

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE CITIZENS OF OAK LAWN FOR INDEPENDENTLY FUNDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 9/11 MONUMENT

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Village of Oak Lawn and its commitment to honoring the heroes and victims of 9/11 with a monument to be dedicated on September 11, 2011—the ten year anniversary of the terrorist attacks. Located in my district, this community has come together to fund the construction of a monument to be built with four beams from the World Trade Center in memoriam of that tragic day and the brave first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Erik Blome, a Chicago native whose public works projects can be found throughout the nation, has unveiled a design that will include a “forest of beams” memorializing the first responders and the resiliency of the American spirit. The symbolism of beams from the World Trade Center coupled with the artistic skill of Mr. Blome will produce a lasting and poignant monument to help Oak Lawn residents remember our national loss and those heroes who responded for generations to come.

Led by the Oak Lawn Rotary Club, the residents of Oak Lawn, Illinois are coming together to raise money to fund construction of the monument. Through community fundraisers and generous donations by Oak Lawn citizens, businesses, and organizations, the local community will independently fund the Oak Lawn 9/11 Monument.

I am proud to recognize the Village of Oak Lawn for its strong history of philanthropy and community involvement. Please join me in celebrating the residents of Oak Lawn and the Oak Lawn Rotary Club for its leadership in ensuring that the lives of the September 11th first responders are not forgotten. I know the project will continue to be a great success and I look forward to visiting the memorial once completed.

RECOGNIZING TRISTAN FISSETTE

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to recognize Tristan Fissette, an exceptional and accomplished young man from the Sixth District of Illinois. Tristan is a recent recipient of a grant award from Our Military Kids and was selected as one of four honorary “Our Military Kids of the Year.”

Serving our country requires an extraordinary sacrifice from service members and their families. Founded in 2004, Our Military

Kids has provided grants to children of deployed military personnel to be put towards fine arts activities, sports programs and academic tutoring.

At the early age of eight, Tristan began taking karate lessons. His primary aspiration was to obtain a black belt by the time his father returned from his second deployment to Kuwait. With the help of a grant from Our Military Kids, and personal determination, Tristan was able to reach this goal. Tristan has also been involved in “Feed My Starving Children,” a distribution program that prepares bags of food for children in need in developing countries. At home, Tristan has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to his family and community. In his father’s absence, Tristan has been diligent about completing household chores and maintains excellent grades in school. As the eldest child, he has set a good example for his younger brother and sister. Tristan possesses great potential, and it will be incredible to see how he applies his talents in the future.

April is the Month of the Military Child, and as such, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate this special occasion. Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in honoring Tristan for his remarkable achievements.

RECOGNIZING LARRY SHARP

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I stand before you today to honor Mr. Larry Sharp, Executive Director of the International Institute/LACASA—IILC, an organization that specializes in assisting individuals with immigration and citizenship concerns. For over 30 years, Larry has devoted his time and efforts to this organization, touching the lives of countless individuals. Mr. Sharp will be honored for his many years of service at an event hosted by the Gary Historical and Cultural Society, Inc., on Saturday, April 9, 2011, at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary.

Founded in 1919, the International Institute’s main purpose was to assist foreign born individuals in their adjustment to American life by providing home visits with bilingual volunteers and workers. Continuing on this path, the organization continued to enhance the services it offered, and the Institute organized the first English classes for the foreign born. In 1945, a major focus of the organization was immigration and naturalization, and in 1958, the International Institute was accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals to represent individuals before the Department of Homeland Security. In 2002, the International Institute and LACASA, an organization serving the Hispanic community, merged to form what is now known as the International Institute/LACASA and is also known as the International Com-

munity Alliance. Today, the organization’s mission is to “serve and advocate for low and moderate-income immigrants and Hispanics in immigration, naturalization, adult education, youth leadership development, food assistance, confronting domestic abuse, promoting cultural diversity, and fatherhood programs.”

Larry Sharp was born in LaPorte, Indiana, and is a graduate of Ball State University. He joined the Peace Corps in 1969 and was stationed in Peru. There, he learned to speak Spanish and met the love of his life, his wife, Taia Caroll. In 1979, Larry became Executive Director of the International Institute. Since 1982, Larry has been accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals to represent individuals. Mr. Sharp continues to directly assist numerous people with citizenship and immigration issues daily. Through Larry’s outstanding leadership and incredible passion, the International Institute/LACASA, has become an effective and compassionate program for all immigrants who need support.

Larry’s dedication to the community and his career is exceeded only by his devotion to his amazing family. Larry and his wonderful wife, Taia, have two children, Neil and Taia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Mr. Larry Sharp as he is honored for his lifetime of service and dedication to foreign born individuals within the communities of Northwest Indiana, Illinois, and beyond. Larry continues to touch the lives of countless people, and for his unselfish, lifelong commitment, he is worthy of the highest praise.

INAUGURAL SPEECH OF PRESIDENT JOE URGO, ST. MARY’S COLLEGE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I submit these inaugural remarks by an outstanding educational leader in Maryland’s Fifth District, Joe Urgo, the new President of St. Mary’s College.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS AS PRESIDENT OF ST. MARY’S COLLEGE—MARCH 26, 2011

(By Joe Urgo)

Thank you, Madame Chair, for your charge to me, which I accept with pleasure and with full knowledge of the weight of responsibility it entails.

Madame Chair and board of trustees, Congressman Hoyer, elected officials and their representatives, academic delegates, alumni, faculty, staff, students, friends, neighbors and family: I want to welcome each and every one of you and thank you for the honor of your company on this day.

It is traditional at this point in the ceremony for the new president to deliver an inaugural address. We’re going to do that, but in a different fashion, which I will explain shortly. I’d like my inaugural address to drive home three linked points, and I’ll need some help doing so. First, that our past informs our present—we cannot be effective

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agents of progress or change without an awareness of how we came to be, and of what came before us. On the institutional level, we know that the original St. Mary's school was founded as a monument to freedom and inclusiveness. We may be free, but we are not alone. This brings me to my second link, that none of us exists as an island, even if we are surrounded by water. On a personal level, we open our awareness to full recognition of who worked to clear a path for us to arrive here, on this spot, at this time. And third, to reflect on our work over the past twenty-four hours, at yesterday's symposium, work done by people who love this place and this College, and by whose passion and dedication we shall deliver on the promise of the liberal arts as a public trust.

These are the three links: (1) an acceptance of the ongoing challenge of our profound origins; (2) a shared belief that education is a collaboration; and

(3) the conviction that it is passion that will move us forward. Such is the essence of the inaugural, which is, above all else, a readiness—to be prepared, together, in the fullness of the present, inspired by an old verity: that our love for St. Mary's College will move us to accomplish something fine. Today marks a new beginning, and a reaffirmation.

But first, let's talk about me. Why me? Product of what past, and by whose assistance, have I come to this podium this afternoon? To help answer those questions, and to illustrate that none among us stands alone, I have asked the assistance of George Monteiro, professor emeritus at Brown University, and Cecelia Tichi, William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of English at Vanderbilt University. These scholars have built magnificent careers, about which you may read in the program.

In 1980, two years after my college graduation and two years into post-baccalaureate wandering, Professor Monteiro agreed to be my graduate school advisor and gave me the idea that I might have an academic career. Some of it was spoken but most of it was in temperament, sensibility, and an assumption of inclusion. I would never have conceived of and completed the PhD without George Monteiro's support—he'll deny it, but that's the kind of support I am talking about.

In 1988, I was three years past receiving my PhD, and in the second of two contingent faculty appointments. That year the English department at Vanderbilt University hired Professor Tichi into a senior level, endowed professorship—a signal accomplishment for her career. I was on a three-year non-tenure track fellowship in the department and would be gone in a year or so—a lowly accomplishment in mine. Professor Tichi became a mentor and guide, and for reasons I am not certain I know, took an interest in me, saw me through difficult early career times, and continued as confidante through the next decade of career decisions.

I have asked George and Cecelia to help me once more, by each taking a portion of the time allotted for this inaugural. They are but two individuals who have made it possible for me to be here today, as St. Mary's president; many others are in the audience. My undergraduate thesis advisor is one—Haverford professor of political science, emeritus, Harvey Glickman; my collaborator from Bryant University, Roger Anderson, professor of management; my Fulbright host from León, Spain, Professor Manuel Broncano—*qué tal estas, Manolo?*; my former colleagues and good friends from Hamilton College, Art Massolo, Susan Skerritt (of Kirkland College) Karen Leach, Dick Tantillo, Pat Reynolds, Dave Smullen, Ellie Wertimer, William Billiter, and Mary Lyons and Ed Bradley. These kind spirits in-

form my own—I have them with me all the time; it is an honor to share this installation with them today. I also note the love and support of my parents, Joe & Rose Urgo—although not with us physically, they accompany me today.

I also share this day with my lover, my partner, and my best friend, Lesley Dretar Urgo, as we have shared 28 years of marriage, six job changes for me, at least that many for her, nine household moves—and throughout the day-to-dayness of our marriage, truly a partnership of mind, body, and spirit.

That 28-year partnership produced our son, George Urgo. As every parent knows, we are also the products of our children, who supplant our childhood and replace it with renewed life as a parent. George has been a good friend since 1986, when he was born in Syracuse one day before our health insurance was to expire. His timing has always been dramatic and he has been able to masterfully infuse that quality into his life's passion. It is with a father's pride that I ask his assistance this afternoon. And I could not ask for a more suitable blues rendition on my behalf, as both a representative of my love and of my confidence in the future.

Professor Monteiro will speak first; followed without further introduction by Professor Tichi. Once George has us ready, I'll come back to the podium with my inaugural remarks to follow.

[Remarks were made by George Monteiro, Cecelia Tichi, followed by a musical performance by George Urgo]

[Joe returned to the podium]

To borrow from the cadences of our students, "I do, I do believe, I do believe I am ready to be the president of St. Mary's College"—and yes, I hope you are ready for me!

In the past nine months there has gestated in me a love for this college and a passion for its mission. And now I am ready to talk to you about it.

