

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING MEDRAD ON
2010 MALCOLM BALDRIGE NA-
TIONAL QUALITY AWARD

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize MEDRAD Incorporated as a recipient of the 2010 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award—the nation's highest presidential honor for excellence in manufacturing.

MEDRAD began in the kitchen of its founder, Dr. M. Stephen Heilman, more than forty years ago and continues to showcase western Pennsylvania as a leader in medical technology. Today, the company manufactures cutting edge medical devices used for diagnosing and treating diseases. MEDRAD's international headquarters are located in my district and it employs more than 1,400 individuals throughout the Pittsburgh region.

The company is recognized as a market leader in the United States and Europe as it continues to produce quality medical equipment for healthcare providers and patients. MEDRAD has been a pioneer in medical imaging technology, enabling doctors to get specific scans that lead to faster, more accurate treatment. The company has also been an excellent source of job creation and economic development in western Pennsylvania. It has helped the region transform itself from one dominated by the steel industry and manufacturing to an emerging medical, life-science, and technology hub.

The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recognizes exemplary companies committed to high achievement and superior performance strategies. Congress established the award in 1987 in an effort to enhance the competitiveness of U.S. businesses through recognition of model companies.

Madam Speaker, since 1988 only 86 organizations have received this award. As a previous recipient of this award in 2003, MEDRAD becomes one of only five repeat-winners in the award's 23-year history.

I would like to extend my congratulations to MEDRAD and its employees for receiving the 2010 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

CLAIMS RESOLUTION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the motion to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 4783. I applaud Chairman RAHALL for his work on this legislation and commend Speaker PELOSI and

Leader HOYER for bringing this legislation to the floor.

The Senate amendments to H.R. 4783 include, among other provisions, the funds necessary to implement settlements reached in the Pigford case brought by black farmers who were discriminated against by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA, between 1983 and 1997.

These farmers were denied farm loans and related financial assistance—such as disaster assistance—or were forced to wait so long to receive such assistance that many of them suffered significant financial loss and even the foreclosure of their property.

Perhaps not surprisingly given how the USDA had already treated them, many of these farmers were subsequently unable to obtain justice from the USDA when they brought discrimination complaints to the agency.

Multiple studies of the USDA's lending process revealed the scope of the discrimination inherent in the USDA's practices, showing that the agency awarded a disproportionate portion of aid to white farmers and even to major corporations—and had made significantly larger awards to white farmers. Discrepancies were noted particularly in the provision of disaster assistance payments.

I note that according to the 2007 Census, the average annual market value of African American-owned farms was less than \$31,000. By comparison, the average value of farms owned by white farmers exceeded \$140,000—and many of the corporations that were receiving USDA payments were worth millions of dollars.

While the USDA changed its practices in the late 1990s, the agency remained unable or simply unwilling to rectify the harm its discriminatory action had caused to black farmers—leading Timothy Pigford to file a class action lawsuit seeking relief.

A settlement resolving this suit was approved in 1999—and according to the Congressional Research Service, as of September 2010, nearly 7,000 of the 22,721 farmers eligible to join this class action suit had received approved adjudications.

However, many thousands more who suffered discrimination and were eligible to receive a settlement have still not received an adjudication—or missed the deadline to submit a claim under the original settlement.

Subsequently, Congress enacted legislation permitting those who had not received a determination to petition for one in civil court. And in February of this year, the Obama administration reached a \$1.25 billion settlement of these so-called “Pigford II” claims.

The Senate amendments to H.R. 4783 include the funds necessary to pay these claims and bring closure to thousands of families who have waited for so many years for this restitution.

I note that the Senate amendments also include the funds necessary to resolve suits brought by Native Americans pertaining to the mismanagement by the Department of the Interior of natural resource royalty funds.

The finalization of these funds is a critical step that we take as a nation to show the world that we are truly committed to equality, and that we are a nation where every person is treated fairly, regardless of race, creed or color. We are also a nation where even the Federal Government is not above the law—as evidenced by the payment of reparations to those who have been harmed by the government's illegal and discriminatory acts.

I urge the adoption of the Senate amendments to H.R. 4783.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF THEODORE C. SORENSEN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Theodore C. “Ted” Sorensen, peerless wordsmith and presidential counselor, who died on October 31, 2010, only a week before the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's election.

Born in Lincoln, Nebraska, Ted Sorensen always mused about the impact that Lincoln—the President and the place—had on his life. He grew up immersed in the language and lore of Lincoln, excelling at speech and debate and engaging in impassioned discussions with his father, C.A. Sorensen, Nebraska's Attorney General and a close associate of the progressive Republican Senator George Norris. By the time Ted Sorensen made his way to Washington DC after graduating with honors from the University of Nebraska and its law school, his rigorous, homespun upbringing made him the perfect partner for Kennedy.

Joining Kennedy's staff as a legislative aide only days after Kennedy's election to the Senate, Ted Sorensen remained with him until the fateful day in Dallas that forever changed America. For a decade, they were inseparable. Kennedy called Ted Sorensen his “intellectual blood bank,” and Ted often said that he could finish Kennedy's sentences for him. Together they renewed our commitment to civil rights, averted a nuclear war, and began the race to reach the stars. Their unique and enduring relationship defined a decade, and in concert they called on a nation to serve and to sacrifice.

Though shattered by loss, Ted Sorensen did not let unspeakable tragedy silence him. He wrote and lectured widely on public affairs, publishing a bestselling Kennedy biography and his own memoirs. He practiced law, aided candidates and officeholders, and mentored a younger generation of writers. As one of the last living links to the Kennedy legacy, Ted Sorensen felt a special responsibility to share the spirit of his fallen friend. After Ted's passing, Caroline Kennedy thanked him for “his guidance, his generosity of spirit and the special time he took to teach my children about

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their grandfather." For 82 years, he remained committed to the same people and principles. In the final analysis, Ted Sorensen was sustained by the world of words, just as his words sustained the world.

How do we honor a man whose own enduring words pay him far greater tribute than ours ever could? Paying tribute to Nebraska Senator George Norris, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed the following criteria: "History asks, 'Did the man have integrity? 'Did the man have unselfishness? Did the man have courage? Did the man have consistency?'" Like his lifelong political hero Norris, this much Ted Sorensen had—and more.

Much more than a counselor to a president, Ted Sorensen was the keeper of the Kennedy flame, and the conscience and unrivaled communicator of liberalism in America. Largely thanks to him, Kennedy campaigned in poetry and governed in the same manner. Ted Sorensen's speeches were poetry written in the meter of American memory, and it is fitting that he has become part of our national narrative himself as his prose takes its place in the pantheon of the past. Together with his friend and political patron, Ted Sorensen lit a fire, and the glow from that fire continues to truly light the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Ted's wife, Gillian Martin Sorensen; his children, Eric, Stephen, Philip, and Juliet; his seven grandchildren; his brother, Philip; and his sister, Ruth. Ted Sorensen was the last and the best of the New Frontier, and words cannot adequately express his impact. We have lost the man who challenged our country to live up to its promise in liquid, living prose. His words and his work will live on in the muted marble of the Kennedy gravesite, and in the hearts and minds of all those who thrilled to his vision of a kinder, more just America. He and President Kennedy inspired me and drew me to public service, and I am especially blessed to pay tribute to this extraordinary American. Ted Sorensen has drafted the words and the blueprint; now, the trumpet summons us once more, and again the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans. We mourn his passing and we accept his final challenge to realize our Nation's best ideals.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE PAUL W. TRESSLER

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Paul W. Tressler who is retiring after faithfully serving the people of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania as a judge, prosecutor and public defender for much of the last four decades.

Judge Tressler's distinguished public service career started as a prosecutor in the District Attorney's Office in 1968, eventually organizing and supervising the County's first Narcotics Task Force and serving as head of the appellate division. Appointed by Gov. Richard Thornburgh to fill a vacancy on the bench in April 1983, Judge Tressler later that year was

elected to a full term and has held the job since then.

Improving the adjudication process for juveniles, and ensuring the effectiveness of the various programs for young offenders, have been hallmarks of Judge Tressler's tenure. As Juvenile Judge, he established the first truancy program in Montgomery County and played a central role in securing a grant to establish a model program to prevent children from being held in secured detention for more than six hours. Thanks to Judge Tressler's hard work and dedication as Administrative Juvenile Judge, County juvenile agencies have been recognized with numerous prestigious state and national awards, including Shelter Education Program of the Year, the Residential Program of the Year, the Outstanding Detention Program and the Community Service and Victim Services Award. He is sharing his tremendous knowledge as an instructor with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, currently teaching prosecutorial practices in its child abuse and exploitation course.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the outstanding service and extraordinary career of the Honorable Paul W. Tressler and all who dedicate their careers to the pursuit of justice.

HONORING WILLIS EDWARDS

HON. DIANE E. WATSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Ms. WATSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Civil Rights icon Willis Edwards for being honored during tonight's "Heroes in the Struggle" gala in recognition of his commitment to HIV/AIDS activism.

For decades, Mr. Edwards has been dedicated to maintaining a national dialogue on HIV/AIDS. As a member of the National Board of the NAACP he helped to establish the HIV/AIDS Committee of the NAACP, and has served as a member of that committee since 1997. He has spoken across the country and around the world on HIV/AIDS issues, and served as Associate Producer for the film "The Faces of AIDS."

Too often people do not want to confront the HIV/AIDS epidemic, but it is advocates like Mr. Edwards who remind us that millions of people around the world continue to contract and to suffer from this deadly virus.

HIV/AIDS is but one of the many areas for which Mr. Edwards has served as a leader and advocate over the course of his lifetime, and I am pleased to offer my congratulations for this award he so clearly deserves.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, Monday, November 29, I was unable to cast my votes on H.R. 5877 and H. Res. 771 and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I

been able to vote. Last night I was conducting a meeting with local businesses in my district and was unable to travel to Washington, DC in time for the votes.

Had I been present on rollcall No. 581 on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 5877, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 655 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, as the "Lance Corporal Alexander Scott Arredondo, United States Marine Corps Post Office Building", I would have voted "nay."

Had I been present on rollcall No. 582 on suspending the rules and passing H. Res. 771, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Mesothelioma Awareness Day, I would have voted "aye."

