induction into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame for Lifetime Achievement in Education and the Hispanic Heritage Award. She has received the Reginald V. Wilson Diversity Award from the Office of Minority Affairs from the American Council on Education. She was named one of the Top 10 College Presidents by Time magazine; Hispanic Business magazine recognized her multiple times in their 100 Most Influential His-

panics annual publication. The Brownsville Independent School District named the Juliet V. García Middle School after her.

She has received honorary degrees from the University of Notre Dame and Brown University. Dr. García earned a Ph.D. in Communications and Linguistics from The University of Texas at Austin and an M.A. and B.A. in Classical Rhetoric and Public Address and English from the University of Houston. For more than a decade, she has been invited annually to lecture at Harvard's Institute for Educational Management on the university presidency. She is often invited to speak at national conferences on the issues of access and innovation in higher education.

She is married to Oscar E. García for 40 years. They are the parents of two grown children, Oscar D. García and Paulita Rico, and are blessed with four grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating UTB/TSC President Dr. Juliet V. García for her work and dedication to UTB/TSC and her well deserved award as a Latina Leader.

NATIONALLY ENHANCING THE
WELLBEING OF BABIES
THROUGH OUTREACH AND RE-
SEARCH NOW ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take a moment to state my strong support for H.R. 3470, the Nationally Enhancing the Wellbeing of Babies through Outreach and Research Now—or the NEWBORN Act. This bill authorizes grants to create, implement, and oversee infant mortality pilot programs. These grants could support a number of important activities to reduce our national infant mortality rate, including: educational outreach to at-risk mothers; development and implementation of standardized systems for improved access and services; and regional public education campaigns.

In order to fully understand the importance of this act, I believe our country needs to take a moment to reflect upon our infant mortality rate of 6.7 per thousand live births. The United States currently has one of the highest infant mortality rates among industrialized nations—higher than Cuba or Japan. Although the infant mortality rate has declined over time, this rate is unacceptably high and tragic because many of these infant deaths are preventable when mothers receive adequate care and education. Access to quality prenatal healthcare and parenting education greatly reduces many of the risk factors that contribute to infant mortality, such as low birth weight and short gestational age births.

It is of serious concern that great disparity exists in infant mortality rates across our country based on geographic location and racial/ethnic minority status. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the infant mortality rate is much higher in the Southeastern and Midwestern regions of our Nation. In my home State of Illinois in 2006 is 7.29 per thousand live births, well above the national average. For African Americans, the

infant mortality rate is 13.35, almost double the national average and almost triple the national average for Latino and White children. We cannot allow these disparities to continue. We cannot continue to allow particular groups of our citizens to lose their children at higher rates than others. We must work to dramatically reduce these deaths for all Americans.

These numbers reflect the need for federal legislation to increase access to quality prenatal care. I am proud to have played an active role in creating a dedicated funding stream for the home visiting to support families with or expecting young children. Authorized by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Law, the new Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program will provide grants to States to provide evidence-based home visitation services to improve outcomes for children and families who reside in at-risk communities. Research shows that these programs are effective at improving the health and well-being of children and families.

It is federal investments in home visiting and in the NEWBORN Act that will help improve children's well-being and lower the infant mortality rate. I stand in strong support of the NEWBORN Act and urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this bill.

SMALL BUSINESS JOBS ACT OF
2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, attached is a Wall Street Journal article noting that the lack of credit was hurting many small businesses in our country.

[From the Wall Street Journal]

LOAN SQUEEZE THWARTS SMALL-BUSINESS
REVIVAL

(By Mark Whitehouse)

YPSILANTI, MI.—Thomas Harrison, chief executive of Michigan Ladder Co., has a plan that would contribute to the U.S. economic recovery: Expand the 108-year-old company, adding at least 20 jobs in the process. His chances of getting the loan of \$300,000 or more he needs to do so, though, depend in part on what happens to folks like home builder James Haeussler.

Both are customers of the same community bank, the Bank of Ann Arbor. Mr. Haeussler is struggling to repay \$8.3 million he and a partner borrowed to build a residential community in nearby Saline, Mich. In this economic environment, the bank doesn't want to take a chance on what it sees as a risky new loan to Mr. Harrison.

"In a world where Jim Haeussler makes it, Tom Harrison will make it," says Timothy Marshall, the bank's president. "But it's not prudent to do both loans at this point in time. We're in a more risk-averse mode."

Mr. Marshall's reluctance sheds light on a problem looming over the economy. A year and a half after the financial crisis hit, the U.S. credit machine is still malfunctioning. During the boom, credit was too abundant. Now the pendulum has swung. With an eye toward limiting such swings, Sen. Christopher Dodd is expected to unveil a bill Monday that would be especially tough on big banks while preserving the Fed's regulatory role, but the bill's prospects remain uncertain.

For a recovery to take hold, hundreds of thousands of small businesses must find the confidence to expand and create jobs. But when they get to that point, the local banks they depend on—worried about borrowers' financial strength, scrutinized by regulators and slammed by souring real-estate loans—might not be willing or able to provide the credit they need.

While big companies have been able to borrow in bond markets, smaller companies rely mainly on bank credit, which has been shrinking. In 2009, total lending by U.S. banks fell 7.4%, the steepest drop since 1942. In all, the credit pulled out of the economy by banks since the downfall of Lehman Brothers in September 2008 amounts to about \$700 billion, more than double the amount so far distributed under President Barack Obama's \$787 billion stimulus program.

"It's a dismal situation," says Diane Swonk, chief economist at Chicago-based financial-services firm Mesirov Financial. "Banks won't lend to businesses because they're afraid they'll go bad, but that can become a self-fulfilling prophecy."

The dearth of credit for small businesses could have a big effect on prospects for restoring the 8.4 million jobs lost since the recession began. From 1992 through the beginning of the latest recession, companies with fewer than 100 employees accounted for about 45% of net job growth, according to Labor Department data.

Policy makers have been looking for ways to reopen the spigot. President Obama has proposed creating a \$30 billion fund to support small-business lending. Last month, in an unusual show of solidarity, the Federal Reserve, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and other state and federal regulators issued a joint statement urging banks to continue lending to credit-worthy small enterprises.

Making sure small firms get access to credit "is crucial to avoiding a Japan-type scenario of persistent stagnation," says Mark Gertler, a New York University economist who has done seminal research with Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke, then a Princeton University professor, on how troubles with bank lending can aggravate economic downturns.

Getting banks to lend more won't be easy, given the rising tide of defaults on loans made to finance housing developments, office buildings, shopping malls and other commercial real estate. Deutsche Bank expects banks to suffer at least \$250 billion in losses on such loans, with about half coming in the next few years. Together with an estimated \$250 billion in further charge-offs on home mortgages, that's more than double banks' current reserves against losses on all types of loans.

The stakes are particularly high for community banks, which tend to be much more active in commercial real estate than their larger counterparts. As of December 2009, such loans comprised about 42% of all loans held by the 7,344 banks with less than \$1 billion in assets, compared to about 17% for the hundred or so banks with more than \$10 billion in assets.

Some bankers say policy makers' desire to encourage lending isn't always reflected on the ground, where they say bank inspectors are getting tougher about lending standards. "For the first time in my 37 years in banking, we're having to say to our clients that we're not sure this will pass muster with the regulators," says Larry Barbour, president and chief executive of North State Bank in Raleigh, N.C. "That's not healthy."

Washtenaw County, Mich., which includes Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and Saline, offers a glimpse of how the cycle of economic malaise and shrinking credit is playing out

across the country. The county includes the Willow Run plant, where Ford Motor Co. once produced the B-24 Liberator bombers that helped win World War II, the University of Michigan football stadium, and hospital complexes and high-tech start-ups in Ann Arbor. As of December, Washtenaw's unemployment rate stood at 9%, close to the national average.

Michigan Ladder's Mr. Harrison, 44 years old, remembers vividly the day in September 2008 when the recession hit home. The company, which manufactures wooden ladders and distributes imported aluminum and fiberglass models, had been doing well despite the financial crisis. Sales were up 6% over the previous year, and Mr. Harrison had expanded the company's staff to about 28, from 20 at the beginning of the year.

But during the week of Sept. 15, the company's largest supplier of aluminum and fiberglass ladders suddenly refused to deliver ladders unless it was paid in advance. Within days, says Mr. Harrison, Michigan Ladder lost as much as \$1 million of the supplier credit on which it relied to pay for raw materials and maintain its inventory of ladders. At the same time, its customers started failing to pay for ladders it had already delivered.

"Literally overnight, the whole world changed for us," says Mr. Harrison. "It was simply too much of a shock—too much of a change, too quickly." He laid off eight workers in December 2008 and another eight in 2009 as sales fell 40%.

Mr. Harrison has since lined up new credit from suppliers, and he says sales are on track to rise 15% this year. He thinks the time has come to implement the expansion project he shelved when the crisis hit. The plan: Produce in Michigan the aluminum and fiberglass ladders he currently imports from places such as Mexico and China. He already has the customers, and he calculates that manufacturing in Michigan will actually boost his profit margins, in part because the savings on shipping will offset the higher cost of U.S. labor.

"We can do this," he says. "We can be a low-cost producer, and we will have a made-in-USA product, which we think will have some appeal to people."

The Bank of Ann Arbor is Mr. Harrison's best bet to finance his project. Larger banks typically don't deal with companies the size of Michigan Ladder. Also, Bank of Ann Arbor, which has \$543 million in assets, has weathered the crisis much better than most of its peers. It turned profits every year, expanded overall lending and declined the support of the government Troubled Asset Relief Program.

The bank has made loans to finance expansions for some of its stronger customers, such as Solohill Engineering, which makes products used in the manufacture of vaccines and more than doubled sales in 2009. Nonetheless, says its president, Mr. Marshall, fears about a weak recovery are prompting even healthy banks to be careful, a trend he recognizes could help make those fears a reality.

"It's kind of a vicious cycle," he says. "Anytime you're in an economic environment like we are, bankers are going to be more conservative."

One of bankers' main concerns is the damage the recession has done to many companies' finances. Values of real estate and other things small business owners can put up as collateral for loans have fallen so far, so fast, that many businesses have little to offer. Also, a year or more of losses have eroded the value of owners' stakes in companies, leaving less of a cushion against bankruptcy.

Mr. Marshall says such financial concerns are a big reason he's not ready to lend to Mr.

Harrison, who says his company took heavy losses in 2008 before returning to profitability in 2009. Mr. Harrison says he's exploring ways to raise new money from investors, but so far to no avail. "It's not reasonable to expect that [the Bank of Ann Arbor] can make up for all the credit companies like ours have lost," he says.

Mr. Harrison's credit difficulties also are linked to the travails of other borrowers such as Mr. Haeussler, the 51-year-old president of Peters Building. In 2005, he and a partner began developing a 625-acre piece of land known as Saline Valley Farms, the site of a cooperative farm in the mid-1900s.

The downturn hit Mr. Haeussler hard in 2007, when home builder Toll Brothers called with bad news: It wouldn't exercise its option to purchase 93 luxury-home lots, the entire first phase of the Saline Valley Farms project. When the \$8.3 million loan he and a partner had taken out to grade the lots and build infrastructure came due in late 2008, they still owed \$6.7 million and had 76 empty lots, the estimated value of which had fallen to about \$1.4 million.

"It was perfectly wrong timing," says Mr. Haeussler.

Losses on loans to developers such as Mr. Haeussler have taken a toll on community banks, eroding their capital and limiting their capacity to make new loans. Bank of Ann Arbor has moved more quickly than other banks to recognize losses, charging off nearly one-quarter of its construction and development loans in 2009. That compares to about 5% for all banks. In its remaining portfolio of such loans, about 6% are delinquent, compared to about 16% for all banks.

Many community banks are renegotiating troubled real-estate loans. In Mr. Haeussler's case, the Bank of Ann Arbor cut a deal: In return for a four-year extension, Mr. Haeussler and his partner more than quadrupled the amount of collateral backing the loan, putting up the entire Saline Valley Farms project and more. Even with the added collateral, the bank charged off \$2.1 million of the loan, effectively recognizing that it may never get the money back.

The bank figures that giving Mr. Haeussler more time increases the odds he will pay off his loan. But such deals tie up cash on what essentially are bets that existing borrowers will make it through. That leaves banks, including Bank of Ann Arbor, with less appetite to make new loans to customers like Mr. Harrison, who doesn't have the resources Mr. Haeussler and his partner used to secure their loan.

Mr. Haeussler, for his part, says he's trying not to think too much about all that's hanging in the balance, which could include his entire business. "It's a little unnerving at times," he says. "But you just have to put your head down and work through it."

THE PEOPLE OF KASHMIR DESERVE A VOTE ON THEIR FUTURE

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight to call the attention of the House to the ongoing unrest in Kashmir. Although this conflict is a world away from our shores, it directly impacts our sons and daughters fighting the Global War on Terror in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The mountainous region of Kashmir has been a flashpoint between India and Pakistan

for more than 50 years because many of the people living in Indian-administered Kashmir—especially in the Muslim-majority Kashmir valley—do not wish to be governed by India. They would prefer to be either independent or part of Pakistan. In fact, India and Pakistan have militarily clashed over the territory three times in 1947/48, 1965 and 1971, and nearly fought another war over the territory in 2001—which could have involved nuclear weapons.

