

1971, 1972, Presidential Citation—National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education in 1984, Service to the Community Directory of Distinguished Americans in 1981, District Award of Merit—Natchez Trace District for the Boy Scouts of America in 1987, For Service to Scouting as Vice Chairman of Natchez Trace District in 1976 and Certificate of Appreciation—Co-Lin Junior College Board of Trustees in 1987.

RECOGNIZING MRS. MILLIE KINDIG AS THE 2011 WASHINGTON COUNTY ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Millie Kindig as the 2011 Washington County Rookie Teacher of the Year.

A graduate of Florida State University, Millie Kindig received her degree in 2002 and moved with her husband to Alachua County, Florida where she began her teaching career. Four years ago, Mrs. Kindig and her family moved back to Northwest Florida, and she began teaching at Chipley High School in Washington County.

Our many great teachers inspire their students to pursue excellence and to achieve greatness. During her short time in Washington County, Mrs. Kindig has proven to be an inspiring instructor. She helps mold the leaders of our future by providing a mathematical education that will give them the tools needed to succeed. She currently teaches Algebra, Geometry and Analysis of Functions. Her expertise is invaluable to her students.

Mrs. Kindig's success in the classroom shows that with hard-work and commitment, young educators can be just as successful as their more senior colleagues. Her recognition as the Washington County Rookie Teacher of the Year is a reflection of her undeniable excellence in the classroom. She is among the great teachers in Northwest Florida, and Washington County is honored to have her as one of their own.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Millie Kindig for her accomplishments and her continuing commitment to excellence at Chipley High School. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mrs. Kindig, and we wish her all the best.

HONORING STEWARD ROSENGRANT

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my constituent, Mr. Steward Rosengrant, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Steward was born on February 11, 1931 on a farm in Elmhurst, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania.

Steward, one of eight children, spent all of his childhood on the family farm. He grad-

uated in 1949 from the Lake Vocational High School. Upon his graduation, Steward was hired full-time as a milk tester in Bradford County. He attended Pennsylvania State University classes focusing on milk testing and feed management. Steward is also a veteran, having served our country for two years in the United States Army.

In 1957, Steward became a Dairy Herd Improvement Association tester and he served as President of the Association for two terms and retired from the Association after 44 years of dedicated service.

Steward Rosengrant is deeply committed to his community in Bradford County. He held the position of Bradford County Manager for 28 years. He served as Treasurer of the Bradford County Dairy Promotion Board for 32 years. And he was actively involved in the Troy Fair where he worked at the promotion booth, dipped ice cream, made milk shakes, and retrieved supplies for the booths. Steward served as the President of the Wysox Volunteer Fire Company for 10 years in addition to serving on several committees. He has also been a member of the Wysox Ambulance Association for 15 years and currently serves as the Director. Steward has been a member of the Towanda Methodist Church for 40 years and served on many committees.

Steward married his wife, Barbara, on November 11, 1965. The couple has lived in their home in Bradford County since 1965 where they raised 4 children and now have 11 grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor Steward Rosengrant on his 80th birthday and ask my colleagues to join me in praising his commitment to his family, his community, and our nation.

EDWARD A. RAPS TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Edward Raps, of Del Norte, Colorado. Undersheriff Raps was recently appointed Rio Grande undersheriff.

Undersheriff Raps served in the U.S. Army for four years, where he served in the Airborne as a military traffic accident investigator, and as a traffic division leader. His military experience provided an ideal backdrop for his transition to civilian law enforcement.

Undersheriff Raps' expansive career in law enforcement includes work in Missouri, El Paso County, Kit Carson County, and the Colorado Corrections Association. He served as Kit Carson County Sheriff for a number of years as well. Attending numerous classes, certificate programs and schools over the past few decades, Edward's law enforcement pedigree is well-rounded and extensive.

He has a passion for agriculture and the outdoors. Aside from having an extensive knowledge and background in farming and agriculture, Edward is a supporter of wildlife habitat preservation, and also teaches youth courses in hunter safety.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Undersheriff Raps for his service to the law enforcement field. Any organization is lucky to have him, and I would like to thank him for

decades of service in both the civilian and military law enforcement fields.