H.R. 6464, THE "FIREFIGHTER SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2010"

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce H.R. 6464, the "Firefighter Safety Enhancement Act of 2010". This bill helps address the needs of this country's dedicated heroes—our firefighters—who risk their lives every day as they race to save ours. Many of these brave men and women, whether they are volunteer, on-call, or career firefighters, are in dire need of new and up-to-date fire stations and training facilities. We truly need to address this matter, because their duties already place firefighters' lives and health in danger, and we should not allow them to work in facilities that also put them at risk.

I have seen firsthand in my own district that our fire stations are deteriorating and many are beyond repair. In Virginia, Minnesota, the fire station is more than 100 years old. It was originally designed for horse-drawn apparatus, and the floor is so stressed that giant timbers have been used to support the structure so the fire engines do not fall through the floor into the basement. In Pine City and Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota, the fire stations outlived their usefulness decades ago.

We expect our Nation's firefighters to protect us, and yet we have not provided them with the necessary fire stations and training facilities that help us protect them. When he was running for President a number of years ago, Senator John Kerry said, "we shouldn't be opening firehouses in Baghdad and closing them down in our own communities." That message remains as true today as it was then.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 6464, the "Firefighter Safety Enhancement Act of 2010".

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE MARY CURTIS DAVEY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the long life and lasting legacy of

Mary Curtis Davey, a distinguished Californian and the conscience of our community, who died October 2, 2010. Throughout her life, Mary was a consummate community activist and advocate whose tremendous accomplishments remind us of the difference one person can make.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Mary attended Smith College and graduated with degrees in English and government. She met and married Jack Davey, a Korean War veteran, and moved to Baltimore, where she first became involved in fighting housing discrimination. After moving to Los Altos Hills in 1961, Mary brought her compassion and intensity of purpose to the Peninsula, making her mark almost immediately. She became Mayor of Los Altos Hills in 1966, where her fair housing advocacy caused her to be recalled from the City Council. Unfazed, Mary continued to fight vigorously for equity and opportunity through countless community channels.

Among her many invaluable roles, Mary served as the Director of Midpeninsula Citizens for Fair Housing, CEO of Santa Clara County Advocates for Women, Interim Executive Director of the Palo Alto Red Cross, Board Member of Hidden Villa, and Co-Founder of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, which was one of her proudest accomplishments. But even the stunning 56,000 acres couldn't contain Mary's boundless enthusiasm and dedication . . . she was truly a local force of nature, a civic superwoman of remarkable poise and power.

When Mary was honored with the Josephine and Frank Duveneck Humanitarian Award in 2001, I was privileged to pay tribute to her in Congress. I said then that "Mary Curtis Davey was "an exceptional voice and advocate for improving the quality of life in our community" and an extraordinary woman who "dedicated her life to making the San Mateo Peninsula a more humane, beautiful and healthy place." She continued her commitment to community right up until the day she died.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Mary Davey's husband, Jack; her children, Kit, John, and Curtis; and her grandchildren, John, Devon, Christopher, and Callan. The Reverend Carl Frederick Buechner writes that vocation is "where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Few people better embody this intersection than Mary. For 80 years she applied her own inimitable talents to the concerns of her community, raising our spirits and feeding our souls. Her extraordinary environmental and humanitarian contributions have enriched the Bay Area in countless ways, and will live on in the open spaces, fair housing, and social services she championed. I consider myself blessed to have been her friend and her Representative and I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of this singularly exceptional woman who strengthened her community and her country with unparalleled contributions.

HONORING BRANDON GEORGE
HECHT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brandon George Hecht. Brandon 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.

Brandon has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Brandon 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, Brandon has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Brandon designed and constructed an outdoor classroom for a local day care, providing an excellent opportunity for the students to learn about nature and the world around them.

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

IN HONOR OF CURTIS J. HILL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Curtis J. Hill, a model public servant who is retiring from the position of San Benito County Sheriff/Coroner after a thirty-four year career in law enforcement. Over the course of my tenure in the House of Representatives, I have had the great pleasure of working with Curtis. I have come to value his professionalism and admire his steady counsel on public safety matters. I am proud to honor and thank him for his service.

Curtis was born in Ankara, Turkey. He lived in Germany, Southern California and in Texas before he settled in San Benito County. Curtis holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology from California State University Fresno. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders that serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad, which raises law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide.

Curtis began his career with the San Benito County Sheriff's Office in 1976, working in the Patrol, Training, Civil, Corrections, Coroner and Investigations Divisions. He became a court expert, testifying on problems surrounding illegal drug production. Curtis also became the first Fingerprint Examiner for the Sheriff's Department and gave expert testimony in various high profile court cases. In 1988 he was appointed Undersheriff, by Sheriff Harvey S. Nylan and held the position for ten years. In January 1999, he was elected as

Sheriff/Coroner and was reelected to his third term in 2006.

Curtis is the current president of the California State Sheriffs' Association and is the past President of the California State Coroner's Association. He is a past member of the Corrections Standards Authority. At the federal level, Curtis sits on the Health and Human Services Organ Donation Leadership Coordinating Counsel, and is a tireless advocate for saving lives through organ donation. He has been appointed to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and is a strong supporter of prevention and intervention activities for youth.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I would like to extend our nation's deepest gratitude to Sheriff Curtis Hill's thirty-four years of service in law enforcement. He was a great Sheriff/Coroner and he will continue to be a strong community leader, loving husband to wife Ellen and proud father of son Kevin.

TRIBUTE TO CARLA WARRICK

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Carla Warrick, library technician at the Ericson Public Library in Boone, Iowa after 37 years of service. I would like to express my appreciation for her devotion to literature and spreading the joy of reading to members of her community.

Although she was first hired at the library as a secretary, her job gradually changed to administrative assistant and then to library technician. Her duties expanded over the years, and she saw many changes both in the technology that the library utilized and in the building itself. While she enjoyed being surrounded by the books that she loved, it was meeting and interacting with the people—both her coworkers and the patrons—that Carla loved the most. Her experience and knowledge will certainly be missed.

I commend Carla Warrick for her commitment to literature, her career, and members of her community. It is an honor to represent her in Congress, and I wish her only joy and happiness in her retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE
TO OUR NATION ON THE PASSING
OF MAJOR GEORGE A.
PAVLICIN, USMC (RET.)

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major George A. Pavlicin, United States Marine Corps, Retired, a World War II veteran and Central Florida resident, who passed away on November 23, 2010. Major Pavlicin spent his life serving his country and his family, and I am proud to take a moment to honor his lifetime of dedication and service.

George Pavlicin was born and raised on Long Island, New York, the son of Navy veteran and Nassau County Police Officer Michael Pavlicin and his wife Margaret. In 1942,

just after finishing high school, he signed up as an Aviation Cadet in the United States Naval Reserve and was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He flew the F4U Corsair fighter from aircraft carriers in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II—while his older brother Mike was serving in the Navy, and his younger brother Jim was serving in the Army.

In the summer of 1945, at the close of the war, he married Mary Elizabeth White, who survives him. During their sixty-five years of marriage they had six children—two of whom pre-deceased him—eleven grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. Two of their sons followed his example by serving their country in uniform, in the Air Force and the Marine Corps.

Major Pavlicin served on active duty for more than twenty years, including service during the Korean Conflict. During his long and honorable service, which was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps, he was stationed in China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines and on Okinawa. He retired from active service in 1963 and worked for the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation on Long Island for twenty-three years, retiring again in 1986. He and Mary later moved to Central Florida, and were active members of their community, worshipping at St. John the Evangelist Church in Viera. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor Major George A. Pavlicin, a man whose life and service reflect great credit upon himself, his family, and the United States Marine Corps. He will be remembered as a loving husband and father, an honorable Marine, and as an important part of our community. My wife Katie and I offer our prayers for his wife, Mary, children, George Alan, Patrick, Karen, and Beth, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as we remember and honor the life of George Pavlicin.

A TRIBUTE TO THE PASTOR
MICHAEL L. BELL

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pastor Michael L. Bell for his faithful service to his community and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. On December 27, 2010, he will celebrate 40 years of service at Glendale Christian Church.

Known as the 'go-to-guy,' Pastor Bell is quick to lend a helping hand and an ear to listen. He is a caring, thoughtful and considerate individual who is always interested in assisting others.

Beyond his service to Glendale Christian Church, Pastor Bell is also very active in the community. He is currently serving as Commissioner of the Hardin County Water District #2, Chaplain of the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Board of Regents for Louisville Bible College and is on the Board of Directors for Helping Hand.

Pastor Bell is also the announcer for Hardin County High School football games and for both the boys and girls basketball teams.

A testament to Pastor Bell's dedication to the community can be seen in his regular visits to those in hospitals and nursing homes, and also through his outreach to widows, who often need help with physician visits, financial decisions and home maintenance.

Pastor Bell and his wife Sharon have been married for 44 years and are the proud parents of two sons, Jon Michael and Christopher David, and proud grandparents of Samantha and Caehla. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Pastor Michael L. Bell for his steadfast commitment, service and dedication.

CALLING FOR DIGNITY, COMFORT,
AND SUPPORT FOR HOLOCAUST
SURVIVORS

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise in proud support of H. Con. Res. 323, a resolution supporting the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust survivors in the United States are able to live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years. Following the tragic and unforgivable circumstances of their youth, these survivors came to the United States seeking a better life. They found a new home here in America, and it is our duty to provide for their well-being as best we can.

Over 127,000 Holocaust survivors live in the United States, about three-fourths of whom are in their 80s and 90s, and a majority of whom live alone. Sadly, more than half of these survivors fall beneath the 200-percent threshold for the federal poverty line, meaning they earn less than \$21,660 a year. In fact, Holocaust survivors are five times more likely to be living below the poverty line than other older Americans. My constituents in South Florida are not immune from this reality, and they need our support.

Holocaust survivors have special needs that would greatly benefit from access to social service programs that would enable them to age in place in their current residences, with access to transportation and other services to ensure their health and well-being. This legislation encourages the Department of Health and Human Services and the Administration on Aging to expeditiously develop and implement programs that ensure Holocaust survivors have access to the care they need and deserve.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to stand with so many of my colleagues on this important resolution, and I applaud the efforts of the many nonprofit organizations and agencies which work tirelessly to honor and assist Holocaust survivors throughout the United States. Freedom and liberty, justice and human rights—these are the values represented by the survivors of the Holocaust. We have a moral obligation to acknowledge their plight and uphold their dignity to ensure their well-being in their remaining years.