Several years ago, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and then Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf agreed to begin a dialogue aimed at narrowing their differences on the issue of Kashmir, and launch a series of confidence-building measures aimed at promoting trade and normal relations. I was encouraged by their efforts to improve the security situation in Kashmir, and was hopeful that cooperation between India and Pakistan would continue and ultimately lead to a sustained peace in Kashmir. President Musharraf is now gone and Prime Minister Singh has either been unable or unwilling to carry forward the initiative he began some six years ago. As a result, the simmering frustrations of an entire generation of Kashmiris who have grown up and come of age in an environment of repression once again exploded into violence this summer.

Regrettably, the conflict has garnered little attention from the American media and zero attention from the White House. During the Presidential campaign, President Obama pledged to appoint a special envoy to the region and declared, “. . . that solving the ‘Kashmir crisis’ was one of his ‘critical tasks.’” So far, this has been a promise unfulfilled.

Madam Speaker, I believe an end to the violence and uncertainty in Kashmir would be widely welcomed in India and Pakistan as well as by our military commanders in Afghanistan. The longer the Pakistani Government focuses on staring down India along the Line of Control in Kashmir the harder it will be to defeat the extremists groups threatening the stability of the Pakistani Government, as well as the elements of the Taliban and Al-Qaeda using Pakistan as a safe haven to launch attacks against coalition forces in Afghanistan.

I do not know how the problem in Kashmir will ultimately be solved. However, I personally believe that the people of Kashmir should be given the plebiscite they were promised by the United Nations decades ago. And I ask unanimous consent to place in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an op-ed by Dr. Ghulam-Nabi Fai—Executive Director of the Kashmiri American Council—which puts the case for the plebiscite in context. I encourage my colleagues to read it. Whatever the solution, resolving the dispute over Kashmir is crucial to defeating the militants and stabilizing Pakistan, and winning the War in Afghanistan. The status quo is simply unacceptable.

[From the Guardian, Aug. 31, 2010]

THE PEOPLE OF KASHMIR MUST BE ALLOWED
TO VOTE ON THEIR OWN FUTURE

(By Ghulam-Nabi Fai)

Pankaj Mishra's article was a concise and accurate examination of the Kashmir crisis (Why silence over Kashmir speaks volumes, 14 August). He pointed out that the protesters “have a broader mass base than the Green Movement does in Iran. But no colour-coded revolution is heralded in Kashmir by western commentators?”

Virtually everyone—men, women and children—of the capital city of Kashmir,

Srinagar, has taken to the streets to lodge a non-violent protest at the office of the United Nations against the continuance of Indian occupation. But such non-violent protests have received little or no press coverage, even though they have been taking place, as Mishra reports, since 2008. Is it any wonder that Kashmiris feel “that theirs is the voice of a neglected people”?

Mishra speaks about the Indian media amplifying “the falsehoods and deceptions of Indian intelligence agencies in Kashmir”, which argue that the Kashmiri protests are the work of Islamic fundamentalists and/or terrorists. But in the case of Srinagar, the population of a major town cannot be composed entirely of such elements.

Kashmiris simply demand a speedy implementation of the pledge solemnly extended to them by India and Pakistan and the UN—to be allowed to decide their future through an unrigged and uncoerced vote.

The protests are an unmistakable expression of Kashmiris' resentment against the indifference of world powers—and their failure, largely because of toxic power politics, to implement international agreements.

As Mishra stated: “India is a counterweight, at least in the fantasies of western strategists, to China.” This contributes to the policies of inaction.

So Kashmir continues to bleed under a renewed outpouring of revolt against occupation, as the world continues to ignore it. There is a deliberate and direct targeting of young people by the military forces, intent on crushing the anti-occupation movement. Mishra states: “Already this summer, soldiers have shot dead more than 50 protesters, most of them teenagers.” Their weapons? Rocks and stones. Hardly the tools of terrorists.

Apart from the magnitude of violence unleashed by the military forces against protesters, the most poignant aspect of the situation is the acute suffering of the whole population caused by the frequent curfews, disregard of normal life, arrests, detentions and sometimes disappearances of innocent civilians by the authorities. This is a situation without precedent in the south Asian subcontinent and with few parallels in the world today.

During his U.S. presidential campaign, Barack Obama pledged he would appoint a special envoy to the region—as Mishra says, “he declared that solving the ‘Kashmir crisis’ was one of his ‘critical tasks’”. However: “Since then the U.S. president hasn't uttered a word about this ur-crisis that has seeded all major conflicts in south Asia.”

If only Obama would keep his promise, it would certainly hasten the process of peace and stability in south Asia—home to one-fifth of the human race.

SMALL BUSINESS JOBS ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Mr. POMEROY. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5297—Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010, a bill that brings billions of dollars of tax relief and access to capital to small businesses.

Helping North Dakota businesses create jobs is one of my top priorities. In North Dakota, small business is business. Nearly 80 percent of North Dakotans work for companies

with less than 500 employees and 60 percent work for companies with less than 100 employees. Small businesses are a proven engine of job creation. During the last economic expansion, companies with less than 20 employees accounted for 40 percent of the job growth while accounting for only 25 percent of all jobs.

Today, we give this engine of job creation the fuel it needs to charge forward.

Surveys of National Federation of Independent Business members identified the number one economic concern facing small businesses as poor sales stemming from a lack of demand from consumers. This has been their top concern since the recession and most recently 31 percent of respondents reported poor sales as their most important problem. Beneath this response is the fact that many small businesses want to borrow but cannot. So, they need help with capital too.

To help small business, I introduced bipartisan legislation, the Small Business Jobs and Tax Relief Act, which would generate demand for products and services while putting more capital into the hands of small businesses.

One of the lingering difficulties is that many small businesses have limited access to the capital they need to operate, grow, and create new jobs. By providing small business tax relief, Congress can free up money, which will help small businesses feel that they can hire new employees and make investments in new equipment that will build demand for goods and services. I am pleased that tax cuts from the bill I authored are in key components in this bill before the House today.

One of the several good measures in H.R. 5297 that will generate the demand that our small business need to grow is bonus depreciation. It is one of the best ways to stimulate the economy and create jobs. Bonus depreciation accelerates the rate at which businesses can deduct the cost of capital expenditures so it encourages companies to spend while it boosts company cash flows.

Economists rate bonus depreciation as one of the most economically productive tax initiatives. In a 2001 analysis, the Institute for Policy Innovation estimated that every \$1 of tax cuts devoted to accelerated depreciation generates about \$9 new growth in the economy. Looking back at times when bonus depreciation was used to encourage capital investment, economists determined that it was responsible for creating several hundred thousand jobs.

Out in our small towns, many Americans are creating job opportunities for themselves and for others by starting new small business. We need to encourage this spirit of free enterprise. The Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010 will help new start-up businesses in two ways that I heard from North Dakotans would be helpful and included in my bill:

1. The bill would double the current amount a start-up business can deduct, so that a new business owner could deduct \$10,000 of expenses he or she might have incurred to set up shop. Without the bill before us today, that deduction for start up costs would be limited to only \$5,000; and

2. The 100 percent exclusion from tax of gains on small business stock in H.R. 5297 would expand the access to capital for small business across the county.

This bill also reduces the regulatory burden on small business by modernizing the tax accounting required for business provided cell

phones and eliminating outlandish penalties for abusive tax shelters.

Small businesses are most likely to conduct business while they are away from their offices. Nine out of ten small businesses indicate they use mobile phones for their business and one in seven feel that their businesses could not survive without mobile devices. The Internal Revenue Code still contains paperwork requirements for wireless phones from the 1970s. Rather than spending money on accountants and the costs associated with an IRS audit, H.R. 5297 allows small businesses to spend it instead on creating jobs.

While the Internal Revenue Service must stop abusive tax shelters, today will vote to eliminate a disproportionate effect that some tax penalties have on small businesses. No longer will small businesses face outlandish penalties for failing to disclose on their taxes reportable transactions. The bill brings such penalties into proportion with the underlying tax savings and does not put business owners out of business.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Chairman LEVIN for including small business tax incentives, especially bonus depreciation, and relief from excessive regulations that I authored in the bipartisan Small Business Jobs and Tax Relief Act in the final bill that we vote on today.

The Small Business Lending Fund Act of 2010 is good for North Dakota small businesses. I urge my colleagues to vote yes on H.R. 5297.

CONGRATULATING TAIWAN ON
THE 99TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA

HON. BOB INGLIS

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise and invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Republic of China's National Day, known as "Double Ten Day." On October 10, 1911 the Wuchang Uprising ushered in the wave leading to the collapse of the Ching Dynasty and the founding of the Republic of China. This anniversary will be a day of great celebration and thanksgiving, and I would like to offer my congratulations and good wishes to President Ma Ying-jeou and all the people of Taiwan on this special occasion.

The centennial anniversary of the Republic of China's National Day is just one year away and it is fitting and proper to recognize the great strides made by the Republic of China over the course of that century. This great country has developed a vibrant and spirited democratic system of government, created a dynamic economic engine, and developed into a fully modernized country—a model for the region.

Under the leadership of President Ma, Taiwan has also worked to improve relations with mainland China, having successfully negotiated and signed the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement, ECFA, this year. Efforts like this can foster a new sense of cooperation within the region as the people of China and Taiwan benefit from increased trade between their countries.

So I stand together today with the people of Taiwan as they celebrate the 99th anniversary

of the founding of the Republic of China. May the bravery and commitment that marked that day continue to flourish in these days and in the years ahead.

AMERICAN MANUFACTURING EFFICIENCY AND RETRAINING INVESTMENT COLLABORATION ACHIEVEMENT WORKS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to promote America's workforce competitiveness by calling for measures that modernize our job training programs and prepare workers with the skills they need to succeed in the 21st century global economy. The bill before us, the AMERICA Works Act, H.R. 4072, would develop the technical workforce necessary to strengthen and attract in-demand industries in the United States, and create good jobs in regional economies across the country.

Our Nation's economic recovery remains extremely fragile. According to last month's jobs report, 42 percent of the nearly 15 million people have been unemployed for 6 months or longer. Despite large numbers of individuals looking for jobs, the staffing firm Manpower, Inc., found in a recent survey that one in five employers have left positions unfilled because they did not believe qualified candidates existed. Especially employers in key industries such as manufacturing, healthcare, and energy report difficulty finding workers with appropriate skill sets. With unemployment rates expected to remain high for months to come, investing in targeted job training that matches labor market demand is an economic strategy needed for a strong and sustained recovery.

Employers rely on a pipeline of skilled workers to drive innovation, increase productivity, and remain globally competitive. At the same time, individuals need the skills and credentials to fill these jobs. According to the Virginia Council on Advanced Technology Skills, which include companies such as Micron Technology, Inc., and Boehringer Ingelheim Chemicals, more than 40,000 manufacturing jobs could open up in the region over the next few years. The industry group is currently developing an assessment to determine what skills employers require and help students learn what skills they need to increase their job prospects and increase their salary when they are hired. The goal is to be able to match workers with the core skills and industry-recognized credentials for employers that have job openings. Addressing the current skills mismatch, according to the president of the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank, could reduce national unemployment from 9.6 percent to as low as 6.5 percent.

The AMERICA Works Act will help workers and employers like the industry group in Virginia as well as other industry-sector partnerships fill the skills gap by honing in on the importance of industry-recognized, portable credentials. Specifically, the bill would direct the use of public funds for designated programs within the Carl D. Perkins Vocational-Technical Education Act and the Workforce In-

vestment Act to prepare individuals with the core skills necessary to obtain good, middle-class jobs. This bill complements other efforts, including sector strategies, which support local partnerships between business, labor, the workforce system, and education and training providers to ensure that workers have the skills employers need to compete in the global marketplace.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Congressman MINNICK and Congressman LEE for introducing this legislation that invests in the skills of America's workers. I urge my colleagues to continue to advance education and training measures that build America's workforce and strengthen the economy.

HONORING THE ALLEN ORGAN
COMPANY

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Allen Organ Company, which was founded in Allentown, Pennsylvania, by Jerome Markowitz, in 1937.

We are fast approaching the 40th anniversary of the technology used in the Allen Digital Computer Organ, the world's first digital instrument. Introduced the same year as the digital calculator, these were the first two applications of the digital technology that is so prevalent in our world today. For nearly 40 years, digital music has provided quality, versatile, and economical music to performing artists and houses of worship.

In 2004, the Smithsonian Institution acquired the very first Allen Digital Organ, which was manufactured in 1971 and originally installed in St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Easton, Pennsylvania. This recognition is a great honor for the Allen Organ Company and the inventive people in my district who have been crafting high-quality instruments for decades.

Today, the Jerome Markowitz Memorial Center serves to display the technological advancements that Allen Organ has made over the years which have contributed to the advancement of electronic music. Allen Organ's early advances in digital technology paved the way for modern digital sound devices, such as CDs, personal computer sound cards, and portable media devices. From the company's first patent for an analog organ in 1938 through the digital revolution, Allen Organ has been a pioneer in the advancement of electronic music.