In the middle of William Faulkner's great novel, *Absalom, Absalom!*, after repeated failures on the part of college students Quentin and Shreve to understand the human motivations behind events they seek to comprehend, Shreve says, "And now we're going to talk about love." At that point, the roommates begin to realize that understanding, unlike regurgitation, demands emotional investment, and more, requires interpersonal, collaborative creativity. Yes, we need data; yes, we need technical skills; yes, we need assessment measures. But none of these processes and admonitions will move us forward without emotionally invested human beings. You have heard from individuals whom I have loved, depended upon, learned from, and in turn, influenced. As the president of St. Mary's College, I pledge to take this model of personal interaction, of investment in collaboration and influence, and make of it the the core value of what we do here—in learning, in teaching, in research and creativity, in daily work and in the responsibilities we share.

"And now we're going to talk about love." I speak to all lovers of learning, lovers of creativity, and to those who simply love this place. Above all, the liberal arts is about love: human passion, the engine of human emotion behind all of human history. St. Mary's College of Maryland exists in the public trust, offering the love of liberal learning—an impassioned, dedicated, humanistic endeavor—to all segments of society, supported by enlightened individuals in the great state of Maryland. Where many of our nation's finest liberal arts colleges were established as exclusive, private institutions, this one was founded on the principles of freedom and inclusiveness. As St. Mary's College trustee emeritus J. Frank Raley has reminded me, our mission is to provide an

elite education that is not elitist. Our classes are for all classes. Please join me in a salute to Mr. J. Frank Raley.

I am cognizant of the work of St. Mary's presidents and principals who have preceded me, visionaries who have guided us from 19th & 20th century seminary to 1960s junior college to 1970s public four-year college—and to today's glimpse into the future, of what will become an "elite" liberal arts education, where "elite" refers to brainpower, not family wealth. I follow men and women of remarkable dedication and courage, and am humbled by their accomplishments. With us today is the man whose vision of a public liberal arts college animates us now as it has for forty years—please help me acknowledge former St. Mary's College President Renwick Jackson.

My goal is to make the academic rigor of an elite residential liberal arts education available to all members of the coming generation who possess the will and the capacity to meet its challenge. At St. Mary's College we do not make class-distinctions for education deemed as "appropriate" to the wealthy as apart from that "appropriate" to the general population. Our mission is to combine the two greatest educational accomplishments of American civilization: public education, and the residential liberal arts college. We seek to be an engine of class mobility, helping to end the cycle of educational deprivation that afflicts too many American families.

Can we do this? Can we sustain this ambition in the face of forces that will urge us to mediocrity, urge us to do something cheaper, easier, something that in the name of efficiency devalues the collaborative, humanistic educational model of the residential liberal arts college? Former trustee, U.S. ambassador, and friend of St. Mary's, Paul Nitze, reflecting on his career, remarked, "I have been around at a time when important things needed to be done." Embedded in that simple, humble statement is an attitude of mind toward one's circumstances. "I have been around at a time when important things needed to be done." Students, faculty, staff members, alumni and friends of the College, there is important work to be done, right here, right now.

With passion and a belief in the rightness of our charge, we find there are important things to be done, and we are around to do them—I feel within me a sense that this College and this community are READY, ready for greatness. At St. Mary's College we are the beneficiaries of one of the world's most beautiful campus locations. Our natural surroundings inspire our quest for sustainable living, ordered by a responsiveness to the future of the land we occupy and the waters that surround us. In months since arriving here, Lesley and the College community have answered this beauty with human hands, working to create an arboretum on campus, further marking this site as a destination.

The historical project of St. Mary's City reminds us of the significant work done here in the past, and at the same time, warns us with mortality. As well as live and thrive, things die: they perish, they are conquered, they come to an end. Our mission above all else is to embed our ambitions into sustainable systems, so that the future is indebted to us, and not in debt because of us.

At a liberal arts college, "education" is the name we give to intellectual endeavor, to creative expression, and to the perpetuation of these impulses across generations. And now we're going to talk about love. In Faulkner's novel there is a concern that we are too quick to assign to human motivation overtly rational, design-driven origins. One character observes:

Have you noticed how so often when we try to reconstruct the causes which lead up to the actions of men and women, how with a sort of astonishment we find ourselves now and then reduced to the belief, the only possible belief, that they stemmed from some of the old virtues? (Ch 4)

Faulkner called these the old virtues—love, passion, sacrifice—the human qualities that produce what matters to humanity, from the forging of a peace agreement between contending nations, to the assistance offered a stranger in need, to the mentoring of a student, a new colleague, or to the simple preparation for class by professor and student alike.

At St. Mary's College, embedded in our mission and purpose, is the premise that great things will come of following the heart's desire. Learning to love what you do is a signal achievement of a lifetime. Finding the important thing that needs to be done, and investing yourself in that significance, sacrificing for it, and loving where it leads—this is the essence of a liberal arts education. Once immersed in poetry, in history, in science and mathematics, you'll find that passion transferable to careers and communities that will depend upon like-minded, invested human hearts and minds for their perpetuation. And in that process, forty years ahead, the community of 2051 will look back on us and say, "our way was made by the commitments of 2011, and we inherit a college that was loved, nurtured, and cared for by men and women of passion."

It is in this spirit that I ask all of us who work to maintain and advance this college community on the banks of the St. Mary's River to renew our commitment—to providing an academically elite, liberal arts education that is inclusive, public, and accessible; to fostering an egalitarian spirit on campus characterized by collaboration and cooperation, seeking methods of compromise over conquest; to installing procedures and systems, as well as bricks and mortar, that are sustainable beyond our lifetime; to considering future generations to be our partners, not our creditors; to maintaining the liberal arts in the public trust, dedicated to the young people who seek the rigors of a liberal arts education, in whose creative spirit and intellectual audacity we entrust the future of this state, this nation, and the world.

I ask you, gathered here today: Are you ready? Because I am ready—ready for the future of St. Mary's College of Maryland.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010–2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—BRANDON ROSS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the United States House of Representatives that the students of the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council, CYAC, from the Third District of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far-surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As

the Third District's young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These impressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, "CYAC in the Community has allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the U.S. Armed Forces." I am beyond thrilled that CYAC has helped students unleash their full potential and chase their dreams.

President George H.W. Bush once said, "A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens—citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."

With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council for showing themselves to be outstanding young citizens of this nation. It is my privilege to submit summaries of their work to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to be preserved for posterity and antiquity. To these young public servants, thank you, and keep up the great work! I salute you!

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

I serve as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 235 in Plano, Texas. On December 27th through December 31st, I volunteered at Camp Preston Hunt, a Boy Scout winter camp held in Texarkana, Arkansas. I was one of four adults supervising sixteen scouts from my troop. Before we left for camp, I taught the younger scouts how to pack for the week. During the week, one of my duties was to make sure our cabin was neat and organized. I also had to make sure that all scouts attended their merit badge classes. Each morning I was responsible to make sure that they all were dressed and ready for the flag raising ceremony. I taught two different hour long classes fulfilling the requirements and lessons necessary to fulfill the emergency preparedness merit badge. During free time I assisted the scouts with "homework" that was assigned to them in their various merit badge classes. One of my challenges was to keep the scouts busy during their free time. In order to be an Assistant Scoutmaster I had to complete a course in Youth Protection. The course is designed to spot abuse and to help protect adults who assist in scouting, to protect them from being accused of any misdeeds.

—Brandon Ross

RECOGNIZING PAUL HARDING OF ANNANDALE, VA, FOR RECEIVING AAA PRESIDENTIAL LIFESAVING MEDAL

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an exceptional young man in my community who has demonstrated wisdom and maturity beyond his years. Paul Hardin of

Annandale, Va., is receiving the Presidential Lifesaving Medal, one of only seven being awarded this year, in honor of his duties with the AAA School Safety Patrol program. This award is given annually to patrollers whose brave and selfless actions helped save the life of another person.

Paul is 11 years old and is a fifth grader at Canterbury Woods Elementary School, where his safety patrol post involves two-way vehicle and pedestrian traffic. On February 2, 2011, Paul physically stopped the parent of another student who was about to walk into oncoming traffic with a car within 5 to 8 feet of the crosswalk. His swift, heroic actions prevented a possible tragedy. Paul's family and his safety patrol team at Canterbury Woods Elementary should be proud of his actions and this achievement.

The AAA School Safety Patrol program is a nationwide program active in 31,000 schools with more than 600,000 students who volunteer to keep their fellow students safe before and after school. Through their duties, these students exhibit citizenship, leadership skills, and civic engagement. The AAA School Safety Patrol program pays tribute every year to patrollers who have saved someone's life during the school year. The Presidential Lifesaving Medal is the highest honor a student can receive, and it has been awarded to 392 students since 1949.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Paul Hardin on receiving the Presidential Lifesaving Medal. I extend my congratulations to Paul, his family and his fellow safety patrollers, and as we say to others in the public safety community, "Stay Safe."

THANKING THE ENGINEER MAINTENANCE COMPANY, 4TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION 4TH MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP

HON. LEE TERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Engineer Maintenance Company, 4th Maintenance Battalion 4th Marine Logistics Group of the United States Marine Corps for their hard work and dedication—both for defending our freedom, and to the Omaha running community.

The Omaha Marathon, in its 30th year, is an institution dedicated to not only health and fitness, but also to helping numerous charities and improving our environment through recycling. On September 26th, 2010, 40 Marines volunteered at the Omaha Marathon, the Half Marathon, and the Ten Kilometer road race.

The Marines lived up to their reputation—going above and beyond what they were asked to do. Prior to the day of the race, the Marine volunteers stuffed packets for the runners, helped set up the course, and prepared a pasta dinner for the competitors.

On race day, the Marines were available for help starting at 3 a.m. and staying until after the race had ended. The Marines provided a color guard presenting the National Colors, set up and tore down hydration stations, and presented medals to the finishers of the races. They truly made a positive impact on the success of the races.

Today, I want to recognize not only the service and sacrifices these brave Marines have given to our country, but their unfailing dedication to the betterment of the Omaha community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, April 7, 2011, I voted to support final passage of H.R. 1363 in error. I do not support the policies or funding levels contained within this piece of legislation, and request that the record reflect my opposition.