I urge my colleagues to support the passage of this worthy legislation.

CLAIMS RESOLUTION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere happiness that the House of Representatives passed by a vote of 256–152, the Claims Resolution Act. I regret that I was unable to vote on this landmark legislation and would like the record to reflect that had I been able to vote, I would have voted yeay.

The Claims Resolution Act includes provisions that many black farmers and American Indians have literally been waiting decades for. H.R. 4783 contains funding to implement the settlements of the Pigford class action lawsuit involving past discrimination against black farmers by the Agriculture Department and the Cobell class action lawsuit involving funds for American Indians mismanaged by the Interior Department.

I voted for this legislation twice earlier this year as the House has passed funding for the Pigford and Cobell settlement—first in passing the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act and then in adopting an amendment to the FY 2010 Supplemental—but both bills were blocked by Republicans in the Senate.

That is why I am so pleased that Senate was finally able to pass this important legislation and now, with passage in the House, it will go to the President's desk for signature, finally closing this dark episode in American history.

TRIBUTE TO VERLE BURGASON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Verle Burgason, co-owner and board chairman of the Ames Tribune in Ames, Iowa. His dedication and commitment to the citizens of the community is appreciated and unequalled.

Verle has spent the last 57 years devoted to journalism, reporting the stories that impacted the community, the state, and the Nation. Known for his honesty and straightforwardness, Verle was a champion of accurate and unbiased writing. During his career, he earned the Iowa Newspaper Association's Master Editor and Publisher award, and deservedly so.

Verle's devotion to the community didn't only find expression through journalism. He was active in United Way, served as president of the Ames Chamber of Commerce, and served on the board of directors at a local bank. He was also extensively involved in church leadership, demonstrating his deep belief in morals, ethics, and a higher power. Verle correctly asserted that community service is a duty that everyone is obligated to fill—an assertion that I wholeheartedly agree with and support.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress will join me in commending Verle Burgason for his decades of service at

the Ames Tribune and to the Ames community. It is an honor to serve as his representative, and I wish Verle and his wife Jo a happy and healthy retirement.

CONGRATULATING MAJ. GEN.
(RET.) CHARLES METCALF

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in congratulating Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Charles Metcalf upon his retirement as director of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

Prior to his service as director, he served in the U.S. Air Force for nearly 36 years on active duty in a variety of financial management and planning positions, retiring in 1991 in the grade of major general. His awards and honors include the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit.

Following his retirement from active duty, General Metcalf began his service as head administrator for the museum in 1996 and in 2005 he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service.

For the last 14 years he has managed the world's largest and oldest military aviation museum. The internationally acclaimed museum is located on the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio and portrays the heritage and traditions of the Air Force through specialized exhibits.

Under General Metcalf's management, the museum had flourished. In 2003, the museum began a long-term, multi-phased expansion with the building of the Eugene W. Kettering Cold War Gallery and the Missile Gallery, as well as the renovations to the Korean War exhibit. With these new additions, the museum provides more than 17 acres of indoor exhibition space. Future plans call for a Space Gallery, a Presidential Aircraft Interpretive Center, and a Global Reach Gallery.

During his tenure, General Metcalf increased museum attendance from 800,000 to nearly 1.4 million visitors and achieved the highest national recognition for a museum, the American Association of Museums accreditation in 1998 and reaccreditation in 2008.

General Metcalf also led the charge in changing the name of the museum, which was previously known as the United States Air Force Museum. The change reinforces the museum's national mission and its world-class collection, placing it at a level with the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC, the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Florida, and the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

General Metcalf has been dedicated to supporting the motto of the museum, "we are the keepers of their stories." He will forever be remembered for his advocacy for preserving our heritage to honor our veterans, many who gave their lives to protect our freedoms. The work he has done will stand as a lasting monument to the memory of those who have gone before, as well as his dedication to the exploration of our nation's history.

In addition to his duties as director, he provides technical and professional guidance to

the U.S. Air Force Heritage Program which includes 12 Air Force field museums and 260 domestic and international heritage sites.

He also was very active outside of his work at the museum and currently serves as the vice president of the Central Region for Boy Scouts of America, as well as on the organization's Leadership and Standards Committee. He is a former member of the Oakwood, Ohio City Council, and previously served on the Board of Directors for the Greater Dayton United Way, Ohio; the Board of Trustees for the County Corp Development, Dayton, Ohio; the Board of Directors for Greater Dayton Public Television, Ohio; and the National Alumni Board, Michigan State University.

Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me and the constituents of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in congratulating General Charles Metcalf for his outstanding service to our nation and the State of Ohio. His work today has ensured that the museum will see many future successes and our nation's history will be preserved for generations to come.

HONORING RICHARD JOHN PASTOR

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life of Richard John Pastor and mourn him upon his passing at the age of 79.

Born on June 22, 1931, Richard Pastor dedicated his life to serving his community and his country. After honorably serving his country as a member of the United States Army, Richard came home to proudly become the second generation owner of his family's three generation Michigan based construction business, George H. Pastor and Sons.

Regrettably, on November 27, 2010, Richard Pastor passed from this earthly world to his eternal reward. He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Carol and his children, Craig, Mahala, John, Tim, and Sharon. Preceding him in death was his son Keith. Richard leaves a legacy of 12 grandchildren and was a devoted brother to Jean and Robert. A courageous and honorable man, Richard will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, Richard Pastor is remembered as a compassionate father, a dedicated husband, honorable soldier, caring business owner, involved leader, and a true friend. Richard was a man who deeply treasured his family, friends, community and his country. Today, as we bid Richard John Pastor farewell, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his unwavering patriotism and legendary service to our country and community.

OPIC CONTRIBUTES TO DEFICIT REDUCTION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. MANZULLO. Madam Speaker, two weeks ago, the Treasury Department released

the details of the Federal budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2010. While many of the numbers were grim, at least one federal agency—the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, OPIC—reported a net income of nearly \$260 million and contributed a net positive balance to the Federal budget deficit of \$352 million in FY 10. In fact, this represents the 33rd consecutive year that OPIC has made a positive contribution to the Federal budget. These numbers were also confirmed by an independent external auditor, KPMG.

OPIC's earnings are generated through fees charged to users of their financing and insurance programs, as well as interest earned on its growing reserves, which now total about \$5 billion. Because OPIC charges market-based fees for its products, it operates on a self-sustaining basis at no net cost to the taxpayers. This is not counting the tax revenue generated by the more than 274,000 U.S. jobs that OPIC projects have supported over the past 39 years. In FY 10, OPIC-supported projects are estimated to generate \$624 million in U.S. exports and to support nearly 1,000 American jobs. Eighty of the 97 projects supported by OPIC in FY 10 involved U.S. small businesses.

Thus, it would be counterproductive to close down OPIC because that action would actually reduce an incoming revenue stream to the Federal government and exasperate our budget deficit problem. In addition, if OPIC were terminated, many current users of OPIC would simply switch to investment insurance and financing programs of foreign governments, which would result in the shifting of U.S. jobs and tax revenue overseas, because there is no private company that provides long-term political risk insurance. That is why I encourage Congress to pass a multi-year reauthorization bill for OPIC, S. 705/H.R. 5975.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 584, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

NATIONAL MESOTHELIOMA AWARENESS DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 29, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I introduced House Resolution 771 on September 24, 2009 to recognize the 3,000 Americans diagnosed with Mesothelioma each year and raise awareness about this rare form of cancer. After more than a year of work, a coalition of support came together to mark September 26, 2010 as the first ever "National Mesothelioma Awareness Day." I have to thank 58 of my colleagues—both Democrats and Republicans—who co-sponsored this resolution and all the advocates for their work.

Mesothelioma is an asbestos-linked cancer most often found in a person's chest, lungs, or

abdomen. More than a million Americans are exposed to dangerous levels of asbestos while on the job, including military personnel, firefighters, and construction workers. In fact, workers in our own Capitol complex are suffering from asbestos exposure. Many of these individuals are unaware of the risk at the time of exposure.

Despite decades of warnings about the dangers of asbestos, too many Americans are still unaware of the devastating nature of this disease. Although over 50 countries have banned asbestos, the United States has not. It is found in millions of products sold in this country, including brake pads, roofing materials, and gaskets.

The fight against Mesothelioma is a personal issue for me. In 2000, my friend and predecessor Congressman Bruce Vento was diagnosed with Pleural Mesothelioma. The news was devastating for his family, friends, and all of us in Minnesota that knew him. Bruce represented Minnesota's Fourth Congressional District from 1977–2000. During his service in Congress, he was tireless advocate on behalf of his constituents and a national champion for environmental protection and the rights of the homeless.

Awareness is critical for early diagnosis and treatment. "National Mesothelioma Awareness Day" honors those living with Mesothelioma, those that have died from the disease, and their families. House Resolution 771 is an important step toward educating the nation about the causes of this deadly disease and the need for better treatments and additional research.

I strongly urge all of my colleagues to support passage of this bipartisan resolution.

TRIBUTE TO ALEXA LINGREN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievement of Alexa Lingren, a 4–H member from Pilot Mound, Iowa, who recently received a leadership project award from the Mary Jo and Glen Mente Endowment and the 4–H Foundation. This award is given only to those who demonstrate leadership in 4–H and in their local communities. I would like to express my congratulations to Alexa for receiving this award and my appreciation to her for her leadership.

For the last eight years, Alexa has been an active leader in 4–H. She served on the 4–H council in Boone County, served as club president, and received many state awards in citizenship. She also participated in the safety, swine, sheep, and self-determined 4–H project areas, and she was named the runner-up fair queen at the Boone County Fair.

4–H has enabled Alexa to be an active leader within her community. Alexa co-chaired six community improvement grants that benefited both the local youth shelter and area farmers. She believes that 4–H has given her the talent and the skills to help others, which she finds to be enriching.

I commend Alexa Lingren for her service to 4–H and her community, and I know my colleagues in Congress will join me in congratulating Alexa for her achievement. It is an

honor to represent Alexa in Congress, and I wish her the best of luck in the future.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF MR. RAYMOND MATJASIC

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mr. Raymond Matjasic, a nationally honored photographer. His passionately accumulated expertise covered events such as the Marine Corps during World War II, Major League Baseball's 1948 and 1954 World Series, and the Presidential Inaugurations of Presidents Nixon and Carter.