Jerome's son, Steve Markowitz, is currently the president of the company, which has been run by the same family for seventy-three years. From humble beginnings, the Allen Organ Company now employs roughly 200 of my constituents in the Lehigh Valley and has installed 80,000 instruments in more than 80 countries. In closing, Madam Speaker, I would like to applaud the Allen Organ Company and its employees for their enduring dedication to the furtherance of digital music technology.

IN HONOR OF SERGEANT STEVEN
J. DELUZIO

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor Sergeant Steven J. DeLuzio, of Glastonbury, Connecticut. Steven was killed on August 22, 2010 when insurgents attacked his unit in Paktika, Afghanistan. I had the honor of attending the funeral service for Steven in which hundreds of friends, relatives and others took time to honor his life, his service, and his sacrifice.

For those who knew Steven, they talk of a man who was passionate about life, about service and about sports. Steven played four years of varsity ice hockey and was an avid Yankees fan in part just because his father loved the Red Sox. Our thoughts are with Steven's father Mark and his mother Diane. My heart goes out to his brother Scott, his fiancé Leeza Gutt, and the scores of friends and family members who had the privilege of knowing Steven DeLuzio.

Steven graduated from Glastonbury High School in 2003 and joined the Vermont National Guard after being motivated by the attacks of September 11th. He was deployed to Iraq in 2006 and was awarded the Iraq Campaign Medal and Combat Infantryman Badge. After returning home, Steven was again deployed to Afghanistan in March 2010.

Sergeant Steven DeLuzio led a life that serves as an example to all. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me, and the people of Connecticut, in honoring Sergeant Steven J. DeLuzio for his sacrifice. Our thoughts and our prayers are with the DeLuzio family in their time of need.

HONORING THE HEROISM OF PRIVATE
FIRST CLASS CHARLIE
JOHNSON

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroism and courage of Private First Class Charles R. Johnson, better known as Charlie to his friends. Private Johnson fought and died to save his buddies on a hot day in a far away land, in a war largely forgotten by the American public. However, for those who fought in Korea against a dedicated enemy in some of the most forsaken terrain on this earth, scarcely a day goes by without remembering the sacrifices made there. And for those that were at Outpost Harry in June of 1953, they will never forget Charlie Johnson.

Charlie was a Browning Automatic Rifleman with Company B of the 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. Early in June of 1953, Baker Company, as Company B was known, was ordered to defend Outpost Harry with other units from the 15th Infantry. This

outpost in the Chorwon valley was of strategic importance. The high ground that Outpost Harry occupied could be used by communist forces to directly engage United Nations forces' defensive positions. If Outpost Harry fell, the U.S. 8th Army would have to fall back 6 miles to a new, defensible position. It was feared that public support would erode and the United States might agree to a cease-fire under unfavorable conditions if the communists could inflict heavy casualties and force a retreat of the 8th Army. As peace negotiations were ongoing, the loss of Outpost Harry was simply not an option.

The battle for Outpost Harry was fierce. Almost 90,000 communist artillery rounds landed on Outpost Harry during the battle. The U.S. and Greek soldiers were outnumbered 30–1. Some of the fighting was hand-to-hand. The fighting went on for 8 days.

It is in this context that Charlie's brave actions took place. He selflessly put himself in the line of fire to protect his fellow soldiers, all of whom were injured during the attack. After treating the wounds of his fellow soldiers, he led them to safety and then returned to defend the position and enable the rescue of his fellow soldiers. This sort of bravery went unrecognized for over 50 years. Thanks to the leadership of the current 3rd Infantry Division, Major General Cuculo and Brigadier General Phillips, this brave act has not gone unrewarded. For his actions on the 11th and 12th of June, 1953, Charlie Johnson was finally awarded the Silver Star, our nation's third highest medal for valor in combat. I believe Charlie's Silver Star write up says it best:

"During the night and early morning of 11 and 12 June 1953 against overwhelming odds during an attack on his element's position, Private First Class Johnson acted with complete disregard for his personal safety to ensure the safety of his fellow Soldiers. Ignoring his own injuries, he treated several wounded comrades, dragging one Soldier through the Trenches while under direct artillery, mortar and small arms fire to a secure bunker, stopping only to clear the path of enemy soldiers in close combat operations. Ignoring the proximity of the opposing force, he left the bunker to assess the situation and secure weapons and ammunition. When he returned, he organized a defense and departed his fighting position in order to place himself between his comrades and the enemy, thereby creating the conditions for their successful rescue."

In an age of persistent conflict, it is useful to reflect on those who have gone before us and have shown character, integrity, sacrifice and bravery in their actions. Today's soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division, and indeed all of our men and women in uniform, will look to Private First Class Johnson's actions as an example to live up to. There was an easy way out that night; Charlie could have chosen to retreat. But he chose to fight, and because of his actions others lived. That is the textbook definition of the ultimate sacrifice.

Charlie's Silver Star was presented to his family this last weekend in Poughkeepsie, New York. His good friend Donald Dingee, one of the men he saved that night, was in attendance. It is unfortunate that Charlie's Silver Star had to wait so long, but I am happy that the final chapter has finally been written. Our nation continues to enjoy liberty and freedom

unlike any other, and it is due in no small part to heroes like Private First Class Charles R. Johnson. Thank you Charlie.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND
SACRIFICES OF DR. PETE
TATSUO OKUMOTO AND OTHER
JAPANESE-AMERICAN SERVICE-
MEN OF WORLD WAR II

HON. CHARLES K. DJOU

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. DJOU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroism and sacrifices of Dr. Pete Tatsuo Okumoto and other Japanese-American veterans of World War II.

Dr. Okumoto served as a frontline combat surgeon with the United States Army's 10th Mountain Division in Northern Italy during World War II and participated in two major campaigns including North Apennine and Po Valley. Dr. Okumoto received numerous military decorations for his honorable service. I commend Dr. Okumoto for his dedication and commitment to the field of medicine and honorable service to the United States. It is with great pleasure to formally recognize Dr. Okumoto on the floor of the House of Representatives.

As a Captain in the Army Reserve, I understand the demands placed on our servicemen and women. I thank Dr. Okumoto and all other Japanese-American veterans for their heroism and for their service to the state of Hawai'i and the United States. Aloha.

HONORING PARKER STEVEN SPAW

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Parker Steven Spaw. Parker is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 332, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Parker has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Parker has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Parker has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Parker solicited donations for and volunteered his assistance towards refurbishing the family resource center for IMPACT ministries in Eastern Jackson County, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Parker Steven Spaw for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

SMALL BUSINESS JOBS ACT OF
2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5297, the Small Business Jobs Act. Legislation that provides much needed lending to millions of small businesses and offers tax incentives to help small businesses grow, hire, and fuel our economy.

As we all know, small businesses are a key engine of our economy, creating two-thirds of the new jobs over the last 15 years. America's 27 million small businesses continue to face a lack of credit and tight lending standards, with the number of small businesses loans down nearly 5 million since the financial crisis in 2008 under President Bush.

Last month, I went on a tour of small businesses throughout my district. I have also met individually with many small business owners who are struggling to stay open. While visiting these businesses, I saw firsthand the serious challenges they face while the United States struggles to overcome its most significant economic crisis since the Great Depression. It was clear to me that they have all the tools necessary to prosper but need our financial institutions to function properly and provide them the resources to succeed.

H.R. 5297 will provide small businesses with this opportunity by increasing access to capital and spurring investment and growth throughout our country. In fact, it is estimated that this bill alone will create 500,000 new jobs in America.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to support this legislation, which will provide our small businesses with the assistance they need to compete in this difficult economic climate. I know it will have a substantial impact on my district and strongly urge my colleagues to support it.

VETERANS BENEFITS AND ECONOMIC WELFARE IMPROVEMENT
ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6132, which improves the social services currently offered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, VA, by reaching out to and providing benefits for many veterans not currently enrolled accounted for under our current federally-funded programs.

I want to thank Chairman FILNER for his leadership in bringing this resolution to the floor. I also thank the Congressman for sponsoring this legislation and for his dedication to ensuring that this nation does everything it can to repay our veterans for the sacrifices they have made to protect us.

Mr. Speaker, as the representative of a district that is home to over 23,000 veterans and the VA Medical Center of Long Beach, I know how important it is to ensure that our veterans have the resources to access affordable health care, housing, and financial security.

H.R. 6132 establishes a transition program for new veterans not eligible for other employment aid programs. With 40 percent of young veterans from who Iraq and Afghanistan more likely to be unemployed than anyone in their age group, it is vital that we continue to demonstrate our support for them through bills such as this.

The bill's provisions are aimed at directly improving the disability claim system by extending the 120-day limit for filing an appeal to the Court of Veterans Appeals after a final decision of the Board of Veterans' Appeals. The bill would also increase the pension amount for Medal of Honor recipients, establish an award program that will allow the VA to recognize businesses for their contributions to veteran employment, and protect veterans from losing their non-service connected pension benefits.

Mr. Speaker, the bold actions taken by Congress and the Administration thus far have been critical in assisting our courageous Veterans. Not only have they provided the vital services that our veterans have earned, but they also equip our former soldiers with the resources they need to lift them out of unemployment and live stable, healthy lives.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 6132.

HONORING THE KALISHMAN
FAMILY**HON. RUSS CARNAHAN**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary St. Louis family dedicated to community service and who embodies the spirit of volunteerism. The Kalishman family is receiving this year's Netzach Award from the St. Louis Chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

The Kalishman legacy of community service began with Nancy and late husband Jerry, and continues today through their children. Nancy has a long record of service but continues to show her dedication and compassion by reading to underserved children as part of the Ready Readers Program. Formerly a teacher, she is a past and lifetime member of the board of the Scholarship Foundation of St. Louis, past president of the Temple Israel Sisterhood, and has served on the boards of many other community organizations.

Daughter, Susan Goldberg, follows in her mother's footsteps by currently serving as board president for Ready Readers and as vice-chair of the Barnes-Jewish Hospital Foundation. She is also a board member of the Scholarship Foundation and the Magic House. Closer to home Susan serves as troop leader for both her daughter's Brownie troops and as president-elect of their school's parents' association.

John Kalishman serves as vice president of finance/treasurer of the Jewish Federation. He previously served six years as chair of the investment committee for the St. Louis Jewish Community Foundation in which he was responsible for managing its endowments.

Jim Kalishman and his family just moved back to the St. Louis area five years ago and did not wait to get involved with the community. He is now vice president of the board of Congregation Shaare Emeth and was selected to participate in an emerging leader program. He also led the launch of the successful campaign to pass Proposition 0 for the Ladue Schools.

The Kalishman family has shown unwavering dedication to the Jewish and St. Louis communities in the past, and there is no doubt that they will continue to serve and provide as examples of how volunteerism is alive and well in this country. Please join me in congratulating the Kalishmans in their much deserved honor in receiving this year's Netzach Award.

IRAQ ELECTED OFFICIALS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the resolution I am introducing today that encourages all elected officials and political leaders in Iraq to redouble their efforts to form a government that is just, representative, and accountable to the people of Iraq.

More than six months ago, on March 7, 2010, the Iraqi people went to the polls and elected 325 members of the Council of Representatives which, pursuant to the constitution of Iraq, must select the new Prime Minister and President. Iraq currently remains without a Prime Minister or President, and negotiations between the elected political parties seem to have reached a stalemate.

This is not good for Iraq or for the region. The vacuum created in the absence of a new government has encouraged violent attacks against government officials and Iraqi civilians by terrorist thugs who are intent on destabilizing the country.

Destabilizing as well is the fact that more than two million citizens of Iraq remain displaced both inside Iraq and in countries in the region and around the world, and the failure of the government of Iraq to enact comprehensive oil and gas sector framework and revenue-sharing legislation to meet development needs.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution that calls on the leaders of Iraq to form, as quickly as possible, a capable and representative government that is accountable to the people, to address the needs of its displaced citizens and to effectively, fairly and transparently develop its oil and gas resources in order to meet its pressing development needs.

HONORING MR. IAN SEIVWRIGHT ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE WESTERN SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT AFTER 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Ian Seivwright, who has contributed to the safety and welfare of Western Springs residents over the last 50 years as a member of the Western Springs Fire Department. His final day with the fire department will be October 1, 2010.

Western Springs was founded in 1886 and established its fire department eight years later in 1894. During its 115-year history, the fire department has been invaluable to the residents of Western Springs thanks to the bravery and commitment of its volunteer, full-time, and part-time firefighters.

As a member of the Western Springs Fire Department for almost half of its long history, Mr. Seivwright has touched many lives, whether through extinguishing fires, saving lives, or by leading and teaching young firefighters. Mr. Seivwright showed an early interest in firefighting and public service at age 13 when he was a junior high student in Western Springs. He would observe and follow local firefighters, waiting for the day when he would be old enough to serve. Mr. Seivwright eventually became a full-time member of the Western Springs Fire Department, and thanks to his skill, integrity, and dedication, rose to the position of Deputy Chief.