DISTINGUISHED HOOSIER TOM ANDERSON

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before you and my colleagues today to recognize Tom Anderson. Governor Mitch Daniels recently named Tom a Distinguished Hoosier, an annual award given to Indiana residents who have excelled in their chosen fields. Tom was selected to receive this high honor due to his many years of exceptional work with Save the Dunes Council. For his outstanding efforts, Tom will be presented with this award on Saturday, April 9, 2011, at Barker House in Michigan City, Indiana.

Save the Dunes Council was founded in 1952 with the mission to preserve, protect, and restore the Indiana Dunes and all natural resources in Northwest Indiana's Lake Michigan Watershed for an enhanced quality of life. It is one of the most knowledgeable, involved, and valued organizations in Northwest Indiana and beyond. The members of this respected organization continue to devote their time and unrelenting efforts to serve their community through the preservation of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Tom Anderson has demonstrated an enduring dedication to this organization and its ideals and for his lifelong commitment he is worthy of the highest praise.

From 1992 through 2010, Tom acted as the Executive Director of Save the Dunes Council. A major focus of Save the Dunes Council is to protect the Indiana Dunes through advocacy, education, and lobbying. During his career with Save the Dunes Council, Tom lobbied tirelessly for land protection and resources to fulfill the organization's mission of protecting and restoring natural resources within the Lake Michigan Basin. From 1994 through 2010, Tom acted as the Executive Director of the Save the Dunes Conservation Fund. The Fund protects natural resources through land protection, restoration, watershed implementations, and education. Impressively, Tom helped to increase the Fund's budget from less than \$80,000 in 2005 to over \$1 million by 2009. Presently, Tom continues his efforts with Save the Dunes Council as a member of the Save the Dunes Conservation Fund Land

Committee. Tom's undying dedication to conservation has led to him to found Conservation Connections, LLC, a company that strives to implement community-based conservation solutions.

Tom's dedication to the environment, conservation, and his career is exceeded only by his devotion to his amazing family. He is happily married to attorney Joan Wiseman Anderson, and is the proud stepfather of four children who, following his inspirational example, all have become involved with conservation, public service, and resource protection. Tom and Joan have five grandchildren and reside in Michigan City.

Mr. Speaker, Tom Anderson has selflessly dedicated his time and effort to serve his community though his work with Save the Dunes Council. His passionate commitment to improving the quality of life for countless individuals is truly inspirational, and he is deserving of the high honor which has been bestowed upon him. I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Tom Anderson on being recognized as a Distinguished Hoosier.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT EDDIE RYAN

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sergeant Edward (Eddie) Ryan, on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Marine Corps. Sergeant Ryan is an American hero. Eddie, as I have come to know him, personifies the core principles of the Marine Corps—honor, integrity and courage in the face of adversity. In fact, Sergeant Ryan has more courage than I can express through words.

Eddie Ryan started thinking about being a Marine when he was twelve years old. After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, while he was still a senior in high school, his desire to be a Marine became the driving force in his life. Eddie joined the Marines immediately after graduating high school in June 2002. Within a month, he was undergoing basic training, and by September he had begun his first tour of duty in Iraq. After his first tour ended, Eddie came home and began training to be a Marine sniper. He went on to graduate third in his class and soon became a member of Reaper 6, a team of snipers assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Division. In March 2005, Eddie began his second deployment to Iraq and, only weeks after arriving in that country, tragedy struck. On April 13, 2005, while positioned on a rooftop in Husaybah, the team came under heavy fire. Sergeant Ryan was struck by two rounds and gravely wounded. His fellow Marines rushed to his side and performed life saving first aid.

When the Ryan family was notified of their son's life threatening injuries, they flew to his side in Germany only to be told that it would be a miracle if Eddie survived, let alone talk or remember his family. Eddie proved them all wrong. He not only enjoys his memories but looks forward to creating new ones. He embraces new challenges, like "running" the Marine Corps Marathon, with anticipation. Angela

Ryan calls her son the "Miracle Marine" and we all understand why. Eddie not only survived, but for the last five years has worked with determination to be the best he could be—a decorated Marine who still understands honor and integrity; a Marine who has faced adversity and come out a winner.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the outstanding achievements of Sergeant Eddie Ryan. His courage and determination are an inspiration to us all. The Marine Corps was fortunate to have him among their ranks and we are fortunate to have him in our community. Semper Fi Sergeant Ryan, Semper Fi.

A TRIBUTE TO LESLIE LEWIS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay honor and tribute to Leslie Lewis, who has been a resident of Brooklyn since 1982 and has served as the President of the 84th Precinct Community Council for nearly two decades.

Mr. Lewis's current duties are to serve as a liaison between his local NYPD Precinct and the Brooklyn community. Every day, Leslie Lewis works tirelessly to communicate the concerns and complaints of my constituents to the district attorney's office and the police. Without his efforts, the people of my district would lack a critical element in the fight against crime and for a better quality of life.

In addition to his recent work in Brooklyn, Mr. Lewis played a behind the scenes role in one of the most iconic events of the Cold War. In the 1950s and 1960s, drawing on his experience in the exposition business, Leslie Lewis set up the famous U.S.-Soviet cultural exchange programs with the assistance of the U.S. Information Agency. This project included the famous "Kitchen Debate" between Richard Nixon and Nikita Khrushchev inside a model of a "typical" American kitchen.

Leslie Lewis is also responsible for the concept of "Job Power," developed as a way to bring employers and urban minorities together. His plan was pitched to the Department of Labor, and he received the thanks of President Nixon for his ideas. Mr. Lewis's concept evolved into the modern day job fair, a now commonly used method to bring job seekers and employers together.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Leslie Lewis for his extraordinary accomplishments and his commitment.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Leslie Lewis.

IN HONOR OF RIDGE FIRE COMPANY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ridge Fire Company on its 75th anniversary of selfless dedication and commitment to its community.

This is a great milestone and a considerable accomplishment and I take great pleasure in being able to honor the men and women of the Ridge Fire Company for their dedication and outstanding service.

For 75 years the officers, firefighters, and fire police of Ridge Fire Company have proudly and capably served and protected the thousands of citizens of northern Chester County, including the Townships of East Coventry, South Coventry, East Vincent, Warwick and West Vincent. They have always answered the call to help their neighbors in distress, whether it is putting out a fire, aiding those whose homes have flooded, or rescuing animals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Ridge Fire Company on its 75th anniversary and to honor this exemplary organization for its commitment, dedication, and outstanding history of service to its community.

IN HONOR OF COLONEL DALE
ANDERSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I stand today in honor of retired U.S. Air Force Colonel Dale Anderson, for his multi-faceted combat tour during WWII and his ongoing dedication to the development of aircraft in the decades that followed.

Mr. Anderson spent the early part of WWII as a test pilot. In 1944, he was deployed to England with, and operated tactically, the first squadron of B-17 aircraft that were developed specifically for use against German V-1 and V-2 rocket launching sites in Normandy. Mr. Anderson personally trained all flight crews of the Eighth Air Force. In 1945, he was assigned to the 99th Bomb Group in Italy, serving as Commander of the 346th Squadron and later as Deputy Group Commander. All told, Mr. Anderson has flown near 40 missions and served to advance the technology that protects our nation and pilots to this day.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Dale Anderson for his valiant service and dedication to advancing aeronautical technology. Lastly, it is no small feat that in addition to his life of service, Mr. Anderson will turn 101 in November, and is still flying!

ENERGY TAX PREVENTION ACT OF
2011

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 910) to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change, and for other purposes:

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Chair, I rise today to discuss my unwavering support for legislation this body considered on this week, and passed by large margin yesterday on this floor. Unfortunately I was detained during the final passage vote for H.R. 910, and was unable to record my support for this legislation. I wish to do so now.

For the last two years, Lisa Jackson's Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, has waged a war on the state of Texas that is destroying jobs and hampering economic growth. Texas was one of the last states hit by the recession in 2008, in large part due to its robust energy industry, with thousands of jobs connected to oil and gas exploration and production. Since taking office in 2009, President Obama has made it clear that he will do everything he can to interfere with any state using its own initiative to grow the economy and create jobs. In Mr. Obama's America, only the federal government can create jobs. We know this to be a failed experiment, yet he is still intent on doing all he can to continue to hamper the efforts of Texans to create jobs and grow the economy.

From the "flex-permitting" plan that Texas' Council on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has had implemented for over two decades, to greenhouse gas permitting, which will destroy industry all over the state and the country, the EPA is holding up permits and stifling growth at every turn.

For these reasons, and many others, I wholeheartedly support H.R. 910. I was a co-sponsor of this legislation from the very beginning. Twice during its consideration in the House Energy & Commerce Committee, I voiced my support, and was pleased to vote to pass it out of committee and have it considered on the House floor.

I regret circumstances detained me from the vote on final passage yesterday evening. I hope, however, there is no doubt that, had I been able to be present during the vote, I would have voted in the affirmative, and continue to support his legislation without reservation.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010-2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—MITCHELL POWELL

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON. of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the United States House of Representatives that the students of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council, CYAC, from the Third District of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As the Third District's young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These im-

pressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, "CYAC in the Community has allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the U.S. Armed Forces." I am beyond thrilled that CYAC has helped students unleash their full potential and chase their dreams.

President George H.W. Bush once said, "A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens—citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."

With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the 2010-2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council for showing themselves to be outstanding young citizens of this nation. It is my privilege to submit summaries of their work to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to be preserved for posterity and antiquity. To these young public servants, thank you, and keep up the great work! I salute you!

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

For my CYAC project, I volunteered at two places around my TAMS community: the TAMS Tournament and Calhoun Middle School. Through my volunteering for TAMS Tournament, I learned a great deal about the level of responsibility and coordination that is required to run a large event. I donated 9 hours of time to proctor, run, grade, and guide at the event. I met many new people from across the state, and proudly represented my community. Through my volunteering experience at Calhoun Middle School, I learned a great deal about people who do not live under such fortunate circumstances as I have been blessed with. I got the opportunity to meet and work with children who come from rougher areas, and to help these children grow and provide a good example for their future. I also got to give the teachers at Calhoun a hand in their administrative activities. I learned to appreciate my own economical safety, and the lifestyle that that safety implies. These volunteering experiences have helped me become a more active and aware member of my community. I found them both instructive and thoroughly enjoyable.