Mr. Matjasic was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1920 and remained a lifelong resident of the area. Ray began his career with the Cleveland Plain Dealer at the age of nine as a paper delivery boy. After graduating from John Hay High School, he began working in the Plain Dealer's circulation department. It was during this time that his interest for photography was peaked. As a Marine, Matjasic photographed his colleagues during World War II in the South Pacific. Upon his return to Cleveland in 1945 he joined the Plain Dealer's photo department. Mr. Matjasic was the Plain Dealer's chief photographer from 1964 until his retirement in 1983. Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Matjasic won dozens of awards, and was named to the Cleveland Press Club Hall of Fame.

Photography was more than just a job for Mr. Matjasic, it was a passion that he loved to share with others. He traveled and lectured at many colleges and universities including Ohio State University, Bowling Green State University, and Kent State University. He also helped establish and served as vice president of the Cleveland Chapter of the Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Association.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Mr. Raymond Matjasic. I offer my condolences to his daughter Judith and three grandchildren. Mr. Matjasic will always be remembered for his brave service to our country and as an iconic photographer.

MEDIA COVERAGE OF DREAM ACT ONE-SIDED

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, during the lame duck session, Democrats in Congress want to pass the DREAM Act, which uses taxpayer dollars to give illegal immigrants amnesty and in-state tuition at public universities.

The national media are doing their best to help.

For example, out of 13 recent articles regarding the DREAM Act in The Washington Post, The New York Times, and The Los Angeles Times, 11 were overwhelmingly one-sided and sympathetic to illegal immigrants.

That means 85% were biased.

In one such article, the term "conservative" was used to describe opponents of the legislation, but not one of the left-wing amnesty groups or activists mentioned in the article was described as "liberal."

The national media should give Americans all the facts about immigration, not just one side.

CONDEMNING NORTH KOREA FOR ATTACK AGAINST SOUTH KOREA

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this saber-rattling resolution that unnecessarily escalates tensions between North and South Korea and may in fact put U.S. troops stationed in the area at risk. This resolution portrays the recent hostilities between the two Koreas as "an unprovoked military attack" by North Korea, which is untrue. We know that South Korea was conducting live fire military exercises in the vicinity of disputed territory and that this action, taken with U.S. military support and participation, likely led to the exchange of gunfire between the two sides.

As the resolution states, the "USS George Washington Carrier Strike Group is conducting exercises with Republic of Korea naval forces in the waters west of the Korean Peninsula." Let us for a moment imagine the Chinese military holding joint exercises with Venezuela off the Texas coast. Might that be viewed as provocative by the United States? This is not to excuse or endorse the actions of the North Korean military, which are certainly regrettable, but it is important to accurately portray the events.

This resolution is long on inaccuracies and hyperbole but it avoids the real issue, which is why, more than fifty years after the end of the Korean war, the American taxpayer is still forced to pay for the U.S. military to defend a modern and wealthy South Korea. The continued presence of the U.S. military as a "tripwire" to deter North Korea is ineffective and dangerous. It is designed to deter renewed hostilities by placing American lives between the two factions. As we have seen recently, South Korean leaders, emboldened by the U.S. protection, seek to provoke North Korean reaction rather than to work for a way to finally end the conflict. The U.S. presence only serves to prolong the conflict, further drain our empty treasury, and place our military at risk. I encourage my colleagues to reject this jingoistic resolution and instead use our Constitutionally-granted authority to finally end the U.S. military presence in and defense of South Korea.

CLAIMS RESOLUTION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Senate Amendments to H.R.

4783, the Claims Resolution Act, and Cobell and Pigford II settlements now included.

In 1996, Indian plaintiffs, including Eloise Cobell, filed a class action suit against the federal government for mismanagement of Indian trust land and other assets. During the 13 years that followed, courts repeatedly ruled in favor of the plaintiffs assertions that the government violated its trust responsibility, did not provide accurate accounting, and did not provide Indians with their share of the revenue from the Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts. One year ago, on December 8, 2009, the plaintiffs and the U.S. Interior and Justice Departments announced a \$3.4 billion settlement for this long-running suit.

This settlement should have been approved by Congress in a timely manner. Too many deadlines for Congressional action have passed this year, requiring the settlement parties to keep extending the approval deadline. Tribal members whose trust accounts were mismanaged have waited too long for compensation. Already this year, I have voted for funding the settlement twice. Both times the funding passed the House only to have the funds stripped by Republican obstruction in the Senate. Finally, on November 19, the Senate passed the approval for the settlement in the Senate Amendments to H.R. 4783, the Claims Resolution Act, and sent it back to us.

In addition, I applaud the \$1.15 billion settlement of the Pigford II class action lawsuit for finally rectifying an injustice that is an inexcusable stain on our Nation's history. In 1910, African American farmers owned 15 million acres of land. Now, that number has dwindled to two million acres. This settlement represents an important step forward towards ensuring the fair and equal treatment of all farmers, regardless of their race.

These injustices have been perpetrated for decades, and today the House has the opportunity to vote again to uphold our end of the trust relationship with all American Indians and Alaska Natives and settle discrimination claims made by African American farmers.

Though these funds come decades too late for many of the people affected, it is important for the U.S. Government to recognize the many past wrongs inflicted on the indigenous people of this country and black farmers who have been discriminated against. This is a vote that will make a difference in hundreds of thousands of lives, finally beginning to right some wrongs.

For far too long, American Indian trust account holders and African American farmers have had to wait for justice. Today there will be justice, but it will not come without a fight against bigotry, intolerance, and the champions of inequality. The fact that some Republican voices, including a Member from Minnesota, are calling the settlement with African American farmers a fraud and a scam reflects the very racial intolerance and discrimination that are at the root of this settlement.

With this legislation, the Federal Government can honor its commitment in a fiscally responsible manner. The funding is completely offset. The Senate passed it by unanimous consent. If it passes the House today, it will go directly to the President for his signature. I urge my colleagues to vote yes on the Senate Amendments to H.R. 4783 because American Indians and African American farmers have waited long enough.

IN HONOR OF ALBANIAN
INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Albanian Independence Day. As the Albanian community in Greater Cleveland gathers to celebrate, I join them in appreciation of their rich history and culture.

Known as Day of the Flag among Albanians, November 28, 1912 marks the day that the Republic of Albania became a sovereign nation after approximately 500 years of occupation by the Ottoman Empire. After this liberation, the country still faced 51 years of occupation under fascist Italy and the Soviet Union, emerging again in 1991. In part because they spent so many years under foreign rule, the Albanian people take deep pleasure in their independence.

This pleasure manifests each year on the Day of the Flag, marked by concerts, banquets, and celebrations. In Tirana, the nation's capitol, the President, Prime Minister, and Mayor appear at a flag raising ceremony and visit the graves of soldiers who fell in battle. Despite the cold, enthusiastic citizens attend the ceremony, waving the national colors.

Cleveland is home to a strong Albanian community, descendants of late nineteenth century immigrants and people seeking freedom and opportunity after World War II. This community has succeeded in preserving their heritage while wholeheartedly supporting American society, thereby contributing to the unique richness and diversity of our national culture.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of the Albanian Day of the Flag. May every American of Albanian heritage hold memories of their past forever in their hearts, remembering the day that their forbears gained their freedom.

HONORING CHARLIE KRUSE

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charlie Kruse, President of the Missouri Farm Bureau, who is retiring after 18 years of service.

Charlie is a proud native of Stoddard County where he and his wife own and operate a grain farm. He is a graduate of Arkansas State University and the University of Missouri, where he earned his master of science in agronomy in 1973.

Recognizing Charlie's exceptional talent and commitment to agriculture, Missouri Governor John Ashcroft appointed him director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture in 1985. In 1990, Kruse served on President George Bush's Council on Rural America, the only Missourian named to the Council. He also served on U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills' Intergovernmental Advisory Committee and on USDA's Federal Grain Inspection Service Advisory Committee. In 1991, Kruse accepted the position of executive vice presi-

dent of the North American Equipment Dealers Association, and resigned that position in August 1992 to seek the presidency of Missouri Farm Bureau.

In his 18 years as president of the Missouri Farm Bureau, Kruse has helped countless Missouri farmers who have reaped the benefits of his advocacy. The Missouri Farm Bureau is losing a capable and experienced leader whose tireless efforts have served to benefit all of our State's citizens, including me. During his tenure, Missouri Farm Bureau has seen tremendous growth in membership from 77,000 to over 108,000 farm families.

The accomplishments during Charlie Kruse's career are far too numerous to list. We are thankful for his efforts not only at the local and State levels but also the Federal level. From his testimony before Congress to his many advisory positions at USDA and involvement with the most recent farm bill, Charlie's unwavering support for sound and responsible agricultural policy serves as a model to everyone in the industry.

Charlie has so much to be proud of beyond his accomplishments in the policy arena. Missouri cannot thank him enough for his service in the Missouri National Guard and to the University of Missouri. I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal gratitude for all that he has given.

As he returns home to Stoddard County, Charlie can do so with great pride, knowing that in the span of his career he has accomplished so much and helped so many. While he will be missed, I wish him the very best that retirement has to offer.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Charlie Kruse for his service to the State of Missouri and to American agriculture.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN H. WEED

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John H. Weed upon his retirement from the Ohlone College Board of Trustees in Fremont, California. Mr. Weed attended his final board meeting on November 10, 2010. First elected in 1977, he served on the Board of Trustees for 33 years.

Mr. Weed holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and Juris Doctor of Law degree from the University of Santa Clara. He received a Master of Business Administration in Finance from Eastern New Mexico University. He was a Graduate Research Associate in Agricultural Economics and a graduate student with the Department of Hydrology and Water Resources at the University of Arizona.

He has been an elected director of the Alameda County Water District since November 1995. Since 1990, Mr. Weed has served as a Director of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency and Regional Financial Authority, representing customers of the Hetch Hetchy Water System.