In addition to serving his community, Ian Seivwright also served his country as an officer in the United States Navy in the late 1960s and early 1970s, where he distinguished himself in his service with the Pacific fleet.

Mr. Seivwright's commitment to residents of Western Springs and the fire department will be sorely missed as he retires. He has been a great asset to his community. His retirement is truly worthy of special recognition and commendation.

Mr. Seivwright has inspired those around him to be courageous, helpful, and professional just as he has been. I am certain his legacy will continue to motivate young public servants for years to come.

I ask you to join me in honoring Mr. Ian Seivwright for his work on behalf of the residents of Western Springs, and to wish him a well-deserved, long, and happy retirement.

HONORING TYLER RADER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler Rader. Tyler is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 394, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tyler has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Tyler has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Tyler has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Tyler constructed two outdoor benches to allow people who come to the local Harvesters food pantry a place to sit and eat.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Tyler Rader for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN TRIBUTE TO JUDGE STEVE
MCGUIRE

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to the Honorable Judge Steve McGuire, an eight term County Judge of Mississippi County, Arkansas. For 16 years he has worked hard to maintain a strong, unified Mississippi County that has benefited in overall wealth, job growth, and prosperity for its residents. Over the years, he has kept an open ear and mind to everyone he has worked with, and although he surely deserves his retirement he will be missed by all.

Steve has been a lifelong resident of Mississippi County. After graduating from the University of Arkansas with a business background, he earned an advanced degree in Agricultural Engineering.

A former intelligence officer of the U.S. Navy himself, Steve made it an important part of his life to continue to support veterans as a member of both the American Legion Post 24 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7075.

Steve has continued to share his knowledge and passion throughout his career as a member of the Osceola Rotary Club, Arkansas Waterways Association, Lower Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association, County Judges Association, Blytheville/Gosnell Regional Airport Authority Board of Directors, and as an Honorary Board Member of both the Blytheville and Osceola Chambers of Commerce.

I wish Steve, his wife of 46 years, Anne Tyler, and the rest of his family all my love and respect, and a long happy retirement.

CHRISTOPHER BRYSKI STUDENT
LOAN PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the passage of H.R. 5458.

Like all of my colleagues, I receive thousands of pieces of mail a week. When a letter from my constituent Ryan Bryski came across my desk I knew I had to act.

Ryan's brother Christopher, for whom this bill is named, was a young man attending Rut-

gers University when he suffered a traumatic brain injury after an accidental fall.

Christopher was in a vegetative state for 2 years before his passing in 2006.

For a parent, that situation would have been enough to endure, but for the Bryski family, their suffering was far more than just the loss of their youngest son.

Like most college students, Christopher had to borrow money to finance his education.

He had received loans through both the Federal Government as well as a private lender. Like most college aged kids, Christopher did not have enough credit to receive a private loan on his own, so his father Joseph co-signed his loan.

Federal loans discharge upon the death of a student, however private loans do not. Since Joseph co-signed Christopher's loan he was now responsible to pay it back in full.

This situation puzzled the Bryski family because nowhere in their loan contract was a clause specifying what would happen to the loan upon the borrower or cosigner's death or disability.

Their lender told them that according to the bank Christopher's persistent vegetative state and subsequent death was a simple "inability to pay," so the financial burden was placed on Joseph.

This was not the only problem the Bryskis encountered after their son's fatal accident.

Due to the fact that Christopher was over 18 when he left home to attend school he was, according to the law, an adult who was able to make his own financial, legal, and health care decisions.

With Christopher in a vegetative state, his parent needed to maintain his financial standing with his school, as well as pay his bills and fulfill all of his contracts.

The Bryskis spent countless time and money regaining custody of their own son so that they could prevent him from defaulting on other bills in case he should recover.

They were not only being responsible parents, but responsible Americans.

The Bryskis also endured a personal interview of Christopher, so that the courts could be sure Christopher was indeed unable to make decisions on his behalf. Literally, someone from the court came to Christopher's hospital room and yelled in his face to ensure that he would not respond and he was indeed in a vegetative state.

As a father of 4 boys, 2 of whom are in college, I cannot imagine going through what the Bryskis went through.

This is why I introduced H.R. 5458 the Christopher Bryski Student Loan Protection Act or Christopher's Law.

This bill would help prevent other families from going through what the Bryskis did by ensuring that private educational lenders clearly describe the obligations of borrowers and cosigners upon their death or disability—what the banks call "an inability to pay." The rest of us would call it a family tragedy.

Christopher's Law will also urge the Federal Reserve Board to adopt and interpret the same definitions of death and disability as the Department of Education, mainstreaming and clarifying the law.

This bill does not require that private loans be discharged in case of death or disability. It simply requires private educational lenders to define death and disability so that borrowers and cosigners can refer to these definitions should a catastrophe happen to their family.

It also states that the private education lender as well as the Federal Government must provide information on creating a durable power of attorney to handle the borrower's financial affairs should the borrower be unable to make those decisions on their own.

In other words, borrower and lender must be on the same page.

Since I introduced this legislation I have been approached by other families in my district with the same problems the Bryskis encountered.

Giving students and their families more choices to protect them against disability or death is an important step. Our ultimate goal should be giving all students and families this protection. I would urge lenders to consider looking at student loan debt forgiveness in the case of death or disability as the Federal Government does. This is also an area where the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau could play a role, and that agency does not need to wait for an act of Congress.

I believe this is a common-sense bipartisan piece of legislation that deserves the support of this entire body.

I would like to thank Chairman MILLER and Chairman FRANK for bringing this important legislation to the floor.

I urge its passage.

HONORING KEN NORBIE

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Ken Norbie of St. Cloud, Minnesota for his contributions as "Volunteer of the Year" to St. Cloud Hospital.

Since 1990, Ken has logged in over 4,000 hours of volunteer time with Imaging Services, Mended Heart and Facility Tours. He has made a lasting impression on everyone at the hospital through his caring and compassionate manner. The traits, along with his dedication, make him a wonderful choice for the "Volunteer of the Year" award from St. Cloud Hospital.

Ken is truly a blessing to the patients, staff and faculty at St. Cloud Hospital, and I ask this body join me in recognizing the important contributions he has made to the hospital and the surrounding community.

MEDIA SHOW BIAS IN IMMIGRATION COVERAGE

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the national media have shown a clear liberal bias in their coverage of immigration.

For example, The New York Times frequently give large amounts of coverage to small pro-amnesty protests, but they ignore or downplay big protests by conservative groups.

This week, The Times featured a 1200-word story about a rally of "dozens" in support of the DREAM Act, which would grant amnesty to millions of individuals.

Earlier this year, The Times covered pro-amnesty demonstrations with as few as four or five protesters.

The Times is not alone in their biased coverage of immigration. By a margin of 12 to 1, the television networks featured more negative reports than positive reports about Arizona's immigration enforcement law; according to a Media Research Center analysis.

The national media should give Americans the facts, not advocate for a liberal, pro-amnesty agenda.

HONORING GEORGE AND PATTI LYNETT ON RECEIVING THE ATTORNEY ROBERT W. MUNLEY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM LACKAWANNA PRO BONO

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Mr. and Mrs. George and Patti Lynett on receiving the Attorney Robert W. Munley Distinguished Service Award from Lackawanna Pro Bono.

Lackawanna Pro Bono is a non-profit organization established in 1997 to increase the availability of free legal representation for low-income individuals and families throughout Lackawanna County.

Over the past 13 years they have organized local attorneys to volunteer their time to provide representation in over 2,000 cases, and in the process have helped nearly 5,000 residents of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Lackawanna Pro Bono will host its second annual Fundraising Gala on October 21, 2010 in Scranton, Pennsylvania. For the second year, Lackawanna Pro Bono will honor a select number of individuals and organizations who have demonstrated excellent service to the community with its Attorney Robert W. Munley Distinguished Service Award.

This year's group of deserving recipients includes Mr. and Mrs. George and Patti Lynett of Scranton.

George Lynett graduated from Scranton Preparatory School before attending Holy Cross College. After graduation from Holy Cross, he received his MBA from The University of Scranton before attending Georgetown University Law Center. He is the former publisher of the Times-Tribune and chief executive officer of Times-Shamrock Communications.

Patti Lynett graduated from St. Paul High School before attending Marywood University. From 1982 to 1992 she was the co-owner of Helen Schwartz Gifts.

Over the past few decades, Mr. and Mrs. Lynett have been involved with numerous organizations throughout the community.

Mr. Lynett has served as chairman of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, Scranton Preparatory School, the Pennsylvania Newspaper Foundation, Allied Services, Marywood University and the Scranton Area Foundation.

Mrs. Lynett has served as chair of the board of the United Way of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties, and as a board member of Scranton

Preparatory School, Marywood University, NEPA Philharmonic, St. Joseph's Center, and Catholic Social Services. She is currently a board member of Moses Taylor Hospital and the Physicians Health Alliance.

Together, Mr. and Mrs. Lynett chaired the United Way Drive of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties in 2009.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynett currently reside in Scranton. They are the parents of four children, Sheila, George, Jimmy, and Sharon.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing George and Patti Lynett. Together they have improved the lives of a countless number of residents of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

HONORING JEAN-LUC TIERNEY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jean-Luc Tierney. Jean-Luc is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 394, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jean-Luc has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jean-Luc has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jean-Luc has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jean-Luc constructed two outdoor picnic tables to be used by his high school teachers.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jean-Luc Tierney for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CHRISTOPHER BRYSKI STUDENT LOAN PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5458, which would help families avoid financial uncertainty by requiring banks providing student loans to inform borrowers and cosigners of their obligations in case of incapacity or death; to define those terms in a standard way; and to discuss the option of credit insurance, which helps pay off debt in the event of death.

I want to thank my colleague, Congressman JOHN H. ADLER, for introducing this legislation. I would also like to express my deepest condolences to the family of Christopher Bryski.

Mr. Speaker, the Bryskis are hardworking people who in 2006 lost their son Christopher in a recreational accident, a tragedy no parent should ever have to endure and certainly one that the Bryskis could never have anticipated. In the midst of this tragedy, the Bryskis were unexpectedly burdened with Christopher's remaining student loan debt. As they soon found

out, co-signers are often obliged to pay off the balance of private student loans in the instance of such tragedies, a requirement that is typically not included in federal loans. This bill would protect families like the Bryskis, including many of the families in my district, which contains three community colleges and five universities.

From 2007–08, 13 percent of students attending four-year public colleges or universities and 26.2 percent of those attending private four-year institutions had private student loans. The SLM Corporation, the major private loan provider commonly known as Sallie Mae, estimates that 84 percent of private student loans involve cosigners. These statistics make clear the need for private loan companies to thoroughly educate the students and families to whom they provide aid. This is the best way to ensure that American families are adequately equipped to manage their loans under any circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5458 and recognizing the immense burden that may befall millions of families across the nation if Congress does not act.

HONORING SEPTEMBER AS
NATIONAL RICE MONTH

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th anniversary of the annual September celebration of the harvest of rice in the United States.

For centuries, rice has been the primary food staple for over half of the world's population. Today, the United States and countries around the world still enjoy rice as a dietary staple, but also as the foundation for many dishes and side dishes. Rice is enjoyed as part of cereal, flour, bran, cooking oil, rice cakes and many other snacks.

Rice production has and continues to be a significant source of revenue for the American economy. In fact, rice production in the United States dates back to 1685 and is one of the oldest agribusinesses in the United States. Rice continues to be produced in force by 10,500 rice farmers in the States of Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and in my home State of Texas. In fact, I am proud to have 45 active rice farmers working on 20,000 acres of rice fields in the district that I represent—the most of any Congressional district in Texas. In Texas alone, the rice industry has created 2,700 jobs and \$1.6 billion in total economic activity.

Rice farming is of critical importance to the economy of my district and to the southern United States. In 2009, rice farmers in the U.S. produced nearly 22 billion pounds of rice that had a farm gate value of more than \$3 billion. Subsequent sales of rice generated \$17.5 billion in total value added to the U.S. economy. This activity contributed 127,000 jobs to the U.S. labor force in 2009. Additionally, the U.S. is one of the largest exporters of rice and produces more than two percent of the world's rice supply, feeding millions around the world.

I am proud to represent the rice farmers of the second district of Texas, and to recognize

their achievements during National Rice Month.

And that's just the way it is.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TRI-COUNTY
SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING FACILITY
BROWN, OUTAGAMIE,
AND WINNEBAGO COUNTIES, WIS-
CONSIN

HON. STEVE KAGEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to the Tri-County Single-Stream Recycling Facility, located in Little Chute Wisconsin, on the occasion of its winning the Solid Waste Association of North America's Gold Award for Excellence.

Each year, the Association recognizes the best recycling facility in North America. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Tri-County, which serves Brown, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties, in recognition of its accomplishment.

I was honored to have participated in the Recycling Center's grand opening in 2009. I am proud to report that since then, the facility has achieved its annual goal of collecting 48,000 tons of material, while also managing to come in under budget.