—Mitchell Powell

INTRODUCTION OF FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, at a time when the American people are asking Congress to help create more jobs, it is equally important to put in place policies that create a positive workplace environment. That is why today I am introducing the Family Medical Leave Enhancement Act.

Eighteen years ago, President Clinton signed into law the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA, P.L. 103-3), legislation that allows employees to take time off from work to care

for a new baby or sick family member. Federal workplace policies have not kept pace with the growing need to fit work commitments with the sometimes conflicting needs of children and elderly parents. This is especially so given the continued increase of women in the workforce. It's time to enhance this landmark legislation.

In our current economic recovery, many families are finding both their budgets and their time strained. The legislation I introduced today would enhance the FMLA by providing up to 24 hours of unpaid Parental Involvement and Family Wellness leave (during any 12-month period), which will allow parents and grandparents to go to parent-teacher conferences or to take their children, grandchildren or other family members to the doctor for regular medical or dental appointments. The bill also expands coverage to allow employees in companies with more than 25 employees to take family and medical leave.

If we as a country truly value families, then we need new policies and investments that support our working families. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 249, I was inadvertently detained. I have been a strong opponent of the EPA's push to regulate emissions—a move that would effectively impose an energy tax on already struggling families. I am pleased that H.R. 910 passed the U.S. House decisively and I look forward to its passage in the U.S. Senate. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

HONORING THE CARTERSVILLE PURPLE HURRICANES BASEBALL CLUB

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor the Cartersville Purple Hurricanes baseball club, which has been named the Program of the Decade by the Georgia Dugout Club and is being honored as such on Monday, April 11th.

Having won 8 Region titles and 5 State Championship titles, what a decade it has been for the Purple Hurricanes. Throughout their reign of dominance, this team has consistently performed at an extraordinarily high level. The Purple Hurricanes won 60 consecutive Region games from 2005–2010, 33 consecutive playoff games from 2001–2004, and 76 playoff games in the decade. They finished the 2007 season ranked number 9 in the Nation by Baseball America, and in 2009 finished ranked number 7 by the USA Today. Many players from this program have gone on to excel at the next level, and 7 Cartersville players have been selected in the Major League Draft during this tenure.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Coach Stewart Chester, who has been leading

the Cartersville program throughout their decade of dominance, and I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Cartersville Purple Hurricanes on this momentous occasion.

IN HONOR OF HAROLD S.
STRATTON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I stand in honor of Harold S. Stratton for his service to our country in WWII and for his work with engineering outfits in their effort to rebuild parts of Europe following the war.

Harold served with the 9th Armored Division, Company B, 6th Army Infantry Battalion. After crossing the Rhine River and engaging German resistance, Harold was wounded when mortar shells peppered the trees and landscape around his company. After a month long recovery in Liège, Belgium, Harold returned to his outfit which had moved to Czechoslovakia where he served out the end of the war and then began work rebuilding airfields with the engineering core. He was awarded the Purple Heart and is one of three Stratton brothers to serve in WWII along with 1st Lieutenant Royal Stratton and Sergeant Leighton Stratton.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Harold S. Stratton and the Stratton brothers for their collective service to our country and for embodying the character and mettle that has come to define members of our “greatest generation.”

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE “BUSINESS ACTIVITY TAX SIM- PLIFICATION ACT”

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce, along with Representative BOBBY SCOTT of Virginia, the Business Activity Tax Simplification Act. This bipartisan legislation will provide a “bright line” test to clarify state and local authority to collect business activity taxes from out-of-state entities.

Many states and some local governments levy corporate income, franchise and other taxes on out-of-state companies that conduct business activities within their jurisdictions. While providing revenue for states, these taxes also serve to pay for the privilege of doing business in a state.

However, with the growth of the Internet, companies are increasingly able to conduct transactions without the constraint of geographical boundaries. The growth of the technology industry and interstate business-to-business and business-to-consumer transactions raises questions over where multi-state companies should be required to pay corporate income and other business activity taxes.

Over the past several years, a growing number of jurisdictions have sought to collect

business activity taxes from businesses located in other states, even though those businesses receive no appreciable benefits from the taxing jurisdiction and even though the Supreme Court has ruled that the Constitution prohibits a state from imposing taxes on businesses that lack substantial connections to the state. This has led to unfairness and uncertainty, generated contentious, widespread litigation, and hindered business expansion, as businesses shy away from expanding their presence in other states for fear of exposure to unfair tax burdens.

In order for businesses to continue to become more efficient and expand the scope of their goods and services, it is imperative that clear and easily navigable rules be set forth regarding when an out-of-state business is obliged to pay business activity taxes to a state. Otherwise, the confusion surrounding these taxes will have a chilling effect on e-commerce, interstate commerce generally, and the entire economy as tax burdens, compliance costs, litigation, and uncertainty escalate.

Previous actions by the Supreme Court and Congress have laid the groundwork for a clear, concise and modern “bright line” rule in this area. In the landmark case of *Quill Corp. v. North Dakota*, the Supreme Court declared that a state cannot impose a tax on an out-of-state business unless that business has a “substantial nexus” with the taxing state. However, the Court did not define what constituted a “substantial nexus” for purposes of imposing business activity taxes.

In addition, over 50 years ago, Congress passed legislation to prohibit jurisdictions from taxing the income of out-of-state corporations whose in-state presence was nominal. Public Law 86–272 set clear, uniform standards for when states could and could not impose such taxes on out-of-state businesses when the businesses’ activities involved the solicitation of orders for sales. However, the scope of Public Law 86–272 only extended to tangible personal property. Our nation’s economy has changed dramatically over the past 50 years, and this outdated statute needs to be modernized.

The Business Activity Tax Simplification Act both modernizes and provides clarity to an outdated and ambiguous tax environment. First, the legislation updates the protections in P.L. 86–272. This legislation reflects the changing nature of our economy by expanding the scope of the protections in P.L. 86–272 from just tangible personal property to include intangible property and services.

In addition, our legislation sets forth clear, specific standards to govern when businesses should be obliged to pay business activity taxes to a state. Specifically, the legislation establishes a “physical presence” test such that an out-of-state company must have a physical presence in a state before the state can impose corporate net income taxes and other types of business activity taxes.

In our current, challenging economic times, it is especially important to eliminate artificial, government-imposed barriers to small businesses. Small businesses are crucial to our economy and account for a significant majority of new product ideas and innovation. Small businesses are also central to the American dream of self-improvement and individual achievement, which is why it is so vital that Congress enact legislation that reduces the

tax burdens that hinder small businesses and ultimately overall economic growth and job creation.

Unfortunately, small businesses are often the hardest hit when aggressive states and localities impose excessive tax burdens on out-of-state companies. These businesses do not have the resources to hire the teams of lawyers that many large corporations devote to tax compliance, and they are more likely to halt expansion to avoid uncertain tax obligations and litigation expenses.

The clarity that the Business Activity Tax Simplification Act will bring will ensure fairness, minimize litigation, and create the kind of legally certain and stable business climate that frees up funds for businesses of all sizes to make investments, expand interstate commerce, grow the economy and create new jobs.

At the same time, this legislation will protect the ability of states to ensure that they are fairly compensated when they provide services to businesses that do have physical presences in the state.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARY HOLT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Mary Holt, who was a dedicated neighbor to her community and a pioneer for many.

Mary was born Asheville, North Carolina and later moved to the Fremont area in Ohio. She began her career working at a record shop and her skills eventually attracted the attention of the radio station WSRS. She jumped to a different radio station in 1952, and by the end of the decade she worked for multiple radio stations and all three local television networks. Eventually her duties entailed news, fashion, and music.

She was also active in her community. She ran for city council, organized the Black Political Women of Cleveland and a Grandmother's club. She also volunteered in many social organizations. It was not uncommon to find her reading to wounded veterans, or teaching reading and writing at community centers. In recognition of her many accomplishments she was honored with the Trail Blazer Award from the Cleveland chapter of the National Council of Negro Women and was named to the short list of the Plain Dealer's leading African-American Clevelanders.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the life of Mary Holt. Her life was marked by dedication to community and pioneering for both women and African Americans. Her devotion and duty to her community should set an example to us all.

ENERGY TAX PREVENTION ACT OF
2011

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

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Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I rise today to oppose H.R. 910, the so-called Energy Tax Prevention Act. H.R. 910 would permanently ban the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, from protecting human health and the environment by enforcing the Clean Air Act and confronting the threat of climate change.

This radical, anti-environmental legislation is a distraction from the number one issue facing Congress: promoting job creation and economic growth. Instead of focusing on the economy, the House Republican majority is trying to legislate science by overriding the established scientific consensus on climate change and the threat posed by greenhouse gases. H.R. 910 endangers public health and will cost American jobs by slowing our economy's transition to cleaner, more secure energy sources. A recent EPA report revealed that reducing greenhouse gas emissions will prevent the early deaths of 230,000 Americans in 2020 and produce \$2 trillion in economic benefits by that same year.

I published an editorial with climate science expert John Abraham of the University of St. Thomas to voice my strong opposition to H.R. 910. I ask that a copy of this editorial be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

[Published in The Hill blog on Apr. 6, 2011]

CONGRESS ON WRONG SIDE OF HISTORY IN
DENYING CLIMATE CHANGE

(By Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN) and John Abraham)

Right now in our hometown of St. Paul, Minnesota, we are preparing for what might possibly be record-breaking floods due to winter's heavy snowfall and the threat of heavier spring downpours. Minnesota has already experienced two 100-year floods in the Red River Valley within the past 13 years. Local doctors report an increase in cases of children with asthma and other respiratory conditions. Lake Superior has seen record low water levels in recent years, threatening not only drinking water supplies but the Duluth-Superior port that receives more than 1,200 ships and 48 million tons of cargo.