Mr. Weed is a member of Rotary International, and he has been or is currently involved in myriad civic activities, which include

the Alameda County Bicentennial Commission, the city of Fremont Historical Architectural Review Board, State of California Heritage Task Force, Association of Water Agencies, Washington Township Historical Society, the Alameda County Library System, and the City of Fremont's Regulatory Review Commission.

I wish John Weed all the best upon his retirement from the Ohlone College Board of Trustees. Mr. Weed describes the heart of Ohlone College as "the wonderful service it provides the community." I join the community in thanking him for his three decades of service, and appreciating him for a job well done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

NOVEMBER 29, 2010

Rollcall vote 581, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—H.R. 5877, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 655 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, as the "Lance Corporal Alexander Scott Arredondo, United States Marine Corps Post Office Building"—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 582, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 771, Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Mesothelioma Awareness Day—I would have voted "aye."

NOVEMBER 30, 2010

Rollcall vote 583, On Agreeing to the Resolution—H. Res. 1736, Providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 4783) to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Chile, and to extend the period from which such contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Haiti may be accelerated—I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote 584, On Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendments—H.R. 4783, To accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Chile, and to extend the period from which such contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Haiti may be accelerated—I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote 585, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—H. Res. 1585, Honoring and recognizing the exemplary service and sacrifice of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, the 349th Air Mobility Wing, the 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force, and the 615th Contingency Response Wing civilians and families serving at Travis Air Force Base, California—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 586, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 1740, Recognizing and honoring the National Guard on the occasion of its 374th anniversary—I would have voted "aye."

DECEMBER 1, 2010

Rollcall vote 587, On Ordering the Previous Question—H. Res. 1742, Providing for consid-

eration of S. 3307, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act—I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote 588, On Agreeing to the Resolution—H. Res. 1742, Providing for consideration of S. 3307, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act—I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote 589, On Agreeing to the Resolution—H. Res. 1741, Providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 101, Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes—I would have voted "nay."

Rollcall vote 590, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Con. Res. 323, Supporting the goal of ensuring that all Holocaust survivors in the United States are able to live with dignity, comfort, and security in their remaining years—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 591, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree—H. Res. 1735, Condemning North Korea in the strongest terms for its unprovoked military attack against South Korea on November 23, 2010—I would have voted "aye."

Rollcall vote 592, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended—H. Res. 1430, Honoring and saluting golf legend Juan Antonio "Chi Chi" Rodriguez for his commitment to Latino youth programs of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute—I would have voted "aye."

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF SHIRLEY G. ROSENBAUM

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. ACKERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Shirley G. Rosenbaum, the pride of New York State.

Born on December 7th, 1910, in Oswego, New York, Shirley grew up with a deep love and appreciation for her community and country. She married Jack Rosenbaum in 1927, and they had two children, Elise and Richard. Richard, under Shirley's steady guidance, became a Justice of the New York State Supreme Court and Chairman of the New York State Republican Committee.

Shirley is a parent who never ceases to encourage her children to achieve their dreams. She always stressed to Elise and Richard the value of education in achieving those dreams.

In Shirley's 100 years, she has lived through some of the most difficult and joyous times in American history. No matter the challenge, Shirley has maintained a warm home, loving family, and an appreciation for the small pleasures in life. An avid bowler, Shirley is no stranger to 200+ games. She is quite the bridge player and loves to create word games. Her family is her greatest pride though, Elise and Richard, six grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, and even one great great grandchild.

For her devotion to her family and her country, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to please rise and join me in honoring Shirley G. Rosenbaum on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

IN HONOR OF THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FORECLOSURE MEDIATION PROGRAM

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Foreclosure Mediation Program.

The Foreclosure Mediation Program was introduced in 2008 by Judge Eileen T. Gallagher. As the chair of the Court's Foreclosure Committee and Foreclosure Mediation Subcommittee, as well as a former magistrate in the Court's Foreclosure Department, she was in a unique position to see the difficulties homeowners face and to develop a solution.

Through the program, many middle- and lower-class families have been able to stay in their homes through the remediation procedures the program offers. The results have been impressive; in 2009 alone, of the 821 foreclosure cases sent to remediation, 451 of them were successful.

The Foreclosure Mediation Program has been so successful that it has been nationally recognized. It was recently honored when its program director, Andrea Kinast and Common Pleas Court Committee Chair, Judge Eileen T. Gallagher received an invitation to the "Closing the Justice Gap for America's Working Families" event at the White House, on November 19, 2010. This event presents a great opportunity to highlight the program's success and draw attention to its potential use as a model for the rest of the nation.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring the Cuyahoga County Foreclosure Mediation Program. The hardworking and dedicated staff has been able to keep many people in their homes, preserving our community and helping to save the financial integrity and personal dignity of those who have run into difficulties. I applaud and encourage their efforts to assist those in need.

HONORING LAUREN PERRY FOR HER SERVICE TO TENNESSEE'S SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Lauren Perry for her contributions to Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District. Lauren has served as my executive assistant and scheduler in Washington, DC, and served as field representative in my Murfreesboro, Tennessee, office prior to moving to our Nation's capital. She will soon join the staff of my colleague Congressman JOHN BARROW of Georgia, and I am confident she will be a great addition there.

A fellow graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, Lauren first came to my office through her hard work on my 2008 campaign. Although Lauren grew up nearby in Lawrenceburg, she quickly came to call

Murfreesboro home. When she joined my staff as a field representative in 2009, she helped my constituents obtain their Social Security and Medicare benefits and helped students with concerns related to federal student loans. Lauren was enthusiastic, capable and quick to help all constituents who came through our door. Her kindhearted, compassionate nature endeared her to many people who were going through rough times and just needed some help cutting through government redtape.

In June, Lauren left the big city of Murfreesboro and headed to a really big city, Washington, DC, to experience work on Capitol Hill. When the scheduler position became available, Lauren stepped in and rose to the challenge. In a short time she mastered the complexities of the job and put her organizational skills to good use on major logistical projects, such as archiving my congressional papers for our alma mater.

Lauren's professionalism and positive attitude have made her a great addition to the office. She generously shared her home-baked treats with the office and became an integral part of the team. Her tiny dog, Nona, even graced us with occasional visits to the office in her leopard-print Snuggie, further brightening the mood.

Madam Speaker, I and the rest of the staff will miss Lauren, but we are thrilled about this newest chapter in her career. I've had the pleasure of meeting her family, and I know she makes them proud. Lauren, I and your colleagues here in DC and in Tennessee wish you all the best in the future.

HONORING ELIZABETH ZUBITIS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Elizabeth Zubitis, who will retire on January 5, 2011 after 47 years of active membership and leadership in the Washington State Democratic Party. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Ms. Zubitis for her commitment to public service, civic engagement, her extensive accomplishments within her community, and her undertakings as a local leader of the Democratic Party.

Born in Alberta, Canada, Elizabeth Zubitis and her family moved to Moscow, Idaho where she became a naturalized citizen of the United States. Soon after, she became an active member of the Democratic Party. She began her career in the party as a Democratic Precinct Committee Officer in 1964. Over the course of her career, Ms. Zubitis has been the treasurer of the Pierce County Democratic League in the Washington State Federation of Democratic Women, the chair of Washington State's 2nd Legislative District Democrats, the chair of the State's 29th Legislative District Democrats, and served a four-year term as the chair of the Pierce County Democrats.

Additionally, Ms. Zubitis has been an active member of the Coalition of Labor Union Women and the Lady Garment Workers Union, which was later incorporated into the United Food and Commercial Workers Union. She became and served for many years as a full-time union representative for the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, and retired from this post in 1999.

Having been recognized by several organizations as a noteworthy person, Ms. Zubitis has proven to be an inspiring role model for girls and women in the community. Among her many accolades, she has received the Warren G. Magnuson Award for State Committee Woman of the Year in 2001 and the Glass Ceiling Award. Ms. Zubitis's retirement will mark the end of her two-year term as Chair of Washington State's 30th Legislative District Democrats. Her long list of accomplishments is made more impressive by her success as a mother of five children and a loving grandmother.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Elizabeth Zubitis on her many remarkable achievements, her venerable service to her community, and her retirement after 47 years of committed involvement with the Washington State Democrats.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF THOMAS L. BALDINI

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of my good friend and District Director Thomas L. Baldini of Marquette, Michigan. Tom has been a member of my staff since 2003, but has been a devoted member of the Marquette community for over 40 years and has been a committed public servant to the people of Michigan throughout his long career.

Tom graduated from Northern Michigan University (NMU) in Marquette in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education (Political Science/Economics and History). Following his time at NMU, Tom began his distinguished career as a high school economics and political science teacher with Marquette Area Public Schools, a position he held for 18 years. Throughout his teaching career, Tom also served as a part-time instructor at NMU.

In 1983, Tom began serving as the Special Assistant to Michigan Governor James Blanchard for Upper Peninsula Affairs and Education Advisor, and was referred to as the "Governor of the Upper Peninsula." Tom continued to serve the citizens of Michigan with Governor Blanchard until 1991, when he went back to work for Marquette Area Public Schools as Assistant to the Superintendent for Personnel and Finance.

Three years later, Tom had the distinct honor of being appointed by President Clinton—and later confirmed by the U.S. Senate—to become the Chairman of the U.S. Section of the International Joint Commission (IJC) for Canada and the United States. Tom was later tapped by President Clinton once again to become the U.S. Commissioner to the International Boundary Commission (IBC) for the United States and Canada. Tom was the first American to hold these two diplomatic positions for the United States concurrently.

Looking for a change in his professional life, Tom became my District Director in 2003 and has been with me ever since. When I am in Washington, Tom is my eyes and ears in northern Michigan and serves as my chief representative throughout our expansive District.

Tom possesses a firm passion for public service and a steadfast commitment to the people of Michigan, and always stands ready to assist in any way he can. He managed my 10-person district staff in seven different offices and assists constituents, local communities, local governments and businesses throughout the district.

Madam Speaker, Thomas L. Baldini is a dear friend to both me, and the citizens of northern Michigan. His remarkable career of public service is truly inspiring and I know that after my time in Congress has ended, Tom will continue to play an integral role in his community for years to come. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Thomas L. Baldini's four decades of service to the State of Michigan.

HONORING ROSHARA "ROSIE" J. HOLUB

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Roshara "Rosie" J. Holub, president and chief executive officer of the Missouri Credit Union Association, the service and support association for Missouri's 153 credit unions and their more than 1.3 million members. After decades of service to credit unions and their members, Rosie will be retiring on December 17th of this year.