HONORING OSCAR PRICE, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Oscar Price Jr. Mr. Price who was born in Robinsonville, MS on July 24, 1953 to the late Oscar, Sr. and Dora. Encouraged by his parents, Oscar Jr., learned the value of education at an early age. Oscar attended school at Christian Spring Church where he was taught by the late Edna Pullam Carpenter. Soon after, Oscar attended school at Shallow Baptist Church and later transferred to Rosa Fort Elementary during the early 60s. Price furthered his education, attended grade school, middle school, and completed his coursework in 1972. He worked on farms and returned to school to graduate from Rosa Fort High School, Class of 73. Oscar completed various technical courses and educational training to advance in a competitive job market.

Oscar, at an early age, confessed Christ at Good Hope #1 Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend R. Douglas. Price participated in various church activities that taught good morals, sound values, and respect for others. Price earned the role of becoming a junior deacon at his church. He served his church family and community through volunteering and participating in events. Later, Price became a Deacon at Good Hope where he continues to worship. In addition, to this spiritualistic accomplishment, Price has now served as the Chairman of the Deacon Board for over twenty years.

Oscar's employment career began on local farms. Later, he became a student bus driver. Leaving high school in December 1972, Oscar was employed as a laborer at Amax Aluminum in Hernando, MS. Price was promoted to the maintenance department. Shortly after that promotion, Price's hard work paid off. He was promoted to one of the few tool and die repairmen. Price later ended his employment journey at Amax and began employment at Texas Gas Transmission in 1978. Oscar continued his work at Texas Gas Transmission as a maintenance man and plant operator. Price recently retired after 32 years of employment at Texas Gas Transmission.

Oscar married Mary Ann Camper on May 20, 1975. He is the proud father of four children: Markuette, Oscar III, Gureka, Toynga. Price is also the proud grandfather of Oscar IV and Taunta Price.

From 1981 to 1983 Oscar served as the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) President for Tunica County School District. Later, he was elected to the Tunica County School Board where he served as Secretary for many years, and later became President of the School Board. Oscar served a total of eighteen years on the School Board of Tunica County. One of his most prize honors is when he worked with families, his community, and Tunica County's faculty, staff, and administrators to remove their students from corrective action. Price received numerous awards for being a proactive band parent, athletic booster, and community volunteer and representative. He also worked with community leaders

and other board members to build two of Tunica's new schools: Robinsonville Elementary and Tunica Middle School.

In addition to his service, Price joined the NAACP and was elected as the President of the Robinsonville Chapter. Also, Price served as Jr. Warden at Lake Cormorant Masonic Lodge.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Chairman, upon further examination of the Weiner amendment, I find myself unable to support the measure. I am committed to full funding of the COPS program, but as I mentioned last night, I cannot countenance the dramatic cut to NASA. Without a clear enough pathway to restore the NASA funds that would be used in the offset, I will focus instead on defeating the broader attack on COPS in the continuing resolution itself.

HONORING MS. JACKIE SHORTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Jackie Shorter born July 25, 1960 to Mr. and Mrs. Willie and Robbie Shorter in Vicksburg, Mississippi. She graduated from Warren Central High School in 1978 and furthered her education by receiving a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Alcorn State University.

Ms. Shorter has been in education for 23 years and presently teaches at South Park Elementary School. She has dedicated all of her life to helping others. She has been the Girl Scout Troop Leader of Troop # 5119 for 12 years and serves as an active member of the Vicksburg Alcorn State Alumni Chapter for 18 years. She is also an active member of her church, Locust Grove M.B. Church, Vicksburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Negro Business and Professional Women Club, member of Eastern Star, Lady of Knight, Daughters of Sphinx, Heroines of Jericho, Warren County Sunday School Institute and a member of the NAACP.

While most of her passion is volunteering at nursing homes and the summer program at the local library, Ms. Jackie Shorter still finds time to share her love throughout the community helping others.