All of these public health, economic, and environmental trends have been strongly linked to climate change. Multiple studies have shown that 97 percent of the most qualified climate scientists are in agreement that humans are causing the planet to warm. If this was an illness, and 97 percent of doctors recommended a certain treatment, we would take appropriate action.

Instead, the majority party in the House of Representatives is choosing to willfully defy the diagnosis and overturn established science by voting on a bill (H.R. 910) that will gut the Clean Air Act and prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

from ever protecting the American people from the disastrous impacts of climate change.

During the committee markup of H.R. 910, not a single Republican voted to even acknowledge the validity of EPA's scientific finding that "warming of the climate system is unequivocal," caused by human activities, and a threat to public health. The rejection of those amendments is shocking to scientists who understand the serious risks Americans face from global climate change.

This places the climate deniers on the same side as those fringe extremists who denied the harmful impacts of cigarette smoking and DDT, and the causes of acid rain and ozone depletion. Proponents of H.R. 910 are denying science and dangerously on the wrong side of history.

We believe now is the time to confront climate change. If we act wisely, we can simultaneously protect the environment, create jobs, diversify our energy supplies, and improve national security.

A recent report by Pew Environment Group shows the U.S. has now fallen to number three behind China and Germany for clean energy private investment. Passage of H.R. 910 will guarantee America loses out on the jobs of the future by obstructing efforts to build the new clean energy economy. It will deepen America's dependence on dirty coal and imported oil instead of creating American jobs through investments in renewable resources and energy efficiency.

Our country must turn the problems presented by climate change into an opportunity. Instead of devoting its time to discrediting scientists and undermining the EPA, Congress should put more faith in the genius of the American spirit to protect our environment and human health while creating economic growth. With the right clean energy incentives and framework, we believe America can out-innovate and out-build anyone in the world. The proponents of H.R. 910 not only deny climate change, they undermine America's ability to find solutions that benefit consumers, workers and the environment.

Every single member of Congress has a choice: deny the science of climate change or take real steps to confront a changing climate. Congress must accept scientific reality and act on climate change.

THE NECESSITY TO RECOGNIZE
BUDGET REDUCTION STRATEGIES
THROUGH REORGANIZATION
OF THE DEFENSE BUDGET

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the current debt crisis our Nation faces and a strategy to rein in some significant federal spending, while strengthening our national defense initiatives. A paper written by Mallory Factor, published by Forbes on March 9, 2011, identified a strategy intended to reduce the defense budget. As the defense budget represents nineteen percent of the total federal budget, the cuts would have a significant effect on deficit reduction and highlight our commitment, as a Congress, to the American public that we will leave "no stone unturned" as we work to reduce the total budget deficit.

Mr. Factor's article does not suggest that we take an undiscerning approach to cutting the

defense budget, rather "Congress must reconsider the military's mission and what activities it should undertake." In this assessment by Mr. Factor, and supported by myself, there is no indication that American military power be restricted in missions concerning American security. Rather, that auxiliary duties performed by the military (e.g., humanitarian missions, peacekeeping, nation building and disaster relief) ought to be separated from the core mission of the military; to provide for the common defense of our great Nation.

Further, by separating and focusing these mission directives, we will produce a Department of Defense budget that clearly defines where our money is being spent. This will allow for a thorough and honest review of the allocation of such dollars and produce the foundation upon which a responsible debate can be held in this chamber on an issue of our generation, spending and debt.

Therefore all options must be on the table as we, the 112th Congress, have committed ourselves to deficit reduction. For our future, and for the future of our children and grandchildren, it is imperative that we undertake this difficult task in the short term to ensure our Nation's viability for the long term.

IN HONOR OF THE ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SLOVENIAN WORKMEN'S
HOME

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Slovenian Workmen's Home, an establishment that has been very dear to the Cleveland community for well over 85 years.

The idea of this home first came about on November 10, 1916. The original purpose of the home was to accommodate the various fraternal, cultural, social, and civic activities in which more than a dozen Slovenian groups participated. The building was finally completed in 1926 and consisted of an auditorium, recreation hall, library, business offices, and meeting rooms. As the years passed, the establishment began to expand to include a school in 1931, a gymnastic group in 1932 and a junior chorus in 1934; A year after that a bar was added and by 1939 the building had eight bowling alleys.

When the 1940s arrived, the use of the 'Home' changed due to World War II. It opened its doors to the Red Cross, war bond drives and any other program that assisted America's war effort. By the time 1945 came around, 'Home' changed its charter from a corporation to a non-profit organization.

The Slovenian Workman's Home has always been a welcoming location for workers' unions, at one point providing roof and shelter to any of the 23 unions that met on the premises.

As the years passed, the Slovenian Workmen's Home began to be bought out and other establishments began to move in. However, by the 1990s, efforts were underway to recover and restore the remaining area of the original home.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join in recognition of this phenomenal establishment. It has been a consistent part of the fabric of

the Cleveland community for many years, and many years to come.

INTRODUCING THE POST 9/11 GI
BILL PAYMENT RESTORATION ACT

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Post 9/11 GI Bill Payment Restoration Act.

At the end of the 111th Congress, the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-377) made changes to the Post 9/11 GI Bill program.

Most of these changes were positive; however, provisions were included to eliminate certain living stipend "interval payments" for veterans using their education benefits.

These interval payments cover periods between academic terms, such as the winter holiday break, that do not exceed eight weeks. They also cover periods when a student transfers between educational institutions if the period between the consecutive terms does not exceed 30 days.

Interval payments also apply if the school is temporarily closed under an established policy based on an Executive Order of the President or due to an emergency situation.

Stopping the payments will put strain on veterans trying to obtain an education.

The Post 9/11 GI Bill Payment Restoration Act would reinstate these interval payments before the benefit cut becomes effective on August 1, 2011 and help veterans and service members in school.

This preemptive action would help veterans continue to receive the living stipends they need while attending school.

We must strongly support those who have served as they attend college. Our service members earned and deserve their educational benefits. We have a responsibility to keep these benefits worthy of their dedication and sacrifices to the nation.

I urge passage of the Post 9/11 GI Bill Payment Restoration Act.

IN HONOR OF 1ST LIEUTENANT
ROYAL A. STRATTON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of World War II rescue pilot, 1st Lieutenant Royal A. Stratton, who died on May 29, 1945, after being mortally wounded while saving 9 crewmembers from a downed B-29. Royal hailed from Ellwood City, Pennsylvania. His love of flying led to his enlistment in the Army Air Corps where he excelled to become one of only a few pilots to wear both Army and Navy wings.

Royal joined the 4th Emergency Rescue Squadron and with his crew of six, would fly off of Iwo Jima and police flight paths searching for B-29 bombers in jeopardy. On the 29th of May, 1945, Royal spotted the crew from a downed B-29 from the 444th Bomb Group,

676th Squadron stationed at Tinian. After landing and taking on the survivors, tragedy struck during take off when a swell broke over Royal's PBY Catalina and tore one propeller off, killing him. The entire contingent of servicemen on Royal's plane that day survived the incident and were picked up by the Lifeguard Submarine, USS *Tigrone*. On May 30, 1945, Royal A. Stratton was commissioned to the sea. By the end of the war, the 4th Emergency Rescue Squadron had amassed over 650 rescues and Royal Stratton was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Royal A. Stratton for his selflessness and valor, for putting others before himself in his service of saving the lives of his fellow servicemen.

HONORING ALEXANDER M. SPOON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alexander M. Spoon. Alexander 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 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alexander has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alexander 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, Alexander has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

HONORING MS. EUBIE ENRIGHT

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Eubie Enright, a beloved matriarch of the 17th Congressional District, who is celebrating 104 years of life.

Ms. Enright was born to sharecroppers in Metter, Georgia. It was here that she experienced back-breaking work as she planted and raised many crops under the Georgia sun. A young Ms. Enright exuded a tenacity that would later serve her well.

South Florida became home to Ms. Enright more than 50 years ago, when she migrated to Miami with her family. Living and thriving during the civil rights movement, she held several jobs, including housekeeping and cooking in private homes. She said, "I don't care what you have to do, you have to work!". Frankly, Ms. Enright understands the investment that must be made for your family and for your community.

Eubie Enright has been a servant of the Lord all of her life. From the time she arrived in Miami she was a Baptist member of a church in Overtown, where she loyally served as an usher for 20 years. In 1960, Ms. Enright became a member of New Providence Missionary Baptist Church, where she joined the choir. She was a choir member for many decades.

We honor Eubie Enright for a legacy of service and inspiration. She credits her Lord and Savior for keeping her well during these last 104 years. Her life is a testimony to each of us. I joyfully celebrate with Ms. Eubie Enright as she continues a purposeful life of love.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND
FURTHER ADDITIONAL CON-
TINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2011

SPEECH OF

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1363 because it provides funding for the Department of Defense for the remainder of the current fiscal year and cuts an additional \$12 billion in discretionary spending. This bill is just one step in significantly reducing spending and reining in our historic deficits. Unfortunately, President Obama and Senator REID have not made a similar commitment to get our fiscal house in order.

We must remember that the reason we are in this situation in the first place is that the previous Democrat majority never got around to passing a budget for fiscal year 2011. Let's remember that Democrats controlled the House, the Senate and the White House, yet they shirked their duty by not even presenting a budget plan, leaving mountains of debt for others to deal with.

I urge my colleagues to support this important troop funding legislation, and let's continue down the road of fiscal responsibility.

HONORING SAWYER A. HANWAY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Sawyer A. Hanway. Sawyer 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 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Sawyer has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Sawyer 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, Saw-

yer has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF MS. SHARI B. KAPLAN FOR HER EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS IN ABUSE TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Shari B. Kaplan for her extraordinary efforts in abuse treatment for children and adults. She has worked tirelessly through her "Can't Tell Foundation" to give hope to victims of domestic and sexual abuse and children who are plagued by bullying. Her foundation has been a pioneer in treatment for victims and relies on several methods to allow victims to cope. Such practices include self-defense, music and movement, Qi Gong and yoga, nutrition, mentoring, improvisational work, meditation, individual therapy, family therapy, group therapy and support.