Rosie has an extensive and impressive resume of professional accomplishments. She served as Chairman of the American Association of Credit Union Leagues (AACUL), as Chair of Credit Union House, LLC (Washington, DC), and as a Board member of the Filene Institute. Rosie also served on the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Partnership Committee and the National Action and Response Program (NARP) Coordinating Council.

Once named as one of the 25 most influential businesswomen in St. Louis, Rosie has positively impacted Missouri's financial services community through her leadership and educational efforts. Among her contributions to Missouri, she served on the Board of Trustees for the Missouri Council on Economic Education (MCEE) and the Board of Advisors for the University of Missouri's College of Health and Environmental Sciences: Personal Financial Planning Department.

I've had the honor of knowing Rosie Holub for many years. She has represented the Missouri Credit Union Association, its employees and member credit unions with a warm personality and professionalism. My staff and I will miss her, but wish her God's blessing in retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. ANTHONY P. PLACIDO ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to Mr. Anthony P. Placido on his retirement from public service at the end of this

month after more than 30 distinguished years in law enforcement.

Mr. Placido began his law enforcement career with the U.S. Customs Service, but he later joined the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and quickly rose through the ranks, using his foreign affairs experience and leadership skills to manage counter-narcotics efforts both in domestic and foreign posts. In his time with DEA, he acted, among other things, as a Team Leader for the Tactical Intelligence Unit in Peru, a Senior Inspector with the Office of Professional Responsibility, and a Country Attaché for Bolivia.

In his two years as the Regional Director for the Mexico-Central America Division, supervising and coordinating DEA operations across eight countries, Mr. Placido was credited with dismantling and disrupting several major drug trafficking cartels. His success earned him an appointment to serve as the Special Agent in Charge of DEA's New York Field Office, where he established the first Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force in the nation.

Mr. Placido's focus on multi-agency joint missions made him the right person to serve as the founding Director of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Fusion Center, where he continued to emphasize the necessity of interagency cooperation and information sharing in the fight against transnational criminal organizations.

As Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I have had the opportunity most recently to work closely with Mr. Placido in his current role as Chief of Intelligence for the DEA. During this time, I have come to appreciate his professionalism, expertise, and candor, as well as his work to cultivate extensive relationships and collaborative partnerships with other elements of the intelligence and law enforcement communities.

In particular, Mr. Placido has dedicated himself to promoting the El Paso Information Center (EPIC) as a frontline resource for law enforcement organizations. He has been an enthusiastic advocate for bringing the wide ranging expertise of federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers to bear in a variety of crucial national missions, from counter-narcotics operations to counterterrorism investigations. Under his leadership, EPIC has become a world class clearinghouse for tracking, investigating, and disrupting international drug operations.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Placido has seen the DEA's mission evolve and expand. It is truly a testament to his integrity and dedication that he has met the challenges of an increasingly complex set of national security threats, without losing sight of the needs of the officers patrolling our streets.

The Nation is better and safer as a result of Mr. Placido's service. For that, I pay tribute to him.

HONORING LLOYD A. SEMPLE AS
CHAIR OF THE MICHIGAN CHAPTER
OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in appreciation of Lloyd A. Semple. On De-

ember 2nd he will step down after a successful tenure as Chair of the Michigan Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Lloyd has provided extraordinary leadership in shepherding The Nature Conservancy into its next decade of conservation. As Chair, he held the gavel as the Great Lakes Project was launched on Mackinac Island in 2008, and was at the helm when The Nature Conservancy completed the largest conservation project in Michigan's history.

Lloyd joined the Michigan Board of The Nature Conservancy in 2003 and has remained an active member of the Board through his tenure as Chair, which started in 2008. His philanthropic nature is further exemplified by his positions as Vice Chairman of the National Audubon Society's Board of Directors and member of the Executive Committee of the Detroit Zoological Society's Board of Directors. These commitments require time and energy, which Lloyd has selflessly volunteered year after year.

It is my belief that we do not inherit the Earth from previous generations, but we borrow it from future ones. By continuing to expand our scientific knowledge and by conserving pristine wildlife habitat, we are fulfilling our role as stewards of the environment. Lloyd Semple successfully championed this vision as Chair.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 581 and 582, had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND
CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. MILO
SHULT TO ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize the service of one Arkansas Agriculture's greatest advocates—Dr. Milo Shult, who is retiring this year.

Since 1992, Dr. Shult has served Arkansas's agricultural community as the vice president for agriculture of the University of Arkansas System and I express my sincere gratitude to him and his family for their steadfast service to 'The Natural State.'

Agriculture is a critical part of our State's economy, accounting for more than \$16 billion in added value, 12 percent of GDP, and supporting more than 250,000 jobs. Dr. Shult's administration of the Agricultural Experimentation Station and Cooperative Extension Service have strengthened Arkansas's agribusiness and his legacy will ensure that our State will continue to be a national leader in agriculture research and the production of food and fiber. It has been an honor and a privilege to get to know and work with Dr. Shult during my service in Congress. He has

always been a strong voice for Arkansas agriculture in communicating their needs to the Arkansas Congressional Delegation and his leadership has helped us remain focused on making our State a leader in food safety, resource management, sustainability, and other critical research.

Dr. Shult has also been a regional and national leader for agriculture advocacy and his service includes, but is not limited to: National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges Chair of the Board on Agriculture, president of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists, service on the National Agricultural Library Board of Directors, 4-H Natural Resources Program Steering Committee, United States Department of Agriculture, USDA, Natural Resource National Initiative Task Force. He has also chaired the USDA Research, Education, and Economics Information System, REEIS, Steering Committee since 1997.

While the University of Arkansas System may be losing one of its most valued vice presidents, I know that the agriculture community, particularly Arkansas's, will continue to have a strong voice and a friend in Dr. Milo Shult. On behalf of myself and Arkansas's Third Congressional District I say "Thank You" for your selfless dedication and commitment to 'The Natural State' and the advancement of agriculture everywhere.

CONGRATULATING MURRAY
KALISH

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am both honored and privileged to rise to congratulate a true pillar of the Palm Beach County community, Murray Kalish. Mr. Kalish will be honored on December 12, 2010 at Temple Emeth for his activism and leadership in South Florida.

Murray Kalish has repeatedly distinguished himself through his volunteer and civic activities throughout Palm Beach County. In 1992, Murray, who had previously served as vice president of the West Delray Democratic Club, formed the United South County Democratic Club. As president, Murray oversaw the largest Democratic club in the State of Florida. His insight has been sought by elected officials and candidates for decades.

Always looking for ways to contribute to his community, Murray has served on the Land Use Advisory Board, the Palm Beach County Board of Adjustment, and the Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority Advisory Board. Murray also currently serves as a board member for the Lake Worth Drainage District. First elected over a decade ago, he has dedicated his time on the board towards maintaining clean and clear canals for the people of his district.

Beyond his volunteering and activism, Murray is the symbol of a true family man. For 72 years he was a loving husband to his late wife Rosalyn, and he continues to be a dedicated father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. A true leader in every sense of the word, Murray has served not only as a friend to me, but as a mentor. I could not think of a more deserving person for Temple Emeth to bestow this

important honor. I again want to congratulate my dear friend, Murray Kalish, and his entire family on this well deserved honor.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. DAVE NIEHAUS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Seattle Mariners' broadcaster Dave Niehaus for his devotion to baseball and the Pacific Northwest region. Dave passed away on November 10, 2010 at the age of 75.

Baseball fans from Washington State to Washington, DC are mourning the loss of the voice of the Mariners. Mr. Niehaus connected fans to the program from the Mariners' inaugural pitch in 1977 to the conclusion of the 2010 season. His voice represented the franchise, and kept the Pacific Northwest following the team through the good days of Mariners baseball as well as the less memorable.

Arguably, the seminal moment in Dave Niehaus' announcing career came on the winning hit by Edgar Martinez in the decisive fifth game of 1995 American League Division Series, also known as "the double." The double scored both Joey Cora and Ken Griffey, Jr. to give the Mariners a 6-5 victory over the New York Yankees, and propelled them to the American League Championship Series for the first time in franchise history. In that moment, Mr. Niehaus announced:

"Right now, the Mariners looking for the tie. They would take a fly ball, they would love a base hit into the gap and they could win it with Junior's speed. The stretch . . . and the 0-1 pitch on the way to Edgar Martinez swung on and lined down the left field line for a base hit! Here comes Joey, here is Junior to third base, they're going to wave him in! The throw to the plate will be . . . late! The Mariners are going to play for the American League Championship! I don't believe it! It just continues! My, oh my!"

Dave Niehaus' interest in broadcasting began at the University of Indiana, where he graduated in 1957. He then entered the military and started his broadcasting career with the Armed Forces Network in Los Angeles and New York City. After serving in the military, he settled in Los Angeles and became a broadcaster for the California Angels and the University of California, Los Angeles football and basketball teams. It was in 1977, when the Mariners started their first Major League Baseball season, that Dave Niehaus became the Mariners' play-by-play announcer. Mr. Niehaus called his 5,000th Mariners broadcast on May 7 of this year.

Of the many honors that Dave Niehaus was awarded during his career, three best characterize his untiring enthusiasm and genuine love for Mariners baseball. Mr. Niehaus received national acclaim when the National Baseball Hall of Fame awarded him the Ford C. Frick Award in 2008. Mr. Niehaus believed the One World Award from the Washington Council of the Blind he received in 2004 was the most meaningful, as he was able to draw more baseball lovers into the drama of the game. He also was named one of the Seattle

Times' Top 10 Most Influential People of the Century. In 1999, Mariners fans, as a testament of their affection, chose Mr. Niehaus to throw out the ceremonial first pitch for the inaugural game at Safeco Field, an honor that brought him to tears.

Mr. Niehaus will be remembered by his wife Marilyn, his children Andy, Matt and Greta, his six grandchildren Zach, Steven, Madeline, Alexa, Audrey and Spencer, and the greater Mariners community.

HONORING THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF RONALD AND PATRICIA ANDREWS

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Ronald and Patricia Andrews. On November 26, 2010, Ron and Pat will celebrate a half century of their union.