The operation allows three counties to process glass, aluminum, paper and plastic without requiring any pre-sorting. This convenience to consumers enhances public participation and expands the overall reach of the projects. The spirit of cooperation between the participating counties has spurred its success and fueled discussions of expansion.

Special commendation should be made to Outagamie director of solid waste Phillip Stecker, Brown County solid waste director Chuck Larscheid, and Winnebago Solid Waste Management board chairman Patrick O'Brien for their exemplary stewardship.

Madam Speaker, the Tri-County Recycling Center has greatly improved the energy efficiency and environmental health of Northeast Wisconsin, and the Gold Award for Recycling Excellence is very well-deserved. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Tri-County's contributions to our society and our environment.

HONORING TREE FRESNO

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Tree Fresno upon celebrating its 25th anniversary. The organization's anniversary was celebrated on Friday, September 24, 2010 in Fresno, California.

Since its inception in 1985, Tree Fresno has been involved in the planting of more than thirty-seven thousand trees on public land in and around the Fresno area. The organization has promoted youth environmental awareness and leadership by encouraging student participation in tree planting projects. Through the cre-

ation of the Junior Tree Fresno board of directors, the youth in the community have an opportunity to learn leadership and environmental stewardship skills. Tree Fresno provides tree education programs for citizens of all ages, creating an opportunity for volunteers to become actively involved with civic improvement projects.

By planting and maintaining trees, Tree Fresno is creating an improved urban forest in Fresno County where homes and parks are shaded, the air is cleaner and the beauty of the city is enhanced. Tree Fresno has planted trees along streets, trails, public parks and school campuses. Through the formation of community coalitions, Tree Fresno has been able to restore the natural oak forest along a major road by planting over fourteen hundred native oak seedlings. Through advocacy and beautification efforts, Tree Fresno has established itself as a leading organization in the community, dedicated to the improvement of the urban forest and overall quality of life for our community.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Tree Fresno upon 25 years of service to Fresno County and the surrounding communities. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Tree Fresno many years of continued success.

HONORING THE SCRANTON AREA
FOUNDATION ON RECEIVING THE
ATTORNEY ROBERT W. MUNLEY
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
FROM LACKAWANNA PRO BONO

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to the Scranton Area Foundation on receiving the Attorney Robert W. Munley Distinguished Service Award from Lackawanna Pro Bono.

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This year's group of deserving recipients includes the Scranton Area Foundation.

The Scranton Area Foundation was initially formed in 1954 as a private foundation. In 1988, the Foundation qualified as a charitable non-profit organization and transitioned into a public community foundation.

The Scranton Area Foundation's mission is to "meet a wide variety of education, cultural, human service, and other charitable needs through Lackawanna County."

To achieve this goal, the Foundation coordinates charitable giving throughout the Scranton area and Lackawanna County by encouraging and facilitating local philanthropy and matching donations to the community's greatest areas of need.

The Foundation educates donors on the different mechanisms of charitable giving and works with them to maximize the effectiveness of their donations.

Then, the Foundation's staff directs the donations to the community's arts and culture, economic development, education, environmental, health, and recreational needs.

Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded over \$8 million in grants throughout the Scranton area and Lackawanna County.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the Scranton Area Foundation on being recognized as a valued asset of Northeastern Pennsylvania. In the years ahead I am confident they will continue to make positive impacts in the growth of our region.

HONORING STEPHEN LACINA

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Stephen Lacina. Stephen is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 394, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Stephen has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Stephen has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Stephen has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Stephen designed and placed landscaping the Veteran's War Memorial in Dearborn, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Stephen Lacina for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING DR. CHARLES E. WARNER FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, in honor of his retirement, I rise to commemorate decades of hard work and commitment to the young people of Connecticut by Dr. Charles E. Warner, an esteemed educator in our New Haven community.

In a long career as a teacher and administrator, beginning in nearby Bridgeport in 1971 and culminating with his tenure as the director of instruction and director of special programs

for New Haven's public schools, Chuck has worked tirelessly to ensure that each and every child in his purview has access to the tools they need to thrive. Day in and day out, Chuck has fought for the kids and the teachers in our community, and to make New Haven's schools the best they can be.

For his achievements in education, Chuck has been nationally recognized many times over, including appearing in publications such as Parents Magazine and serving on the advisory board of the National Middle School Association. And his good works have not been confined to the school day. Chuck has been an engaged participant in community affairs and has volunteered his time and effort in any number of ways, including, most recently, serving as Connecticut's After School Alliance ambassador over this past year—one of only thirty in the Nation—for his contributions to afterschool programs.

Along with teaching and, of course, his wife Regina, Chuck's great passion has been music. And from his very first teaching job at East Side Middle School in Bridgeport, where he led a band of over two hundred students, to his 20 years of service as a Minister of Music for the Dixwell Avenue Congregational Church's Sanctuary Choir, Chuck has enriched our community by sharing this love with us.

As an educator and public citizen, Chuck has been a credit to our city, to our State, and to our Nation, and he has improved the lives of countless New Haven children for the better. I congratulate him, Regina, and their children Alexis, Charles Jr., and Bryon on his retirement, and I thank him for his decades of service to our community. Congratulations, Chuck. You have earned it.

HONORING MRS. LEOTA DENICO SEWARD

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MICHAUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Leota Denico Seaward on her 100th birthday and congratulate her on being awarded the Boston Post Cane.

Leota was born in Vassalboro on October 6, 1910 and grew up in South China, Maine. After graduating Erskine Academy as class salutatorian in 1929, she married Elmer Wilson Seaward, and the two started a large farm in Turner.

Despite taking on the challenge of running a farm during the Great Depression, the Seawards never forgot the less fortunate and were able to provide a large portion of meat and vegetables for the community. Leota and George were well known for their caring nature during those tough times, often taking in the homeless and providing them with food and work.

Throughout her life, Leota has remained active in the community, taking jobs in the local rug shop, hatchery and post office, all while raising four children. She remains fiercely independent, not relinquishing her driver's license until she was 98 years old and living on

her own until last year. This year, Leota, surrounded by fifty members of her family spanning five generations, participated in the 4th of July parade.

Mrs. Seaward will be celebrating this historic moment with her daughter, Bunny Gilbert, who shares the same birthday and will be turning 80. I wish Leota the happiest of birthdays, surrounded by all her friends and loved ones.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Leota Denico Seaward on her new status as a Centenarian.

HONORING BISHOP-ELECT REVEREND URUNDI B. KNOX

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop-Elect Reverend Urundi B. Knox. Bishop-Elect will be ordained and consecrated as a Bishop at a service to be held on Friday, October 1 at Ebenezer Ministries in Burton, Michigan.

Bishop-Elect Knox graduated from Flint Central High School in 1981. He earned an Associate's Degree from Mott Community College, and a Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of Michigan. He received a Master of Arts from Eastern Michigan University and completed his doctoral studies at Wayne State University in 1996.

During this time he was teaching at Mott Community College and Detroit College of Business. In September, 1993 he became a full-time professor at Mott Community College. Bishop-Elect Knox served as assistant pastor at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church until the retirement of Pastor Clarence Knox in September 1994. Bishop-Elect Knox succeeded his father and became the pastor. In a testament to his leadership, the congregation has grown to over 1000 members and a new sanctuary was erected two years later.

Bishop-Elect Knox saw the need for spiritual and temporal guidance in the community and he embarked upon the "Take Back the City Crusade" providing worship services and feeding the hungry in downtown Flint. Drawing inspiration from 1 Samuel 7:12 "Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" Bishop-Elect Knox decided to change the name of the church to Ebenezer Ministries reflect the mission of reaching out to those in need. Because of his work in the community, Bishop-Elect Knox has been recognized numerous times as one of the unsung gems in the Flint area.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and applaud the work of Bishop-Elect Urundi Knox. He has inspired his congregation with a zeal for spreading the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ and I congratulate him as he is consecrated a Bishop. I pray that he will continue his work with love, enthusiasm, and determination for many, many years to come.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION
SAFETY BOARD REAUTHORIZA-
TION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 4714, the National Transportation Safety Board Reauthorization Act of 2010. This legislation authorizes appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) to conduct investigations necessary to determine the causes of transportation incidents and accidents. H.R. 4714 also clarifies the NTSB's authority to investigate incidents and calls for a collaborative effort between NTSB and the U.S. Coast Guard when investigating major maritime accidents. Further, H.R. 4714 provides the NTSB resources needed to improve safety regulations.

I thank Chairman OBERSTAR for his dedication and skillful leadership in guiding this bill to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4714 will also confer upon the NTSB the authority to make essential safety recommendations when NTSB investigators identify a need for immediate safety improvements. Such authority has long been enjoyed by other international accident-investigation agencies.

This legislation benefits the 37th Congressional District of California, which I am privileged to represent. Improvements in transportation safety—whether for automobiles, airplanes, or ships—disproportionately affect my district, which is one of the most transportation-intensive in the nation. Within my district or on its borders lie five major freeways, three airports, and the largest port complex in the country. H.R. 4714 improves the safety of my constituents when they are traveling, commuting, and working.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4714.

HONORING TOWNSHIP OF
DENVERVILLE'S ANNUAL SRI LANKA
DAY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Township of Denville's Annual Sri Lanka Day, which celebrated its 35th annual festival this summer.

Beginning in 1975 with around 300 families in attendance, Denville's Sri Lanka Day has grown into one of the largest events of its kind, attracting close to 2,000 families. Sri Lankans come from beyond the tri-state area, with some coming from as far away as Canada to attend the event.

The Sri Lanka Day festival started as a vision of Jay Liyanage, a Sri Lanka native who resides in Denville, and would not be possible without the outstanding support of the Denville Rotary Club and the Sri Lanka Association of New York.

The festival is a beautiful display of Sri Lankan culture. In addition to offerings of cultural foods, music and clothing, the event features many sporting events. The highlights this year were the cricket matches between the Sri Lanka Association of New York and the Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C., as well as a match between an all-Sri Lankan team and an all-Denville team. For the second consecutive year the Sri Lanka Medical Association of North America generously ran a free medical clinic. Organizers credit the cricket matches, health clinic and the ending of the long civil war that occurred over the past 25 years in Sri Lanka for the large increase in attendance over the past few years.

The festival theme of "togetherness" is always exhibited at Sri Lanka Day where people from all walks of life come together to celebrate the Sri Lankan culture.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Township of Denville's annual Sri Lanka Day for hosting their 35th Celebration.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER LEE ST.
CLAIR

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christopher Lee St. Clair. Chris is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 175, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Chris has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Chris has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Chris has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Christopher Lee St. Clair for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING JUDGE JOHN SCOTT AS
AN ANGEL IN ADOPTION

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Judge John Scott for his outstanding advocacy of adoption. He is a selfless crusader for children who need a loving home, helping the dream of a family become a reality. Since becoming 19th West Judicial District Circuit Judge in 2001, Judge Scott has heard 578 adoption cases and says successful adoption cases are some of the most rewarding and enjoyable work that he does because the result is a stable and loving environment.

Judge Scott is truly an advocate for adoption, creating a warm and comfortable environment for the adoptive parents, their attorneys and most importantly, the children. Judge Scott has positively influenced many lives through the adoption process and he has helped loving parents bring home deserving children. He is to be commended for his many years of service and passion to placing children in loving homes.

Because of his efforts, I nominated Judge Scott as an Angel for The Angels in Adoption™ program. This program honors outstanding individuals who are dedicated to helping children find permanent, safe and loving homes. Judge Scott is well deserving of this honor and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing his service, dedication and efforts to making adoption possible.

HONORING ANN MANRY
RYNEARSON

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CARNAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ann Manry Rynearson, recently retired Sr. Vice President for Culture and Community at the International Institute.

Ann has spent the bulk of her career building bridges across the increasingly diverse cultures of St. Louis. Most notably, Ann co-founded both the International Folkfest, which was held annually from 1992 to 2004, and the Festival of Nations, which is now in its 11th year.

Ann has focused on the arts in building those cross-cultural bridges. Even though she spent three years directing the Festival of Nations, she is actually best known as the Arts Director of both International Folkfest and Festival of Nations.

Her goal has always been to present the very best art forms of each culture. She has worked to seek out or develop artists and performers who represent their own cultural heritages. Over the years, Ann has spent countless hours attending arts events around our region. By doing so, she was able to identify new and emerging ethnic talent to invite to the Institute's festivals.

Ann's contributions to the ethnic arts and to cultural preservation have extended beyond the Institute's annual and truly spectacular festivals. She has organized mini-festivals around town, art exhibits, and built an extensive database of artists to share with other organizations seeking talent for their programs. She is beloved by so many in our ethnic communities who have been her colleagues, partners, and even her students when she taught English classes at the Institute in her early career.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure today that I formally recognize Ann's achievements in front of an audience that is benefiting from her dedication to the mission of sharing the very best of our community's ethnic arts. Ann has established relationships with ethnic artists and their communities that will ensure the festival's continued success and that will continue to build and reinforce bridges of cross-cultural understanding in our community for many years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF 2010 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS FROM THE 12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CRITZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize both Conemaugh Township Area Intermediate School and Wylandville Elementary School for being selected as two of this year's 2010 National Blue Ribbon Schools. This announcement was made by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan on September 9, 2010.