Ms. Kaplan herself was a victim of bullying and has experienced the personal pain of abuse with her closest family. She was in a horrific bike crash when she was young that left her with physical injuries that ultimately lead to bullying when she was in school. Additionally, her children were victims of abuse at the hands of her nanny's 13-year-old son. Using the wisdom she gained from her own pain and experience in helping her children cope, she went on to help others deal with their pain and create prevention policies against abuse in all its forms. Her more recent goal is to raise 6.5 million dollars to help build a treatment facility in Boca Raton, Florida.

Abuse and bullying has become an epidemic in this country. Suicide is the second major cause of death in teens and young adults ages 13–24. In addition, government statistics show that 32 percent of 12- to 18-year-olds say they have been bullied.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize and stand with a woman who has decided to stand up against abuse and bullying. Ms. Shari B. Kaplan has truly dedicated herself to this important cause and I wish to give her my full support.

HONORING JAMES AND JEAN
CANTRELL

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor James and Jean Cantrell, a couple who have dedicated themselves to

their community and each other. The Cantrells were married in Lagrange, Georgia on April 8, 1951, and on Friday, April 8th, 2011 they will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Cantrell is the son of the late Elonzo and Bessie Cantrell. Mrs. Cantrell is the daughter of the late Douglas and Jewel Wright. They have four children, eight grandchildren and two great grand-children. What a wonderful example of family values they represent.

Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell have proven themselves to be dedicated community servants. Both have been deeply involved in positive civic and social activities over the years. Mr. Cantrell served his country faithfully in the United States Army. Mrs. Cantrell started a movement in the 1960's that was called Housewives for Fair Prices. This movement boycotted stores across Georgia that charged exorbitant prices for milk, resulting in lower costs for families.

The Cantrell's have been active in Georgia politics for almost half a century. Mr. Cantrell served as Third Congressional District Chairman for the Democratic Party of Georgia while Jimmy Carter was President. Mrs. Cantrell served as the chairman of the Muscogee County Democratic Committee and the first woman to run for Mayor of Columbus, Georgia.

However, their pursuits of public service and causes have been not just for themselves, but notably for others. When the Governor of Georgia decided to close the Warm Springs Hospital which was the Georgia rehabilitation site and home for the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, both Cantrells led a petition drive to stop this action. As a result, the Governor changed his mind and the hospital remained open. They started the first St. Jude Children's radiothon in Columbus, Georgia and for 25 years it has been a stellar event, helping to raise millions of dollars for children with cancer.

Moreover, through all of their family and community involvement, they have managed to build and grow a successful business called Action Buildings and Truck Styles. For over 32 years it has been one of the largest outdoor building manufacturing companies in Georgia and Alabama, with a manufacturing plant and 10 retail store locations. This is truly a family business and over the last few years, their four sons and other family have been involved in this enterprise.

Throughout their lives, James and Jean Cantrell have been devoted Christians, attending Temple Baptist Church for many years. Their kindness and generosity exemplify their faith and their lives are truly God's love in action.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot think of another couple who have given so much of themselves to so many than James and Jean Cantrell. I cherish their friendship and support, without which, my own career in public service may never have begun nor survived. Therefore, on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary, I am proud to salute them for their dedication to each other, their family, their church, and their community. We are all blessed that they have touched and enriched us all so fully. May God continue to bless them, as they have blessed us, in the weeks, months and years to come.

HONORING ADAM M. ZIMMERMAN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Adam M. Zimmerman. Adam 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 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Adam has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Adam 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, Adam has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

RECOGNIZING ALETHEIA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY'S BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AS CHAMPIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES DIVISION IV

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Aletheia Christian Academy's Boys Basketball team as Champions of the National Association of Christian Athletes Division IV.

Aletheia Christian Academy is a small school, with a total enrollment of 55 students. While they may be small in number, throughout the course of the tournament, they showed their opponents that hard work, dedication and solid fundamental basketball leads to success.

Along the way, Aletheia Christian Academy faced opponents from larger schools in metropolitan areas. In the semifinals they faced Arthur-Okaw, a perennial powerhouse and 14 time national champion from Chicago. Aletheia's victory in the championship game, against Hamilton Heights, was the school's first National Championship, in its 19th year of existence.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to congratulate the players, coaches, students, faculty and staff at Aletheia Christian Academy. I am certain that this impressive victory will remain a cherished moment in each of their lives.

THE BATTLEFIELD EXCELLENCE THROUGH SUPERIOR TRAINING (BEST) PRACTICES ACT

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I recently reintroduced H.R. 1417, the Battlefield Excellence Through Superior Training Practices Act, or BEST Practices Act. This purpose of this bill is protect our troops and our missions overseas by improving combat trauma training courses administered by the Department of Defense (DoD). Currently, the DoD commonly employs the use of "live tissue," or anesthetized animals, for the training of medics, corpsmen, and an increasing number of non-medical military personnel. This training is suboptimal due to the vast anatomical differences between the animals involved and humans. The BEST Practices Act requires the DoD to phase in the use of human-based methods, such as medical simulation, as a replacement for live tissue training.

It is clear that the DoD is behind the times on this issue. The same procedures taught in combat trauma training courses are taught in the civilian sector almost exclusively without live tissue training. Instead, these trauma centers and medical schools employ superior human-based methods such as high-fidelity medical simulation to teach our top surgeons and other physicians these crucial, life-saving procedures. Studies from civilian hospitals and medical schools demonstrate that simulation is a superior methodology and that physicians who train on simulators make fewer medical errors than those who train on live tissue. Furthermore, institutions that have transitioned to human-based methods have reported a long-term cost savings.

The BEST Practices Act requires the Department of Defense to phase out live tissue training by 2016, which adheres to the agency's own projections regarding available simulation technology. The length of this timeline is crucial—we must ensure that our troops receive the best training possible, but we must not endanger our troops by rushing the transition. That's why this legislation contains a clause requiring an annual report from DoD to Congress on the progress of the transition.

Please join me in supporting the BEST Practices Act—to ensure our military uses the best and most modern training methods available and that our troops are kept safe and able to succeed in their mission and in their lives.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF TENNESSEE GOVERNOR NED RAY MCWHERTER

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of the second longest serving Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives and the most beloved Tennessee Governor, Ned Ray McWherter. Governor McWherter was born on

October 15, 1930 on a small farm in Palmersville, Tennessee. His tenacious work ethic and his ability to understand the problems of working people would lead him to become a revered Tennessee politician and successful entrepreneur as well.

Ned McWherter grew up the son of a sharecropper and went on to work diligently at his family's restaurant, the Hotdog, at a shoe manufacturing company and as a traveling shoe salesman. In 1973, he found Volunteer Express with just two tractors, five trailers and three employees. He grew Volunteer Express to become one of the first LTL niche carriers in the nation by offering second and third day service to and from the East Coast. He also developed the entirety of the state of Tennessee and the surrounding areas into Volunteer Express' marketplace. This coming August, Volunteer Express will celebrate its 38th anniversary.

Although he worked hard throughout his life as a successful businessman, Ned never forgot his rural upbringing nor did he lose his love for everyday working people in Tennessee. McWherter served in the Tennessee National Guard from 1948–1969 and retired with the rank of Captain. In 1968, he ran unopposed to represent the citizens of Weakley County in the Tennessee House of Representatives. After serving only two terms, McWherter challenged the incumbent speaker of the House and won the speakership by one vote in both the Democratic caucus and the full House. He served in that position for 14 years, the longest tenure for a Tennessee Speaker of the House at that time.

In 1986, McWherter ran for governor and unseated Republican Winfield Dunn. Governor McWherter had a progressive agenda that was positively felt across Tennessee and closely watched by governors in neighboring states. As a champion for education and road projects, he put his slogan "Schools plus roads equal jobs" into action. He restructured and grew K–12 public school funding by 49 percent through his "21st Century Schools Program." This program put money directly into classrooms and funded textbooks, computers and more teachers. His "95-County Jobs Program" was the largest road-building program in Tennessee's history. It linked all the counties of Tennessee via four-lane roads and stimulated jobs in rural areas across the state.

Growing up in a lower income family at the height of the Great Depression, Ned understood the challenges hard working families faced when it came to affordable health care. As governor, McWherter revamped Medicaid services in Tennessee to include coverage of more than one million Tennesseans, up from about 800,000. President Bill Clinton noted how Governor McWherter "blazed a trail" with his reform of Tennessee's Medicaid program.

While I served as a Senator in the Tennessee Senate, I was proud to have worked with Governor McWherter on many projects that helped my city, Memphis. Gov. McWherter included funding in the budget he presented to the Tennessee General Assembly for the conversion of the Lorraine Motel, the site of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., to the National Civil Rights Museum. He supported funding for the Memphis Zoo, a place he visited often as a child and of which he had fond memories. Gov. McWherter was also supportive of the arts, requesting

funding for one of the pre-eminent art museums in the Memphis area, the Brooks Museum, where he is memorialized on their wall for his efforts.

Governor McWherter continued his support for education by budgeting money for the University of Memphis to construct a new campus library that provides state-of-the-art access to information technology and is fully accessible to the disabled. In honor of his dedication to their project, the University of Memphis named the library the Ned R. McWherter Library.

During and after his tenure, Governor McWherter served as a confidant to Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton. President Carter noted how McWherter was "one of the most effective and finest public servants" he had ever known. President Clinton remembered how Gov. McWherter had a way of calming him down when he was excited and how McWherter's "few blunt words" were invaluable to him while he was in the White House. I remember how McWherter had a way of calming anyone down by simply telling them to "ease along."

Governor Ned McWherter will be remembered for his hard work, his dedication to Tennessee, his many accomplishments and for his down-to-earth nature and ability to connect to with the people he served. He had a charm like no other governor Tennessee has seen. He was blunt and never shied away from the real tasks at hand. He had a witty sense of humor coupled with his own folksy sayings. On the campaign trail, he often joked that all he would need to start the day as Governor was "four vanilla wafers and a cup of coffee."