KOHLER McINNIS TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Kohler McInnis of Durango, Colorado, for his courage in the face of a direct threat of his life. His recent actions protected the lives of his fellow classmates, teachers, and St. Columba Catholic School staff. Kohler's actions were celebrated with the Citizen Commendation Award, presented by Durango Police Chief David J. Felice.

Last April, Kohler was a seventh-grader at St. Columba Catholic School, when a fellow student told Kohler that he was planning on using a gun he had brought to school to harm one of the teachers. Despite a death threat from the student if Kohler told anyone, Kohler put aside his own well-being for the sake of others and informed a staff member of his classmate's intention. After a quick search of the student's belongings, a .22 caliber pistol was found.

Kohler's actions show his strong inclination to do the right thing regardless of consequence or outcome. Kohler not only protected the lives of those around him, but gave a misguided child a second chance at a successful life.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Kohler McInnis for his exceptional conduct in the face of personal harm. I thank him for his ability to stand strong for what he believes right.

HONORING REVEREND PAUL E.
LUCKETT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Paul E. Luckett. Reverend Luckett proudly serves as Elder in the Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church. Currently, he serves as pastor of Saint Paul United Methodist Church and Blessed Trinity United Methodist Church. His divinely anointed duties encompass serving as Chairperson of the West Jackson Vicksburg District Board of Ordained Ministry, member of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, member of the Bishop and Superintendent Advisory Committee, and supporting Elder of the Ethnic Ministry Church Committee.

Reverend Luckett received his formal education from Jackson State University, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. He later obtained his Master's of Divinity degree in Pastoral Care and Christian Education from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. With a sound educational background and a spirit rich with love for helping others, Reverend Luckett has devoted his life to uplifting those less fortunate in his community. He is a strong advocate and member of the Clinton Branch of Habitat for Humanity, works adamantly with Campus Ministry (organization designed to assist students with financial aid and Christian

guidance), and helps to enrich the lives of the elderly and underprivileged through his volunteer work at the Clinton Christian Community Cooperation.

FULL-YEAR CONTINUING
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes:

Mr. REYES. Mr. Chair, I rise in strong support for the amendment to H.R. 1 to restore funding for the Pell Grant and stand in firm opposition to the underlying bill.

The Pell Grant is extremely vital to help economically disadvantaged students pay for higher education. In fact, over 55,000 students in my congressional district use the Pell Grant to pay for their higher education costs.

I am highly disappointed that after years of hard work by previous Congresses to increase the maximum Pell Grant award to \$5,500, the Republican Continuing Resolution today would cut Pell Grant resources by \$5.6 billion reducing the maximum Pell Grant award by \$845. Indeed, this cut would translate into a loss of tens of millions of dollars in financial aid for students in my congressional district alone.

As Congress looks to enact the full year Continuing Resolution for fiscal year 2011, H.R. 1, I urge my colleagues to oppose amendments that seek to cut critical education funding and severely impact the future of our students, communities, and nation. While cutting the deficit is important, doing so at the expense of special education grants for local school districts, Head Start for children, and Pell Grants to underserved college students, among other educational initiatives, is the wrong approach and unacceptable.

As it stands, H.R. 1 would not only make it more difficult for college students to afford a higher education, but it also would make it difficult for K-12 schools to provide beneficial services like after school tutoring, or much needed literacy, math and science supplemental education. In fact, as written, H.R. 1 will cut:

Head Start by over \$1 billion, leaving an estimated 127,000 poor children without access to early childhood education, health, and social services and the potential loss of over 14,000 jobs;

ESEA Title IA funding by \$693 million, eliminating critical resources that help schools assist educationally underserved children in high-poverty schools and by some estimates would reduce or eliminate services for 957,000 high-risk children and result in the loss of over 9,000 education jobs;

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, IDEA, state grants by \$557 million, leaving already struggling states and school districts with fewer resources to meet the needs of over 324,000 students with disabilities and resulting in the loss of another 7,000 education jobs;