The U.S. Department of Education selected 304 schools nationwide to receive this year's honor, including 14 schools in Pennsylvania. I'm proud to announce that two of these schools were from the district that I represent.

Conemaugh Township Area Intermediate School is located in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and is the home of over 350 elementary students. Wylandville Elementary School, a member of the Canon-McMillan School District, serves a population of approximately 200 students in North Strabane Township, near Eighty Four, Pennsylvania.

Beginning in 1982, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program has honored public and private schools that are models of both excellence and equity. The Award is granted to schools that are either high performing, or have improved student achievement to high levels, particularly among disadvantaged children.

These two schools are outstanding examples of how hard work and commitment can pay off in achieving these criteria. Both of these schools recognize the importance of achievement, and the need to ensure that students have the resources to learn and to succeed. I appreciate the efforts of Conemaugh Township Area Intermediate School and Wylandville Elementary School in teaching our children to recognize their full potential, and equally important, providing them with the tools they need to achieve success in life.

Madam Speaker, I conclude my remarks by congratulating these schools on their exceptional dedication and passion for helping our students succeed. I wish them well as they continue to inspire our young scholars.

HONORING THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS HARLANDALE MEMORIAL POST 4815

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of 15 years of dedicated community service by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Harlandale Memorial Post 4815 and Post Commander Edward C. Torres. This San Antonio-based non-profit organization has and continues to serve its dedicated senior citizen community.

VFW organizations have a respected reputation for not only serving their fellow community veterans but also the community as a whole. Annually, on average, the VFW and its

supporters contribute more than 13 million hours of volunteerism within their respective communities. With a history dating back to over 110 years ago, the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization and their auxiliaries live up to its mission "to honor the dead by helping the living."

The Harlandale Memorial VFW Post 4815 and Ladies Auxiliary continues to follow this noble tradition. For the past 15 years, this post hosts the areas senior citizens every third Friday of the month. They offer these respected members of their community the opportunity to engage and interact with others while at the same time providing a safe and entertaining place to gather. They prepare and serve both a continental breakfast and hot, full course lunch to those in attendance and provide free entertainment in the way of bingo games with prize-giveaways. They also host seminars regarding community and safety information which are not likely as readily available elsewhere to these residents. The particular groups in attendance are generally from two area nursing homes so this provides one of the few occasions they have to leave their residences. This one, special day allows a luxury these people may not know otherwise. It is fun, entertainment, and a chance to socialize outside of their daily set.

Under the leadership of Commander Edward C. Torres, the Harlandale Memorial VFW Post 4815 and Ladies Auxiliary are an integral part of their community. They provide a precious service to oft time overlooked citizens which help to not only enrich and strengthen community bonds but to enrich and strengthen lives.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Commander Edward C. Torres and the Harlandale Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4815 for their hard work and excellence in service to their community.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Chairman OBERSTAR, Chairman COSTELLO and Ranking Member PETRI for their bipartisan work on this important legislation. While there are several issues that we would like to continue working on in conference, I support H.R. 4714 as amended.

U.S. commercial aviation is the safest in the world. U.S. aviation law and safety regulations are the international gold standard. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) can join the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in taking credit for the safety record.

The NTSB has done an excellent job with the resources and authority they currently have. In fact, the number of commercial aviation accidents has steadily dropped over the last several decades. The three-year average commercial aviation accident rate is now .018 accidents per 100,000 departures.

But there is always room for improvement—one accident is one too many, as was trag-

ically demonstrated by the February 2009 Colgan accident.

Even though it has no regulatory authority, the NTSB has a unique role in transportation safety.

The NTSB investigates accidents and makes recommendations to improve transportation safety with over 82 percent of their recommendations being adopted by the Department of Transportation. NTSB certainly shares in the credit for the safety improvements achieved.

H.R. 4714 as amended, would authorize the NTSB for four years—2011 through 2014.

While we are very supportive of the NTSB and its mission, given the current state of the U.S. economy and the Federal budget, we remain concerned with the authorization levels included in both the introduced bill and the amended bill being considered today.

It has been pointed out that during the 107th and 108th Congresses—when Republicans were in the Majority—we supported NTSB funding for 479 full-time equivalent employees.

It is important to note that these bills were considered well before the recession and the current Federal budget deficit in excess of \$1.3 trillion. According to the Congressional Budget Office, "Relative to the size of the economy, this year's deficit is expected to be the second largest shortfall in the past 65 years: At 9.1 percent of gross domestic product (GDP), it is exceeded only by last year's deficit of 9.9 percent of GDP."

At a time of high Federal deficits, budget constraints, and belt tightening by American tax payers, we are concerned with the overall 27% increase in NTSB funding over 4 years and the 10% increase in NTSB authorization levels from 2010 to 2011.

The President's budget request for the NTSB in FY2011 was \$100.4 million, a level the NTSB itself supports. We believe that this level is the proper starting point.

The NTSB has been very successful in carrying out its mission with staffing levels at the 380 FTE level.

We look forward to continuing to work with our colleagues to reach agreement on the appropriate authorization levels as consideration of the bill moves forward.

H.R. 4714 expands the workload of the Board and would duplicate reviews of other agencies with respect to transportation "incidents".

The FAA and other DOT modal agencies conduct accident investigations and have numerous programs in place to collect information and address safety concerns. The NTSB and these agencies need to better coordinate to avoid duplicative investigations and to ensure the best and most efficient use of scarce resources.

The inclusion of "incidents" in NTSB's investigative authority will require close Congressional oversight to ensure that the regulatory authority of the Department of Transportation is not negatively impacted.

So, we do have some remaining concerns and we will work with our colleague to address these concerns as we move forward. But given the importance of the NTSB's mission, I support this bill and urge Members to vote for its passage.

HONORING THE WALL THAT
HEALS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the legacy of the Vietnam War veterans from the state of Missouri through The Wall That Heals which will be displayed in the City of Blue Springs from September 30th to October 3rd.

The Wall That Heals is a mobile, half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located here in Washington, D.C. and has been seen by millions of people in more than 300 cities and towns throughout the U.S. The exhibit was first inaugurated on Veterans Day, 1996 by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and offers the opportunity for those who lost their lives in the Vietnam War to be honored by family and friends in their respective communities.

I would like to thank Mayor Carson Ross, the Blue Spring City Council, local business leaders, and all the volunteers who dedicated great effort to bringing this distinct honor to Missouri. The traveling exhibition will allow veterans, families and friends in our community to honor our local heroes who served and made the ultimate sacrifice.

Madam Speaker, the dedication and service these men and women gave in the name of freedom in Vietnam is humbling, and it is an honor to represent them in Congress. I ask my colleagues to join me in saying thank you to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial fund for commissioning this monument and to encourage more cities and towns to sponsor this exhibit honoring our veterans.

CONGRATULATING THE DESERT
BOTANICAL GARDEN

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Desert Botanical Garden on being awarded accreditation by the American Association of Museums, which is the highest recognition of a museum's commitment to public service, professional standards, and excellence in education.

A small group of passionate, local citizens started the Desert Botanical Garden in the 1930s when they saw the need to conserve their unique desert environment. The Garden, which is now located on 145 acres in Phoenix, has emerged as an Arizona treasure. The Garden boasts more than 50,000 plants, 1,100 volunteers, and 640,529 attendees every year.

Since the Garden's beginning, it has been steadfast in its commitment to advance excellence in education, research, exhibition and conservation of desert plants of the world, with emphasis on the southwestern United States. For more than 70 years, it has been teaching and inspiring visitors from around the world to help them understand, appreciate and preserve the desert's natural beauty.

The Garden now joins an impressive group of 778 institutions currently accredited by the

American Association of Museums, which includes only those museums that have demonstrated a firm commitment to providing outstanding programming and experiences to the public while also meeting the highest standards of collections care. In fact, it is 1 of only 44 botanical gardens accredited by the association.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing and congratulating the Desert Botanical Garden for its impressive and unique contribution to Arizona.

A TRIBUTE IN RECOGNITION OF
THE 125 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF
GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL,
LOS ANGELES

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 125th anniversary of Good Samaritan Hospital located in Downtown Los Angeles in my congressional district.

Since 1885, when the hospital was founded as a 9-bed infirmary by Sister Mary Wood, the hospital has been fulfilling its mission to provide accessible, quality, cost-effective and compassionate health services to the community.

A year after its founding, the facility adopted its current-day name in tribute to a Good Samaritan—Mrs. Mark Severance—who donated \$4,000 for the purchase of land for the construction of its first hospital building.

Today, Good Samaritan Hospital located at 616 South Witmer Street in Downtown Los Angeles is much more than a community hospital. With 408 licensed beds, the hospital has earned a reputation as a world-class academic medical center that is affiliated with the USC Keck School of Medicine.

For 4 years in a row, Good Samaritan has been recognized as "One of America's 50 Best Hospitals" by HealthGrades, Inc., the nation's leading independent health care ratings company. U.S. News & World Report also recognized Good Samaritan as one of "America's Best Hospitals for Top Medical Care in 16 Specialties" in 1998.

In addition to providing outstanding diagnostic, surgical and therapeutic care in a state-of-the-art setting, Good Samaritan supports eight Centers of Excellence that focus on advancing the science of medicine while providing outstanding patient care. The hospital's acclaimed oncology program, for example, offers the widest range of options for gynecological, breast, brain and prostate cancers.

Under the leadership of Charles T. Munger, head of the hospital's Board of Trustees, and Andrew B. Leeka, the hospital's president and chief executive officer, Good Samaritan admits approximately 17,000 patients annually (excluding births, which would add approximately 3,600 more to the total) and handles more than 93,500 outpatient visits. More than 7,500 surgeries are performed annually in 18 surgical suites.

Good Samaritan is also a sizeable employer in the community. The hospital employs more than 1,500 employees, including approximately 650 physicians and 550 nurses on its medical staff. Together, the medical staff and

employees speak more than 54 languages and dialects, a direct reflection of the hospital's international reputation and diverse patient base.

The broad range of renowned medical services and programs at Good Samaritan include the Heart Institute, which offers a complete heart care program including invasive and non-invasive cardiology, electrophysiology and cardiothoracic surgery. The Neurosciences program features Gamma Knife Radiosurgery for brain tumors. The Orthopedic Institute combines many subspecialties together in one centralized location designed to take care of any orthopedic problem including serious injuries to the pelvis, hip and knees.

The hospital also offers specialized medical services that include a state-of-the-art Gastroenterology Program, Women's Health Services (obstetrics, gynecology, gynecologic-oncology, perinatology, neonatal intensive care, breast care and assisted reproductive services), Ophthalmologic care (including retinal surgery), Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) treatment, comprehensive Oncology Services (including High-Dose Rate and IMRT treatment), the busiest Kidney Stone Service in the western U.S., and a Transfusion-Free Medicine & Surgery Center.

Other special services include housing accommodations for patients and families at the Weingart Guest House located on the hospital campus and specialized ground and air transport programs for critically ill cardiac and maternity patients. Plans are also underway for the completion of the hospital's new Medical Plaza & Outpatient Pavilion in 2012.

Good Samaritan also provides significant community outreach. In the last Community Benefit Plan update, the quantifiable costs to Good Samaritan Hospital for its community benefits activities totaled more than \$21.4 million, including unreimbursed medical care, services to vulnerable populations, and funding for health research, education and training.

Madam Speaker, I have had the privilege of working closely with Good Samaritan Hospital over the years. I have seen firsthand the important role the hospital plays in improving the health of our communities and I am very proud to have a top-notch hospital such as Good Samaritan in my district.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in congratulating Good Samaritan on its 125th anniversary of serving the health care needs of families in our community and I extend to this world class medical facility, and all of the individuals who make it the success that it is today, many more years of healing, growth and innovation.

HONORING MR. JOHN N. WALSH,
JR.

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John N. Walsh, Jr., who passed away recently at the age of 89.

As a child, Mr. Walsh was a student at Buffalo's School 64 and Nichols school. He later graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., and continued on to Yale where he majored in history and played center field for the baseball team.

From 1942 to 1945, Mr. Walsh served in the Navy as an ensign on a sub chaser in the Pacific. He was at the invasion of Okinawa on April 1, 1945, the same day his wife gave birth to their first child. Mr. Walsh spent an additional seven years in the Navy before retiring as a lieutenant commander.

In addition to his lifelong work at Walsh Duffield Insurance, Mr. Walsh served on innumerable corporate and civic boards. He was the former director of National Fuel Gas and Tops Markets and was on the boards of both Marine Midland Bank and Buffalo Savings Bank. He was chairman of Buffalo's Chamber of Commerce committee and a critical leader in the work leading to the construction of Ralph Wilson Stadium. He also led campaigns to build Nichols School's hockey rink, its former science center, as well as other fundraising projects throughout western New York.