The Andrews were married in St. Mary Magdalen Church in Melvindale, Michigan. Pat grew up in Melvindale and graduated from Central Michigan University. Ron grew up in Bay City, Michigan and graduated from the University of Michigan. They have three wonderful children: Sandy, Chris and Jennifer and they are the proud grandparents of three granddaughters: Alexandra, Alison and Alyssa.

My wife Deborah and I have known Pat and Ron for decades. Ron is a retired teacher and coach from Trenton High School. He is the treasurer of the Trenton American Legion and is an inductee of the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame. Pat has been a member on the Board of Directors in numerous organizations ranging from the Salvation Army to the Detroit Area Girl Scouts. Along with my wife, she is a founding member of the Women Celebrating Life Downriver. Patricia was the former Focus editor of the News Herald Newspapers until she came to work for me as an immigration caseworker. She is a dedicated public servant, a fiercely loyal friend, and an ever-passionate advocate for my constituents.

It is an honor to know such decent, hard working and civic-minded people. Our community is, without question, better as a result of their years of service, and I am grateful to count them as my dear friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in honoring the 50th anniversary of the marriage of these two tremendous individuals.

REMEMBERING JAZZ MUSICIAN AND EDUCATOR HAROLD LEON BREEDEN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the memory of Leon Breeden, who passed away in August. Leon was the former University of North Texas (UNT) College of Music Jazz Studies Director and one of our Nation's great music educators.

Harold Leon Breeden was born on October 3, 1921, in Guthrie, Oklahoma, and raised in Wichita Falls, Texas, where his parents owned a service station. He earned his Bachelor's and Master's of Music degrees from Texas Christian University. He served his Nation in World War II, where he played in the United States Army's 69th Infantry Division Band. After his discharge he worked as band director at Texas Christian and later at Texas High School, before joining the UNT faculty.

Leon served as the director of the UNT Jazz Studies program and the renowned One O'Clock Band from 1959 to 1981. Under his guidance, he led the One O'clock Lab Band in performances worldwide. In 1967, the band performed at the White House, sharing the stage with Duke Ellington and Stan Getz. Leon began the band's long-held tradition of recording an album every year. Under his direction, the band earned multiple Grammy nominations, making it the first university band in the Nation to earn the prized nomination.

The One O'Clock Lab Band received almost 50 national awards for group and individual performance with Leon at the helm. He led the band as it performed at the prestigious Montreux International Jazz Festival in Switzerland, as well as tours in Germany, Mexico, Portugal and the Soviet Union. Leon is responsible for moving the rehearsal time of the premier jazz band from 2 p.m. to 1 p.m., which presented the One O'Clock Lab Band with its iconic name.

It is apparent that Leon was a great musician, but more importantly, he used that musicianship to also be a great educator. Jazz was not commonly welcomed in the area of academia until men like Leon Breeden came along. Not only did Leon help bring respectability to jazz studies, he was an outstanding teacher. He was well known for combining strict teaching of fundamentals of the genre with encouragement for his charges to produce original compositions and arrangements.

Leon's legacy at UNT is one of dedication to fostering his aspiring musicians' creativity. His students often found their own creative work as soloists, composers and arrangers highlighted for the band's performances and recordings. Leon was known for his devotion to the highest standards of professionalism. During his tenure he worked to expand the jazz studies faculty and improve facilities, and while he was very organized in his duties, he was always accessible to his students.

Leon's dedication to his students' education was recounted in a national newspaper. After a performance in the 1970's, when the One O'Clock Lab Band accompanied Ella Fitzgerald, Ms. Fitzgerald asked if she could take the band on the road with her. He respectfully declined. He could not permit his students to miss so much class time.

A respected clarinetist, saxophonist, arranger and composer, Leon wrote arrangements performed by such groups as the Boston Pops and the Cleveland and Cincinnati orchestras. He was honored as Outstanding Professor in 1976 at UNT. Recognizing his contributions, the Texas Legislature proclaimed May 3, 1981 as "Leon Breeden Day."

In 1985, he was inducted into the Hall of Fame for the National Association of Jazz Educators, and in 2003, the North Texas Jazz Festival unveiled the Leon Breeden Award for best middle school or high school big band.

The academic status jazz enjoys today finds much of its foundation in the work of Leon and his fellow music educators, who fought to bring jazz into the university music curriculum.

Leon was a dedicated family man, educator and public servant. He is survived by his daughter and three grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to join his family and fellow musicians, educators and students in honoring the life of Leon Breeden. His mission to pass on the art of jazz to future generations is an example that will continue to benefit the arts and education for years to come. I am honored to have represented him in the U.S. House of Representatives.

REGARDING WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the UN Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

World Remembrance Day was established to honor the memory of those who have been injured or killed in traffic accidents around the world. The day was set aside as a sign of the world's commitment to preventing road traffic deaths, to educating drivers and pedestrians about the hazards of road travel and to improving the safety of our roads.

Road crashes are the leading cause of death globally for people between the ages of 5 and 29 years old. According to the 2009 Global Status Report on Road Safety, nearly 1,300,000 people globally die in road crashes each year. Unless action is taken, it is predicted that road traffic injuries could double by 2030, killing an estimated 2,400,000 people per year.

As an original sponsor of H. Res. 1696, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the UN's "Decade of Action for Road Safety", I encourage my colleagues to join me in support of the ideals of road safety and in honoring the memory of those who have been injured or killed in traffic crashes around the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, November 18, 2010, Monday, November 29, 2010, and Tuesday, November 30, 2010, I was not present for seven recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following way: Roll No. 580—"yea"; Roll No. 581—"yea"; Roll No. 582—"yea"; Roll No. 583—"nay"; Roll No. 584—"nay"; Roll No. 585—"yea"; and Roll No. 586—"yea".

IN HONOR OF THE LEWISVILLE FEED MILL

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Lewisville Feed Mill in Lewisville, Texas. After a 124 year history as a cornerstone of the economic community, the mill will close its doors at the end of October.

The Lewisville Feed Mill has operated continuously since opening for business in 1886 and has remained a family related business ever since. Along with other agriculture related businesses such as a grist mill and a cotton gin, the mill helped spur the economic growth of early Lewisville.

As Lewisville's landscape shifted from an agricultural center to a suburban business area, the Lewisville Feed Mill adapted. The business was sustained by carrying lawn care products and pet supplies, along with small scale farming gear.

The mill's current owner is James Polser, who has managed to hang onto part of Lewisville's small-town atmosphere and recreate it for others to see. The building is filled with memorabilia from past generations, much of it on public display. Mr. Polser is known for welcoming visitors with old-town friendliness.

The Lewisville Feed Mill has long served as a gathering spot. The seats overlooking Main Street have been occupied by local residents, businessmen and civic leaders who stopped by for coffee and fellowship. It has evolved to a multi-generational destination, as visitors who first came to the mill in their youth, now bring their children and grandchildren.

During these times of constant rush and change, James Polser is to be commended for keeping us connected to a traditional way of life. I am grateful to have had the Lewisville Feed Mill in the 26th District of Texas.

CALLING FOR DIGNITY, COMFORT, AND SUPPORT FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 323, which supports efforts in ensuring that all Holocaust survivors in the United States are able to live in comfort and dignity. I am proud to co-sponsor H. Con. Res. 323 and I thank my colleague, Congresswoman DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ for introducing this resolution.

The Nazis systematically exterminated over six million Jewish people and killed between 11 and 17 million people overall. They established concentration camps, including the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka, Belzec, and Sobibor where they worked people to death and systematically exterminated them.

There are approximately 127,000 Holocaust survivors currently living in the United States. These survivors live everyday with the scars from this tragedy. They were forced to live in concentration, labor, or death camps where

they were tortured by Nazi soldiers. Those individuals "lucky enough" to escape the labor camps, were forced to flee their countries leaving their families, homes, and possessions behind.

All of the Holocaust survivors are at least 65 years old with the majority being over 75. These individuals are five times more likely to be living in poverty than other Americans their age. More than two-thirds live alone.

Non-profit organizations provide many essential services to Holocaust survivors. These organizations often are underappreciated for all of the great work that they do. I am pleased that this resolution also recognizes the efforts of these organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H. Con. Res. 323. We must work to ensure that all Holocaust survivors are able to live out their remaining years in comfort and dignity.

RECOGNIZING THE MARCUS HIGH SCHOOL BAND

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Marcus High School Band from Flower Mound, Texas and their recent outstanding achievement in winning the 2010 Class 5A UIL State Marching Championship. The 300+ band members represent the communities of Highland Village, Double Oak, Copper Canyon and Flower Mound. They are very capably led by Director of Bands, Amanda Drinkwater and Associate Directors David Simon, Dominic Talanca and Kennan Wylie, and Color Guard Director John Leonard.

These accomplished young people deserve praise for their hard work and dedication. Student leaders of the Marcus Band are Drum Majors Connor Brem, Josh Dover, Kaitlyn Harry and Kevin Jones, and Color Guard Captain Kelsey Branson. They have an exceptional support system in the family and community members who comprise the Marcus Band Boosters.

The Marcus Band has the enviable reputation as one of the preeminent marching bands in the United States. Over the past thirty years, the band has earned hundreds of awards and honors. The Marcus Band's devotion to excellence resulted in the unparalleled achievement of winning this prestigious state title for the third straight time.

Madam Speaker, it is truly an honor to have the opportunity to commend the Marcus High School Band. I am proud to represent the exemplary administrators, teachers, staff and students that comprise the Lewisville Independent School District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING MIKE KERNS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a fellow resident of the city of

Petaluma, Mike Kerns, who retires in December after serving 12 years on the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

Mike and I go back many years. When I was serving on the Petaluma City Council, Mike was the big, friendly cop who was involved in the city's tobacco and drug education programs. He served in many positions on the Petaluma Police Force beyond the usual enforcement programs. Mike was a Crisis Team Supervisor, a Peer Counseling Supervisor and a Youth Diversion Counselor and the department's liaison to the Stop Tobacco Access to Minors Program, which significantly reduced illegal tobacco sales to children and teens. He is best known, however, for his role as Press Information Officer in the Polly Klass kidnapping. He became a familiar face on television and his calm demeanor and his compassion for the victim and her family provided a sense of stability as the public witnessed the unfolding of a senseless tragedy.