Governor Ned Ray McWherter passed away on April 4, 2011 at the age of 80. He will be missed by his family and friends as well as the many working and middle class Tennesseans he strove to serve and help. He is survived by his son, Michael Ray McWherter; his daughter-in-law, Mary Jane Wooten McWherter; two grandchildren, Walker Ray McWherter and Mary Bess McWherter; a stepdaughter, Linda Ramsey; and two step-grandchildren, Matthew Ramsey and Brett Ramsey. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Bette Jean Beck McWherter. Gov. McWherter was a great politician, leader, Tennessean and American. We are lucky to have had him come our way. His was a life well lived.

JASON SALAZAR

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jason Salazar for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jason Salazar is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jason Salazar is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jason Salazar for winning the Arvada Wheat

Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

ON THE OCCASION OF CONGREGATION B'NAI MOSHE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY SERVING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise today to recognize Congregation B'nai Moshe on the occasion of its 100th anniversary of service to the Jewish community of southeast Michigan.

The history of Congregation B'nai Moshe is an excellent example and chapter of the American story. The congregation was founded on September 2, 1911, by nine Hungarian immigrants who came to America to seek new opportunities and to freely practice their beliefs. An integral part of their journey was to form a congregation that allowed them and the 25–30 Hungarian-Jewish families of Detroit to fully practice their traditions and customs. In 1915, after just 4 short years, the Congregation was able to purchase its first shul on Elliot Street near Hastings which served as a house for worship to over 70 families.

Much as America met the call to face unparalleled challenges of the 1930s and 1940s, so did Congregation B'nai Moshe. Shortly after moving to its new home in the Dexter building in 1929, the congregation was faced with the challenge of overcoming the Great Depression. Not only did the congregation survive those economically tumultuous years, it prospered and by 1944 it had paid off the new synagogue's mortgage. Just as the country rose to answer the call to service during World War II, so did the members of B'nai Moshe. Many served in World War II and fought to protect our freedom and liberty.

As the Jewish community in southeast Michigan grew and evolved so did B'nai Moshe; first moving with its members to Oak Park and later to its current home in West Bloomfield. During this period, members of the congregation ensured that the story of the Jewish community in southeast Michigan would forever be set in stone, founding the beginnings of the Jewish Museum of Detroit. Since its arrival at its present location, the congregation has celebrated the construction of many new resources which have enriched the lives of both its members and the greater community.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Congregation B'nai Moshe with its members and it is my hope that the congregation, just as our great country, will continue to endure into the next 100 years and beyond.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHABAD OF PORT WASHINGTON

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chabad of Port Washington for 20 years of exceptional spiritual leadership and community, the Chabad has been an anchor of welcoming faith—a constant source of spiritual support for anyone who seeks it.

An "unorthodox Orthodox Synagogue," the Chabad of Port Washington's membership is a conglomeration of Jews from a wide array of ages, backgrounds, and levels of observance. This diverse membership creates a welcoming atmosphere rich in culture and accessible to every corner of the Jewish community. The Chabad's unrivaled religious and educational experiences provide a forum for individuals of disparate backgrounds to come together as a single, unified congregation.

The Chabad's mission focuses on bringing to life traditional Jewish values to promote spiritual growth in a way that is both enjoyable and easy to understand. It is dedicated to promoting wisdom, comprehension, and knowledge of Judaism to both the membership and the broader community. The Chabad provides not only classes focused on a deep and comprehensive understanding of the Torah, but educational opportunities for young Jews experiencing their first exposure to the joys of Hebrew School. This approach to education allows the Chabad to reach out to a broad swatch of Jews and create the best opportunities for spiritual growth.

Tonight, the Chabad celebrates its 20 years of good works and pays special tribute to some of the individuals who have made it possible. Adam Katz, the President of the Chabad's board of directors, will have a new athletic center dedicated in his honor. The celebration also will recognize John Maura, Jr. with the Community Service Award; Chaim (Bryan) Sherman and Dr. Orly Calderon-Sherman with the Community Builders Award; and Alan Schoenfeld with the Chesed Award. Without the contributions of these extraordinary individuals, as well as many others, the exceptional achievements of the Chabad would not be possible.

Mr. Speaker, since 1991, the Chabad of Port Washington has been working tirelessly to educate, enlighten, and support its local community. I am proud to recognize the extraordinary dedication and accomplishments of the Chabad and I ask my colleagues join me in thanks and gratitude for its two decades of tremendous work supporting the community and promoting Jewish faith.

JACOB CISNEROS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jacob Cisneros for receiving the Arvada Wheat

Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jacob Cisneros is a 10th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jacob Cisneros is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jacob Cisneros for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

IN MEMORY OF CAROLYN
LEAVENS

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in memory of Carolyn Leavens, who passed away this week after a lifetime dedicated to her family and friends, the agricultural industry, and her community.

I have known Carolyn, her husband Paul and their family for more than 30 years. Carolyn was a strong and professional woman whose promotion of agriculture on a local, national and international level, and whose love and service to family and community, were seemingly inexhaustible.

Carolyn and Paul were married for 60 years, and for 25 years she played a key role in office and budget management for Leavens Ranches as it grew from 100 acres of beans to 1,100 acres of citrus and avocado orchards. The operation, founded by Paul's grandparents and now managed by the fourth generation of family members, ranks as one of Ventura County's leading citrus and avocado producers and has also expanded into lemon, avocado and wine-grape production in Monterey County.

Carolyn's involvement in one of the county's pioneer family farming operations led her to play a leadership role in the agricultural community, at first locally and later on a statewide and international level.

Her accomplishments are too extensive to list here in their entirety, but they include being the founding president of the Ventura County chapter of California Women for Agriculture and CWA's state president in 1981; a member of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture from 1978 to 1982; a member of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Women's Leadership Network from 1983 to 1999, participating in its European Economic Community Tour as an ambassador of the American agricultural industry; and serving as a board member of Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance and a delegate to the first International Women in Agriculture Convention.

Although she played a prominent role in agricultural affairs, she was perhaps best known at home for her wide-ranging involvement in civic, cultural and political activities.

Again, Carolyn's civic accomplishments—and the awards bestowed on her to recognize

those accomplishments—are too long to list here. But it was her tireless involvement in the decades-long campaign that culminated in establishment of California State University, Channel Islands, that may be her most lasting local legacy. Not only was she integral in establishing the university, her tireless fund-raising and marketing efforts ensured its success. In the words of my friend and former U.S. Representative Robert Lagomarsino when he presented the inaugural CSUCI Lagomarsino Award to Carolyn: "It is hard to think of this campus without thinking of Carolyn Leavens. . . . Today, this University is her hallmark."

In addition to Paul, Carolyn leaves behind her son and daughter-in-law, J. Link and Sally Leavens; and daughters and sons-in-law, Tina and David Cullenberg, Leslie and Harry Crowe, and Heather and Curt August; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and many other loving family members.

Mr. Speaker, Carolyn left an everlasting mark on our community and will be greatly missed. I know my colleagues join me in sending condolences to Paul, the Leavens family, and their many friends, and in remembering Carolyn for her many contributions and for being a role model for all.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND
FURTHER ADDITIONAL CON-
TINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2011

SPEECH OF

HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Mr. BROOKS. Madam Speaker, let's remind everyone why we are here. We are here because we are trying to save our federal government from unsustainable budget deficits. During the regime of NANCY PELOSI as House Speaker, and Senate Majority Leader HARRY REID, we have had four consecutive budget deficits that average \$1.2 trillion a year. Those are unsustainable. They threaten our federal government's solvency. We are facing a national bankruptcy.

What are Republicans in the House trying to do today? We are trying to protect our troops who are in Afghanistan and Iraq so they don't have to worry about whether their homes are going to be foreclosed on as they are off doing battle and their kids and spouses are at home. For example, I met a lady from Colony, Alabama who has two young children, twins, age three, and she is fighting on behalf of our country. If our troops are forced to work without pay, then, in addition to everything else, she will have to worry about whether her young children will be financially taken care of at home. I ask that this House and this Senate do what we should do, and that is to protect our troops by funding them adequately. Don't leave them in the position where they are not able to take care of their own people at home.

IAN FAULKNER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ian Faulkner for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Ian Faulkner is a 8th grader at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ian Faulkner is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ian Faulkner for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010 HONOREES
OF THE DUNN LORING VOLUN-
TEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Department and the extraordinary men and women who are being recognized for their bravery and service to our community. Every day these individuals along with their colleagues put their very lives on the line to protect our community. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety, and it is my honor to announce the recipients of the 2011 Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Department Awards:

2010 Firefighter of the Year—Dan Sweet.
2010 EMT of the Year—Zyad Qamer.
2010 Officer of the Year—Brad Cochrane.
2010 Suppression Rookie of the Year—Natalie Potell.
2010 EMS Rookie of the Year—Benjamin Bradley.
2010 Distinguished Service Award—Lesley Edgemon.
2010 Training Award—Justin Miller.
2010 Robbie Allen Award—Shannon Marler.
2010 Spirit Award—Richard Roatch.
2010 Robert J.J. Seayne Award—Dan Sweet.

Also being recognized are the following individuals for their years of service to the Department:

35 Years of Service—Alan Caldwell.
30 Years of Service—Richard Morani.
15 Years of Service—Rose-Ellen Eastman.
15 Years of Service—Michael Van Dyke.
5 Years of Service—Jeremy Arnold.
5 Years of Service—Jaime Keith.
5 Years of Service—Dan Sweet.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate these honorees and to thank all of the men and women who serve in

the Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of Fairfax County, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding these remarkable individuals and saying to them, "Stay safe."

TRIBUTE TO MR. SERGIO SHEARER

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, on April 4, 2011, San Antonio lost a great public servant when Sergio Shearer passed away at the age of 71. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sergio Shearer as we celebrate his life, which was highlighted by decades of community service, philanthropy, and leadership.

Sergio Shearer was born on December 4, 1939 to Chita Shearer in Weslaco, Texas. He later married Lucinda S. Leyva and fathered three children, Andrea Rhea Shearer-Lee, Michael Leyva Shearer, and Kara Kristine Shearer.