Mr. Walsh was president of the James H. Cummings Foundation board and held directorships at Hospice Buffalo, Millard Fillmore Hospital, and the YMCA. He was chairman of the boards of the Greater Buffalo Association of Insurance Agents, Nichols School, United Fund, Child and Family Services, NCCJ, AAA, Millard Fillmore Hospital, the Saturn Club, and the Bishops Lay Advisory Council.

A devout Catholic who was a member of Blessed Sacrament Church, Mr. Walsh was named to serve on numerous religious committees. He headed the Bishop's Lay Committee on behalf of Bishop James McNulty, the Schools Review Committee at the request of Bishop Edward Head, and was honored with a diocesan nomination and papal appointment as a Knight of St. Gregory and Knight Commander. Over his lifetime, Mr. Walsh had been recognized as a Buffalo News Outstanding Citizen and the Chamber of Commerce's Man of the Year. He held season tickets for both the Buffalo Bills and Sabres. With his family, Mr. Walsh received the United Way's Volunteer of the Year salute and the Seymour H. Knox Humanitarian Award.

Mr. Walsh was married to his wife, Sarah, on July 3, 1943. They recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary at their family vacation cottage on Georgian Bay, Ontario. In addition to his widow, he is survived by three sons, John N. III, Michael, and Theodore B. K. "Barney"; a daughter, Sally Demaree "Demi" Walsh Ayres; three sisters, Eleanor Wertimer, Gerry Clauss, and Sheila Parizeau; and his brother, Edward.

John Walsh, Jr. was a World War II veteran, businessman, father, and proud western New Yorker. Madam Speaker, I was honored to know Jack Walsh and am honored to call members of his family my friends. I ask you to join me and our colleagues in honoring Jack's life and legacy, and to wish his family Godspeed in the days and weeks ahead.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF GERMAN REUNIFICATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of peaceful German Reunification.

With this anniversary celebration, we acknowledge the influences of the United States and its people, who have come to the aid of the people of Germany. From the Marshall Plan, to the Berlin Airlift, to the support that finally brought down the wall, the people of the United States have stood alongside the German people. From Presidents Truman and Kennedy, to Reagan and H. W. Bush, that support has not wavered.

In 2005 I was fortunate to have the opportunity to visit our wounded troops at Landstuhl Air Force Base in Germany. There I saw the remnants of the wall that were erected as a reminder of that time—and the triumphs of German Democracy over tyranny.

The United States has many ties to Germany which we celebrate, as well as the important impact the German heritage has had not only in the DFW Metroplex, but the State of Texas and the entire United States. These influences are found in many aspects of our culture, such as food, arts, and business, and for this, we are thankful.

This year we also recognize the 61st Anniversary of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride that I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of German Reunification. Germany is an important ally to the United States, and we are thankful for their partnership.

IN HONOR OF TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of Taiwan on Republic of China's National Day.

In the last two years, Republic of China President Ma Ying-jeou has even further strengthened the ties between Taiwan and the United States. Taiwan has been reducing its trade surplus with the U.S. year after year and supporting our war against global terrorism. Taiwan's offer of humanitarian assistance to Iraq and Afghanistan has been generous and laudatory. I sincerely hope our mutual relations will continue to prosper as we are committed to the Taiwan Relations Act, TRA, the cornerstone of our mutual relations. In keeping with the spirit of the TRA, we must facilitate and complete our arms sale to Taiwan. Despite the reduction of tensions in the Taiwan Strait, the undeniable reality is that China still has over a thousand missiles deployed and aimed at Taiwan around the clock. Taiwan's need for defensive arms is greater than ever.

Madam Speaker, we should applaud Taiwan's recent rapprochement with its major adversary, the PRC. Yet, we should always remember a well-armed Taiwan is the best way to maintain the status quo across the Taiwan Strait. To safeguard Taiwan's security, the U.S., as a longtime friend of Taiwan, must continue to provide necessary defensive weapons to Taiwan. Furthermore, we should continue to advocate for the greater inclusion of Taiwan in international organizations. One good example will be for the International Civil Aviation Organization, ICAO, to accept Taiwan as an observer, following the model of the

World Health Organization, which has invited Taiwan to be its observer for two consecutive years.

On the occasion of its National Day, I wish Taiwan even greater success in the future and appreciate the continued friendship of our two nations.

NATIONAL NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleague, Rep. MICHAEL BURGESS, on this bipartisan legislation and I want to thank him for his leadership on this important issue. I also want to thank Chairman WAXMAN, Chairman PALLONE, Ranking Member BARTON, and Ranking Member SHIMKUS for their support.

Our staffs have worked long and hard in a bipartisan manner to get to this point today. I particularly want to recognize Ray Thorn on my staff, Anne Morris on the Committee staff, and JP Paluskeiwisc on Rep. BURGESS' staff for their work on this legislation.

While thousands of Americans are affected by Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's, or other neurological diseases, very little accurate information exists to assist those who research, treat, and provide care to those suffering from these diseases. Accurate incidence and prevalence information is critical and needed to gain a better understanding of these diseases. This lack of information inhibits research, treatments, programs, and services.

In 2000, the Pew Environmental Health Commission, recommended that neurological diseases, such as Parkinson's and Multiple Sclerosis, be tracked by a national data system. Today, we take an important step implementing that recommendation by establishing a national neurological diseases surveillance system at CDC.

Quite simply, the National Neurological Diseases Surveillance System Act will help improve and enhance the infrastructure in tracking the incidence and prevalence on neurological diseases, including Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson's disease. The information collected through this surveillance system will provide a foundation for evaluating and understanding many factors such as geographic clusters of diagnosis, variances in the gender ratio, disease burden, and changes in health care practices.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation represents an opportunity to move neurological disease research in a meaningful way that aims to improve the lives of all Americans suffering from Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's, or other neurological diseases.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan bill.

GYNECOLOGIC CANCER EDUCATION
AND AWARENESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to urge the passage of H.R. 2941, to renew and enhance "Johanna's Law" to increase public awareness and knowledge of gynecological cancers. I am pleased to have introduced this important bill with Representatives DELAURO, ISSA, and BURTON.

Johanna's Law established a national public information campaign to educate women and health care providers about the risk factors and early warning signs of gynecologic cancers. This bill before the House carries on that important work by extending funding of Johanna's Law for 3 more years, from 2011 to 2014, and providing funds for demonstration projects to identify the most effective educational tools.

The law was named after Michigan resident Johanna Silver Gordon, a loving mother and dedicated public school teacher, who, despite visiting her doctor regularly, was blindsided by a late stage diagnosis of ovarian cancer, learning only after her diagnosis that the symptoms she had been experiencing were common symptoms of that disease. Tragically, Johanna lost her life to ovarian cancer 3½ years after being diagnosed.

Johanna's story is far too common. Although, it has been 10 years since Johanna Silver died of ovarian cancer, and 4 years since Congress passed this important legislation, each year over 71,000 women in U.S. are diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer and over 26,000 women are lost to one of these serious cancers. Many of those deaths could be prevented if more women knew and recognized the early symptoms of gynecologic cancers and received prompt treatment. For all gynecological cancers, early detection dramatically improves a woman's chance of survival. For instance, ovarian cancer causes more deaths in women than any other gynecological cancer; however, it has a 90 percent survival rate if detected in Stage One, but only a 20 percent survival rate if detected in Stage Three or Four.

Right now, awareness, education, early diagnosis, and treatment are the most effective weapons we have in our war against gynecological cancers. I urge my colleagues to support Johanna's Law so we can prevail in our battle against these terrible cancers that cut short the lives of our mothers, daughters, sisters, wives, partners and friends. I urge the House to join me in voting for this vital legislation.

GESTATIONAL DIABETES ACT OF
2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand here today as the sponsor of the Gesta-

tional Diabetes Act and urge my colleagues to support this important bipartisan legislation.

I would like to thank my colleague and an original sponsor of the legislation, Dr. BURGESS and his staff member, James Paluskiewicz for their efforts on behalf of this legislation. I would also like to thank the Committee staff who worked tirelessly to bring this bill to the floor today. Specifically, I would like to acknowledge Anne Morris of the Energy and Commerce Committee and Emily Gibbons of the Health subcommittee who is also a former member of my staff.

Madam Speaker, every single year 135,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with gestational diabetes. And, while gestational diabetes generally goes away after pregnancy, it can have significant health impacts upon both the mother and baby. In particular, women are at much higher risk of developing Type 2 diabetes in the future, and their children are at higher risk of obesity and/or the onset of Type 2 diabetes as adults.

This is why I introduced the GEDI Act. This bill aims to lower the incidence of gestational diabetes and prevent women afflicted with this condition and their children from developing Type 2 diabetes.

We need to have a greater understanding on how to prevent and treat this condition. There is currently an insufficient system for monitoring cases of gestational diabetes to uncover trends and target at risk populations. In addition, new therapies and interventions to detect, treat and slow the disease need to be identified. The GEDI Act will help us accomplish those goals.

This legislation is supported by the American Diabetes Association, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, American Association of Diabetes Educators, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Medical Women's Association, the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, the International Community Health Services, and the Society for Women's Health Research.

The statistics surrounding diabetes are staggering, but we must always remember there is a human face behind every number, with far too many of them being pregnant women and their children.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this important legislation.

NEGLECTED INFECTIONS OF IM-
POVERISHED AMERICANS ACT
OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5986, the Neglected Infections of Impoverished Americans Act of 2010.

H.R. 5986 would require HHS to submit a report to Congress on the current state of parasitic diseases that have been overlooked among the poorest Americans.

A 2008 study by the George Washington University and Sabin Vaccine Institute identified high prevalence rates of parasitic infections in the poorest areas of the United States and along our border regions.

Scientists estimate that there may be up to 100 million infections of the neglected diseases identified in our legislation including Chagas Disease, Cysticercosis, Toxocariasis, Toxoplasmosis, and Trichomoniasis and other neglected diseases of poverty in the United States.

These diseases and other neglected diseases of poverty collectively infect up to 1.7 billion people around the world, but they disproportionately affect minority and impoverished populations across the United States, producing effects ranging from asymptomatic infection to asthma-like symptoms, seizures, and death.

This study is especially important because these neglected diseases receive less financial support than they deserve. A mere \$231,730 of research funding was allocated by NIH since 1995.

This discrepancy in funding is known as the "10/90 gap"; a mere 10 percent of global health research funding is directed towards diseases affecting 90 percent of the global population.

The Neglected Infections of Impoverished Americans Act of 2010 would provide an up-to-date evaluation of the current dearth of knowledge regarding the epidemiology of these diseases and the socioeconomic, health and development impact they have on our society.

I'd like to thank Rep. HANK JOHNSON and Rep. GINGREY for their efforts on this legislation. This will mark the second time we've passed this legislation out of the House and I'm hopeful we can swiftly move it through the Senate.

I'd also like to thank Chairman WAXMAN, Chairman PALLONE, and Ranking Member BARTON for their efforts on this bipartisan legislation.

PROVIDING FOR CONCURRENCE
WITH AMENDMENTS IN SENATE
AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3619, COAST
GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF
2010

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010, a bill to authorize the important activities and programs of the United States Coast Guard.

This comprehensive legislation includes new and enhanced port security programs that will help the Coast Guard protect and defend our nation's seaports, coastlines and waterways.

Since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the Coast Guard has assumed additional security-related responsibilities and has improved its port and maritime border security and readiness capabilities.

Accordingly, the bill includes a strong port security title that builds upon the Coast Guard's current initiatives to safeguard the public and protect vessels, harbors, ports, facilities, and cargo within the jurisdiction of the United States.

For example, the bill's expansion of rapidly deployable specialized forces will enhance the

Coast Guard's current ability to respond and operate effectively in a hazardous threat environment.

The bill also directs the Coast Guard to lead the effort to enforce security zones around vessels carrying certain hazardous cargos, such as liquefied natural gas, as well as to increase the number of detection canine teams responsible for maritime-related security.

As the Chair of the Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, I am particularly pleased that this legislation includes strong provisions to protect our nation's maritime border.

The bill authorizes the America's Waterway Watch Program—a "see it, say it" maritime domain awareness program that encourages the reporting of suspicious activities on and around our waterways to the Coast Guard.

Additionally, it authorizes the Mobile Biometric Identification Program, a program that will enhance border security by providing the Coast Guard with state-of-the-art biometric technology to help identify individuals interdicted at sea.

The bill will require the Coast Guard to develop a comprehensive strategy to combat the illicit flow of narcotics, weapons, bulk cash and other contraband through the use of submersible and semi-submersible vessels.

Drug trafficking organizations are constructing these vessels for the purpose of bringing narcotics from South America to the United States, and their efforts are becoming increasingly sophisticated.

Even more troubling is the thought that such vessels could be used to smuggle terrorists or their weapons into our country.

The Coast Guard's development of a comprehensive strategy to detect and interdict these vessels will be a key component of our effort to defeat these drug trafficking organizations.

Our Nation demands more from the Coast Guard now than at any other time in the Service's over 200-year history.

During these challenging times, it is critical that we ensure that the Coast Guard has the resources necessary to fulfill its homeland security mission requirements.

Passage of H.R. 3619 will provide the Coast Guard with the long-term tools that are needed in this post-9/11 world. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to join me in giving this important resolution their full support.