Mike Kerns was born and raised in Napa, California. He was an athletic young man and in 1967 won a Golden Gloves championship. He began his public service career as a counselor for the Jobs Corps in Pleasanton. In 1973 he put on his first blue uniform as a police officer for the city of Tiburon in Marin County. In 1978 he transferred to the Petaluma Police Department, and was promoted to Sergeant in 1980. Sergeant Kerns married Carol Madsen the next year and they raised two children, Katie and Matt.

In 1998 following the retirement of popular, veteran Supervisor Jim Harberson, Mike was elected to represent the 2nd District for the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. His "southern Sonoma" district includes the cities of Petaluma and Cotati and a portion of Rohnert Park, along with the unincorporated agricultural communities of Penngrove, Two Rock, Bloomfield and Valley Ford. Mike's humor, directness and listening skills have served him well in dealing with his diverse constituency.

Mike also represents a portion of Sonoma County's bay lands, an area public agencies, non-profits and citizen's groups have joined together to restore watersheds and wetlands. Mike counts among his biggest achievements in office the county's purchase of the 1769-acre Cardoza Ranch in 2005. Now known as the Tolay Lake Regional Park, it includes hills and grasslands, a seasonal lake, creeks, ponds and wetlands, and is a major wintering stopover for migrating waterfowl. The park is currently under development with plans calling for new hiking and biking trails, a natural and historic education center and restoration of Tolay Lake.

Supervisor Kerns should also be congratulated for his major role in the Supervisors' decision to place on the ballot two successful transportation measures which provided the financial foundation for the long-awaited widening of Highway 101 and the future construction of the SMART rail system. These transportation improvements will help ensure that Sonoma County continues to have corridor-centered growth while lowering its carbon emissions and more quickly move goods and people.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mike Kerns for his years of service as both a law enforcement officer and a lawmaker, and wish him a well-deserved happy, and healthy retirement.

CONGRATULATING DR. JERRY ROY UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS LEWISVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to congratulate Dr. Jerry Roy upon his retirement from the position of Superintendent of the Lewisville Independent School District (LISD) and to recognize his many contributions to LISD and its communities.

As Superintendent of Schools, Roy has expertly guided the rapidly growing district since 2001. LISD currently serves all or part of the communities of Lewisville, Flower Mound, Carrollton, The Colony, Highland Village, Copper Canyon, Hebron, Double Oak, Frisco, Plano, Grapevine, Coppell and Argyle, and includes seven high schools, fifteen middle schools and forty-one elementary schools. Under Dr. Roy's capable leadership, the district has grown from 51 campuses to 66 and student enrollment has expanded from 39,000 to well over 50,000. The district has earned a "Recognized" rating from the Texas Education Agency for the second consecutive year.

During his distinguished tenure at LISD, Roy has been nominated three times for Texas Superintendent of the Year and was named the Region XI 2006 Superintendent of the Year. In addition, he has served on the Texas Commissioner of Education's TASA Cabinet of Superintendents, University Interscholastic League Legislative Counsel and many other professional organizations. Currently, he serves on the Texas Association of School Administrators' Executive Committee as well as the Board of Directors for the Lewisville Chamber of Commerce.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to congratulate and recognize the accomplishments of Dr. Jerry Roy, Superintendent of Schools of the Lewisville Independent School District. I am joined by the citizens, colleagues, teachers, parents and students of LISD in wishing him well upon his retirement. It is a privilege to represent such a dedicated community leader and public servant who has had such a positive influence on the lives and futures of thousands of students in the United States House of Representatives.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,860,773,759,018.43.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,222,348,012,724.60 so far this Congress.

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

WORLD AIDS DAY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize December 1, 2010, as "World AIDS Day". This day was designated as such in 1988 by the World Health Organization and from then on, we have continued to uphold the tradition.

As we embark upon the thirtieth year of the HIV/AIDS virus, we should reflect on so many Americans and others around the world that have died from this devastating disease. My district of Brooklyn, New York is considered the epicenter of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States for African Americans, women, adolescents, and children. With this alarming revelation, 87 percent, of which 7 percent are under the age of 13, are persons of color living with the HIV/AIDS virus. Brooklyn has been heavily affected by this deadly disease for over the past three decades and we have the city's highest prevalence rates. It was estimated that 27,000 Brooklyn residents were living with HIV/AIDS in 2008, and 1,027 were newly diagnosed. There are several thousand more who are infected with the virus, but don't even know it! That's why it is critical to get this message out across the nation: get tested, it could save your life.

Today, on World AIDS Day, the mayor of my home state of New York, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg announced a new initiative to fight against HIV/AIDS called "Brooklyn Knows". This is a community-based test effort that aims to help a half-million Brooklyn residents learn their HIV status over the next four years. It highlights the city's leadership to date in making HIV testing a routine part of health care.

Like the World Health Organization and my great state of New York, I want to encourage everyone to take a stand by putting in place preventive mechanisms to eradicate this deadly disease. I want to be clear that I am not asking you to solve this epidemic alone, but I feel it is our responsibility to take whatever steps and measures are necessary to put into place mandatory requirements for our medical providers to offer voluntary HIV testing to their patients.

Once again, I ask that we all take a stand and make a difference to ensure another life is saved from this deadly disease.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 9168 IN LEWISVILLE, TEXAS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9168. On November 12, 2010, the VFW Post 9168 celebrates its 50th Anniversary of service to the community.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is a nonprofit veterans' service organization composed of combat veterans and those who currently

serve on active duty or in the Guard and Reserves. Even after completing military careers, members continue to serve their nation and fellow veterans through the offering of assistance programs for troop and family support, transitioning and veterans advocacy.

In 1960, the VFW was chartered and serves the veterans of Lewisville, Flower Mound, Highland Village and The Colony. Throughout its time in North Texas, the members of VFW Post 9168 have sponsored Boy Scout troops and delivered home cooked meals to countless veterans.

The VFW has long been an advocate for inspiring our Nation's future. Post 9168 serves in local schools and hosts scholarship competitions to help students fund and continue their education.

To commemorate its 50th Anniversary, the VFW is once again reaching out to the community. They are inviting the whole community with the intent to reaching out to more service members, their families and Texans as a whole.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to recognize this outstanding organization. I am proud to represent VFW Post 9168 and its members in the United States House of Representatives.

IN HONOR OF DR. CHALMERS
JOHNSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, Congresswoman MARCY KAPTUR and I rise today to honor the life and work of Dr. Chalmers Johnson. Best known as an influential Asian studies scholar and economist, his insights changed the landscape of Asian political economics. His brilliance touched the lives of the many students he taught throughout his career, and his work provides understanding and vision to many others around the world.

Dr. Johnson's fascination with Asia first began while he was serving our country in the Navy during the Korean War. While in Japan, his interest in the politics and economy of the region was ignited, and he began to learn Japanese. His career in the field of political economy started at the University of California at Berkeley, where he earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees before joining the political science department. He later founded the Japan Policy Research Institute, which provides research and public education in the field of Japanese public policy.

He went on to have a prodigious writing career, which included many ideas that challenged contemporary scholarly theory in Asian political economics. For example, he was one of the first to suggest that famine, not ideology or personalities, drove the Chinese Revolution, and that the recovery of the Japanese economy after World War II was state-driven, rather than a product of the free market. These and other groundbreaking insights heavily influenced later political economic thought and discussion.

Later in his career, he became a vocal opponent of major aspects of American foreign policy, writing several books decrying America's increasing global military presence as an attempt at empire-building. In the process, he became a public figure and a voice of opposition to the expansion of American military power and global military hegemony.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join Congresswoman MARCY KAPTUR and me in honoring the life and work of Dr. Chalmers Johnson. The boldness of his scholarship will be remembered as revolutionary, and his bibliography will be viewed by many students to come as defining in the areas of Asian studies, political economy, and international relations.

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, December 2, 2010 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED
DECEMBER 3

9 a.m.

Armed Services

To continue hearings to examine the report on the Department of Defense Working Group that conducted a comprehensive review of the issues associated with a repeal of section 654 of title 10, United States Code, "Policy Concerning Homosexuality in the Armed Forces".

SD-G50

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the employment situation for November 2010.

SH-216

DECEMBER 7

2:15 p.m.

Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 3688, to establish an international professional exchange program, S. 1633, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, S. 3798, to authorize appropriations of United States assistance to help eliminate conditions in foreign prisons and other detention facilities that do not meet minimum human standards of health, sanitation, and safety, S. Con. Res. 71, recognizing the United States national interest in

helping to prevent and mitigate acts of genocide and other mass atrocities against civilians, and supporting and encouraging efforts to develop a whole of government approach to prevent and mitigate such acts, S. Res. 680, supporting international tiger conservation efforts and the upcoming Global Tiger Summit in St. Petersburg, Russia, S.J. Res. 37, calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 35th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act, S. 2982, to combat international violence against women and girls, Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-23), international Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, adopted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on November 3, 2001, and signed by the United States on November 1, 2002 (the "Treaty") (Treaty Doc. 110-19), and the nominations of Thomas R. Nides, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, William R. Brownfield, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, and Suzan D. Johnson Cook, of New York, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, all of the Department of State, Paige Eve Alexander, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Alan J. Patricof, of New York, and Mark Green, of Wisconsin, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, and a routine list in the foreign service.

S-116, Capitol

2:30 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the state of the credit union industry.

SD-538

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine catastrophic preparedness, focusing on FEMA.

SD-342

DECEMBER 8

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine border security, focusing on the challenge of protecting Federal lands.

SD-342

Indian Affairs

To resume oversight hearings to examine how the Indian Health Service will correct mismanagement in the Aberdeen area.

SD-628

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 3675, to amend chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code, to address reorganization of small businesses, S. 2888, to amend section 205 of title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualifying law school students participating in legal clinics from the application of the general conflict of interest rules under such section, S. 1598, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system, and the nominations of Max Oliver Cogburn, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Robert Neil Chatigny, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Marco A. Hernandez, and Michael H. Simon, both to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Steve C. Jones, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Patti B. Saris, of Massachusetts, to be Chair, and Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings to examine the efficiency, stability, and integrity of the United States capital markets.

SD-538

DECEMBER 9

2:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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

To hold hearings to examine delivering results through multilateral institutions, focusing on United States employment in the United Nations.

SD-342