HONORING MONTVILLE FIRE
DEPARTMENT

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Montville Fire Department located in the Township of Morris, Morris County, New Jersey as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary this year.

Established in 1910 as the Excelsior Fire Company by Mr. John Capstick, the Montville Fire Department has long been representative of bravery and generosity. In just their first year, the fire department boasted an impressive 29 volunteers. Their first drill was performed on September 24, 1910 with Horace Eagan as their chief. On October 1, 1910,

thanks to the efforts of Mr. Capstick, the department was able to purchase their first vehicle: a horse-drawn hook and ladder truck. A few months later, on February 6, 1911, the volunteer firemen constructed their first firehouse with materials donated by Mr. Capstick. On November 6, 1911 the Township Committee took control of the fire department.

When John Capstick passed away in 1918, the department went through a period of financial instability. After reorganizing into different zones the fire department elected five fire commissioners on August 27, 1921. The fire department sold bonds in order to raise money to purchase its first motorized vehicle in 1922. The fire department participated in their first parade on June 3, 1931 as a part of the North Jersey Volunteer Firemen's Association Parade. The fire department upgraded in 1932 to the Buffalo fire truck which provided them with state of the art equipment, for that time period. Then, due to a generous donation by the Ladies Auxiliary, the Montville Fire Department was able to construct a new firehouse.

The 1950s saw two big expansions for the Montville Fire Department. First, in 1952 came the addition of two International 500 GPM high pressure pump trucks to their fleet. Three years later they established the Excelsior Fire Company No. 2 to better cover the hills of the Taylortown district. The Montville Fire Department eventually sold their famed Buffalo fire truck to a private company; however in 1976, the fire department repurchased and restored the vehicle. The Buffalo fire truck is still owned by the department and since the restoration project has received hundreds of trophies.

The Montville Fire Department has always been a leader in innovation. They were the first department in Northern New Jersey to win the National Fire Prevention Award. In 1957 the department was awarded for organizing one of the first Junior Fire Marshal programs in the Nation. They also were the first department to distribute reflectors to invalids and to spray Christmas trees with fire retardant.

Today, the Montville Fire Department boasts an impressive five fire trucks and responds to a wide array of emergencies. The success of volunteer fire departments such as this one is vital to the security of millions of Americans.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Montville Fire Department as they celebrate 100 years of committed service.

HONORING THE REOPENING OF
THE YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Yankee Air Museum, a marvelous museum located in the 15th Congressional District, in celebration of its reopening. Originally created in 1981 for the purpose of preserving Willow Run's aviation history, Yankee Air Museum has acquired and restored an original U.S. Army Air Force hangar, as well as a B-24 Privateer. Over the years the Yankee Air Museum has come to serve as a reminder of our country's manufacturing might.

Since obtaining the B-24 in 1987, the Yankee Air Museum has acquired five planes from

the World War II era that have since been restored to flying status, including a Douglas C-47, B-17 Flying Fortress, B-25 Mitchell, and two Taylorcraft L-2 Liaisons. The museum has also collected various retired aircraft, including a B-52 Stratofortress, in addition to various artifacts, including photographs, books and uniforms that preserve and display the aviation history of the State of Michigan.

Sadly, on October 9, 2004, the Yankee Air Museum suffered a fire that destroyed much of the history that the museum had sought to preserve. Historic artifacts, photos, books, as well as retired aircraft, were lost in the blaze. After 6 years of hard work by the Yankee Air Museum members, the museum is set to reopen on October 9, 2010, with three of their operational aircraft—the B-17, C-47 and B-25—in working condition. The reopening of the Museum will be followed by an Inaugural Gala and a public grand opening celebration.

I am proud of the Yankee Air Museum's many contributions to Michigan's 15th Congressional District and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Museum on its inspirational reopening Celebration.

HONORING DR. THOMAS
SVITKOVICH

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Thomas Svitkovich on his retirement as Superintendent of the Genesee Intermediate School District. A reception in his honor will be held tonight in Flint Michigan.

Dr. Thomas Svitkovich has been an educator for 46 years, starting in 1964. He started as a mathematics teacher, and has served as a junior high principal, a high school assistant principal, a high school principal, an associate superintendent, a deputy superintendent, and as a superintendent. In his capacity as the GISD Superintendent, he led the development of the Genesee Early College, GISD's Transition Center for adult students with disabilities, the Genesee County Great Start Collaborative, the statewide Seat-Time Waiver, and implementation of shared-services programs with local school districts. Under his leadership, Genesee Intermediate School District has gained a reputation for excellence and has received numerous state and national awards, including in the areas of overall administration, technology, and distance learning. Dr. Svitkovich has shared his knowledge of the education field by writing articles, making presentations and advocating on both the state and national level.

An active member of the community, Dr. Svitkovich has strengthened the bonds between education and the community to better prepare students for their future role in our society. He has established strong relationships with non-profits, health and human services agencies and the business community.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Dr. Thomas Svitkovich on his retirement from the Genesee intermediate School District. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

TO COMMEND DAVID PRATTIS BREWINGTON ON BEING AWARDED THE 2010 VETERAN'S AWARD BY THE NAACP-TALBOT COUNTY BRANCH

HON. FRANK KRATOVIL, JR.

OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KRATOVIL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate David Prattis Brewington, of Federalsburg, MD, on being awarded the 2010 Veteran's Award by the NAACP-Talbot County Branch. The presentation will be made on October 9, 2010, in Easton, MD, at the Freedom Fund Banquet.

Mr. Brewington was born May 25, 1925, in Federalsburg, MD, and has been a lifelong resident. He entered the United States Army in 1944 during World War II, after receiving an education in Caroline County public schools. As a member of the 3716 Quartermaster Truck Company in the 2nd Army, Mr. Brewington drove supplies and gasoline to the front lines via tractor trailers and tankers. He served in New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan.

After receiving an honorable discharge in 1946, Mr. Brewington returned to Federalsburg, MD, and became a long-distance truck driver for Service Trucking Co., where he worked for 22 years, as well as being elected as shop steward by his fellow Teamster Union members. He then started a small business as an owner-operator of dump trucks. After retiring from trucking, he started a second career for U-Star and Delmarva Community Transit in Easton, MD, as a van driver for senior citizens and the disabled. He celebrated his second retirement at the age of 82. He and his wife, Mary Henson Brewington, enjoy visiting their two daughters and grandchildren.

Mr. Brewington celebrated his 85th birthday this year. Throughout the past 47 years, he has served as an active and avid member of the Blake-Blackston American Legion Post 77. Having served as Commander, 1st Vice Commander and currently as Chaplain, Mr. Brewington exemplifies the drive and commitment our World War II veterans have exhibited in serving this great country.

I commend my constituent, David Prattis Brewington, on his many years of service and on his achievement of being named the recipient of the 2010 Veteran's Award by the NAACP-Talbot County Branch.

**MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF ACT OF
2010**

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3421, the "Medical Debt Relief Act of 2010," which would address the issue of medical debt and the crippling effect that such debt can have on an individual's credit report, even long after it has been paid off. This bill will right an injustice in the credit scoring industry that unfairly penalizes thousands of families across the country.

I thank Chairman FRANK for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I also thank the sponsor of this legislation, Congresswoman KILROY, for her attention to this important issue.

Mr. Speaker, in 2007, over 28 million Americans were contacted by debt collections agencies regarding medical debt. Unlike other forms of debt, however, individuals do not choose when to take on medical debt. The nature of serious illness is such that it often comes when we least expect it. Many people develop from low credit scores simply because they were forced to assume large amounts of medical debt when they did not expect it and were, thus, financially unprepared to do so. Unfortunately, these individuals' credit scores often remain low long after their debt has been paid off, and in some cases for the rest of their lives. This is an unfair penalty for individuals who have done nothing wrong.

H.R. 3421 will correct this problem by inserting a clause into the Fair Credit Reporting Act that to eliminate medical debt from credit reporting within 30 days of the debt being fully paid off. Credit reports are an important tool for lessors, lenders, and many other industries. This bill will ensure that credit reports reflect individuals' actual credit-worthiness, rather than providing an artificially low-score that is dragged down by medical debt from the past.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this H.R. 3421.

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF WILLIAM
"BILL" MCFARLING OF LEWISVILLE,
TEXAS**

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Mr. William "Bill" McFarling of Lewisville, Texas, who passed away on September 15, 2010.

Bill was an active member of the Lewisville Bible Church, and his dedication to his community led him to co-found the Lewisville Football Association, helping to promote fellowship and sportsmanship to the area's youth. A respected member of the north Texas community, Bill also served as an active member of the Denton County Republican Party for over 35 years, receiving the organization's Volunteer of the Year Award.

Bill served as an advisor and mentor as I made the transition to public service late in my career, and I am thankful for his wise counsel and leadership.

As a member of the United States Army, Bill honorably served his country during the Korean conflict. His commitment to freedom and dedication to protecting his fellow citizens is honorable, and I am grateful for Bill's service to our country.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I proudly rise to remember Bill McFarling, a model citizen and outstanding American. His legacy of service to the north Texas area and this great Nation is one of honor, and my thoughts and prayers go out to his friends and family. It is an honor to have represented such an exceptional individual from the 26th District of Texas in the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING MICHAEL JONES FOR HIS WORK TO COMPLETE THE YUMA ARMED FORCES PARK

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Jones of Yuma, Arizona.

Mr. Jones served his country in Vietnam, receiving two Purple Hearts as well as many other citations for his service. He is the Past Commander of the Yuma Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH). He was past National Vice President of the 173d Airborne Brigade as well as a committee member of the 173d Airborne Memorial Foundation serving in an advisory capacity for the construction of their memorial currently under construction in Ft. Benning, Georgia. He was also nominated for National Patriot of the Year for the MOPH.

In 2005, Mr. Jones responded to a plea for help from the Arizona Department of Veterans Services, the Military Affairs Committee and the Yuma County Chamber of Commerce in an effort to complete the Yuma Armed Forces Park. The construction of the park had been stopped for some time after completion of Phase I due to lack of funds, all of which were donated by the community through various fundraising events.

Mr. Jones had a lifetime of experience in all phases of construction. After learning of their dilemma and meeting with the different entities, it was determined that not only was there a lack of funds to complete the park, but the park could not be completed as planned. Mr. Jones took it upon himself to lead the community through this crisis by scheduling various fundraisers, stimulating plaque sales and donations and becoming the supervisor for the construction of the remainder of the park. This included supervision of volunteer workers, all of which were active duty or disabled veterans who were members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Yuma Chapter 433.

Phase II of the park consisted of the construction of the amphitheater, and was the most difficult portion of the project. This phase involved a daily presence by Mr. Jones and members of the MOPH as well as the Ladies Auxiliary. These men and women, most of whom were 50–60 years of age, worked six and sometimes seven days a week to meet any deadline presented to them.

The project continued over 3½ years as funds became available through the various fundraisers, donations and plaque sales. Mr. Jones was a key player in these activities. Not only did Mr. Jones donate his time, he also donated thousands of dollars worth of tools and equipment to complete the park. He worked non-stop, making the park the most important task in his life, knowing that his fellow veterans needed to be recognized. During this time he put the completion of the park ahead of family health issues that in most cases would have been a priority.

Madam Speaker, Michael Jones was a leader when serving in Vietnam, and he continues to be in his civilian life. I want to thank him for his service to this country and to his community.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DON GUANELLA VILLAGE

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, on September 26th, 2010, in Springfield, Pennsylvania a ceremony marked the 50th anniversary of the Don Guanella Village. It is my personal honor to join the good people of Pennsylvania's 7th Congressional District in celebrating that event. The Blessed Luigi Guanella, founder of the Servants of Charity, said "it is not human beings who erect charitable institutions and feed the poor. Providence does all." That sense of faith and humility has always been the hallmark of one of the most capable and caring organizations in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and our Nation.

My first hand knowledge of the good works performed at Don Guanella Village dates from my days as a student at Cardinal O'Hara High School over forty years ago. Then and now the staff at Don Guanella Village have been personal heroes to me and thousands of others throughout the Greater Delaware Valley. Every day of the year those remarkable men and women offer around the clock care to some of our society's most vulnerable souls. In so doing, they offer the residents and their families peace of mind they would not otherwise find.

A nation is not measured by how it cares for those blessed with health, wealth, and position. It is measured by how it cares for those

challenged by a variety circumstances beyond their control. I ask that every member of this chamber pause and thank Superior General Alfonso Crippa and everyone who contributes to the vital work of Don Guanella Village. It is their countless acts of charity and goodness that help make ours a great nation under God.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 30, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 5

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security Subcommittee

Judiciary

Constitution Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings to examine how the President can best use an expedited recession authority.

SD-342

OCTOBER 6

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Veterans' Affairs Information Technology (IT) program, focusing on looking ahead.

SR-418

OCTOBER 7

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine retirement security in America.

SD-430

NOVEMBER 17

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine Water Resources Development Act of 2010, focusing on legislative and policy proposals to benefit the economy, create jobs, protect public safety and maintain America's water resources infrastructure.

SD-406