He graduated from North Texas University with a degree in Psychology, while simultaneously attending cosmetology school in Ft. Worth, Texas. After serving in the United States Army, Sergio opened a successful and prestigious salon in McAllen, Texas which he operated for over 13 years. In 1976, the Shearer family purchased the Magic Valley College in San Juan, Texas. Through his tireless efforts, Sergio expanded Magic Valley College to become the University of Cosmetology Arts and Science. As a result of Sergio's direction and dedication to educating others, he created five campuses in the Rio Grande Valley and San Antonio, Texas. His efforts have touched the lives of many.

As a leader in the cosmetology industry, Sergio was appointed by Governor Ann Richards to the Texas Cosmetology Commission. He also served as the Vice President of the National Association of Cosmetology Schools, Director of the Texas Association of Cosmetology Schools, and Regional Director of the Interstate Council of State Boards. In 1989, he was inducted into the Pivot Hall of Fame.

In addition to his dedication to the cosmetology industry, Sergio was committed to serving his community. He served as the Chairman of the Edinburg Housing Authority, Board Member of the Hidalgo County Special Olympics, Honorary Member of the Confederate Air Force and as a member of the Order of the Alhambra. Sergio was also an active member of the Knights of Columbus, where he achieved the rank of 4th Degree Knight. Following the loss of his daughter, Kara Kristine Shearer, Sergio cofounded the Kara Shearer Learning Center, which partners with the Edinburg Housing Authority to serve underprivileged children.

Upon his retirement, Sergio moved to the San Antonio area to be closer to his family. A lifelong fisherman, hunter, and accomplished golfer, Sergio was always happiest when he was outdoors.

The City of San Antonio and the State of Texas feel a little emptier now, but we have all lived richer, better lives because of the life of Sergio Shearer. His life may have ended, but

his contributions will live on and generations shall enjoy the fruits of his labor.

JESSICA CAMOMILE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jessica Camomile for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jessica Camomile is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jessica Camomile is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

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HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, last month I had the privilege of visiting the Republic of Korea through their Congressional Member Exchange Program, where I was honored to have a one-on-one meeting with Foreign Minister Kim Sung-hwan so that we could discuss our two countries' mutual interests and bilateral relations.

In addition, I was able to meet with Trade Minister Kim Jong-hoon and a number of members of the National Assembly, as well as to travel to Anyang, which is just south of Seoul. Anyang is a sister city of Garden Grove, one of the larger communities in California's 47th congressional district and the home to many Americans of Korean descent and recent immigrants from Korea.

As co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Korea, I make a point of paying close attention to the issues that affect U.S.-Korean relations, so making a five-day visit to our ally was productive and informative. I was impressed by how much average Korean citizens know about the United States and how much they care about the continued resilience of the decades-old friendship between our two countries.

If nothing else, I came away more convinced than ever of the importance of ratifying the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement at the earliest opportunity possible. I saw how businesses and consumers in both Korea and the United States will benefit by implementation of the agreement, and it became quite clear that this will take us a long way toward President Obama's goal of doubling U.S. exports by 2014.

What's more, I could see how increasing the already booming trade between the United States and South Korea will enhance our security relationship and improve the stability of the Korean Peninsula and, indeed, of the entire Northeast Asian region.

In the months since the United States and Korea signed their revised and updated Free Trade Agreement last December, the Korean government has approved a similar trade pact with the European Union, which is scheduled to take effect on the first day of July this year. Korea is also negotiating a free trade treaty with Australia, and it already has a volume of trade with China of approximately \$200 billion per year.

I realize there are some who argue that this agreement should be passed as part of a package, along with pending agreements with Colombia and Panama. These arguments may have some merit, but they do not persuade me that delaying the Korea-U.S. FTA is a good idea.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to encourage my colleagues to move as quickly as possible to ratify the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement as soon as it comes before us for consideration.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND
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SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1363, the "Department of Defense and Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act of 2011," a damaging deflection, even as negotiations are ongoing to prevent a government shutdown. H.R. 1363 would reduce funding for the Department of Homeland Security operations by \$1.4 billion. The cuts are far from surgical in nature and diminish the Department's flexibility to respond and recover from known and unknown threats.

Specifically, H.R. 1363 undermines homeland security as follows:

The bill cuts FEMA first responder grants by 20%. This draconian cut will force cash-strapped State, local and tribal governments to roll back critical preparedness activities and is a slap in the face to the men and women who serve and protect.

It cuts funding for next generation border security technology by 28%. This will surely set back efforts at achieving operational control of the Southwest border.

It cuts \$57 million in funding for Transportation Security Administration's terrorist watchlist activities. This cut will force TSA to scramble to find the money to undertake this critical screening activity.

It cuts the Science and Technology Directorate operations by \$173 million. This cut will most certainly result in significant delays in the development of new and promising homeland security technologies.

Rather than slashing the DHS budget to grand-stand or score political points, we should be dedicating new resources to:

Bolster border security by retaining CBP officers, providing technologies and equipment to front-line officials, and upgrading deteriorating infrastructure at ports of entry;

Expand maritime security by the furthering of the Coast Guard's recapitalization initiative to replace its aging fleet;

Enhance cybersecurity by investing and deploying cyber systems to protect critical cyber infrastructure from all cyber threats.

Strengthen aviation security by making enhancements in the vetting of foreign travelers air-bound for our country, a known threat since well before the Christmas Day plot of 2009.

Playing fast and loose with homeland security is not the way to put our Nation's fiscal house in order. The Republican draconian approach to budgeting will add insult to injury to the Department of Homeland Security that has already struggled for six months without its budget. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting against this damaging deflection of a bill.

JERIT GREENBURG

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jerit Greenburg for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jerit Greenburg is a 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jerit Greenburg is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jerit Greenburg for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

HONORING DR. HENRY LEWIS III

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the groundbreaking achievements of Dr. Henry Lewis III, the twelfth president of Florida Memorial University. Florida Memorial University is South Florida's only Historically Black College and University (HBCU) and the third oldest institution of higher learning in the state of Florida. He has served as Dean and Professor in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Florida A&M University (FAMU) for the last 15 years. Dr. Lewis served as Interim President of FAMU from January through June 2002. He also served as Dean of the Texas Southern University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences for four years.

A native of Tallahassee, Florida, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy from FAMU and his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Mercer University. He completed post-doctoral training in the Institute for Education Management at Harvard University, the National Institutes of Health, the Congressional Operations Institute, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Millennium Presidential Leadership Program and Duke University Directors Program.

President Lewis is an inspiration to many creating history wherever he goes. Dr. Lewis is past president of the Minority Health Professions Foundation. He is also past president of the Foundation's sister agency, the Association of Minority Health Professions Schools. Under his leadership, these two organizations—representing all of the nations historically black medical, dental, pharmaceutical, and veterinary medical programs—have secured over \$100 million in support of programs, research and activities that improve the quality of education and the availability of health, care to minority and under-served communities. He has served as president of the National Pharmaceutical Association representing more than 10,000 minority pharmacists in the United States. He is the former Chairman of the Board of the Florida Education Fund, the nation's largest producer of African-American PhDs.

An accomplished biomedical researcher with a focus on sickle cell anemia, Dr. Lewis has been the principal investigator or project director on research/training grants totaling over \$95 million. He has served on numerous governmental review committees. He currently serves on the National Center for Research Resources National Advisory Board. He has increased the endowment of the FAMU College of Pharmacy from \$1 million to over \$22 million under his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the transformative work of Dr. Henry Lewis III. His life story is an example of overcoming obstacles with integrity and leadership. He now continues his work by leading Florida Memorial University. Dr. Lewis is a national treasure, who is very deserving of this recognition.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLLIN HALL AUTOMOTIVE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize the 50th anniversary of Hollin Hall Automotive, a family-owned automobile service station in Fort Hunt, Virginia, with a record of both excellent service to their customers and substantive involvement in the local community.

Hollin Hall Automotive was founded on May 1, 1961, by Leon Harvey Sr. and his wife Ruth Ann Harvey. The subsequent success of the Harvey business and their community involvement serve as an inspiration to all in our district. Since the initial investment 50 years ago, Hollin Hall Automotive has witnessed Fort Hunt prosper and evolve from rural farmlands to thriving suburb. The service station has sur-

vived the 1973 oil crisis, experienced numerous advancements in technology, and stood the test of time while other businesses came and went. The Harveys have hired many high school students over the years and watched as these same students matured and entered into society as adults.

Mr. Leon Harvey, Sr. is no longer with us but he is survived by his seven sons and his wife who continues to run the cash register to this very day. Their son, Tom Harvey, has assumed leadership of Hollin Hall and the business which continues to thrive. Even with the backdrop of Fort Hunt's rapid expansion, the Harvey family and employees of Hollin Hall maintain their personal involvement in their ever-growing community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 50th anniversary of Hollin Hall Automotive and the exceptional service it has provided to the Fort Hunt community. We wish the Harvey family and continued success in maintaining their local business.

JACOB MANION

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jacob Manion for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jacob Manion is a 7th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jacob Manion is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jacob Manion for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

FINDING GOD IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I submit the New York Times obituary of William J. Stuntz, an influential legal scholar, who died last week after a 3-year battle with metastatic colon cancer. He was 52.

I also submit a piece which Mr. Stuntz authored in 2009 for Christianity Today titled "Three Gifts for Hard Times." Christianity Today re-ran the piece this month in honor of Stuntz's passing. In the face of great personal hardship, including chronic pain which plagued him for more than ten years, Mr. Stuntz found tremendous strength in his Christian faith, and wrote of it in ways both compelling and poetic. I commend it to my colleagues.

[From Christianity Today, Aug. 2009]

THREE GIFTS FOR HARD TIMES

(By William J. Stuntz)

Survivors of some horrible plague or battle often find themselves wracked with guilt: Why did I live while so many died? Though I had no battle scars, I used to feel a similar sense of guilt. I married the only woman I've ever loved. We have three terrific children. I have a secure job that I love and that pays well. Sometimes I would ask God: Why have you been so kind to me? Why have I gotten such an easy life?

I don't ask those questions anymore.

A little over nine years ago, while driving home from a family vacation, my car got a flat tire. When I started to change it, something nasty happened at the base of my back. Ever since, my lower back and the top half of my right leg have hurt. After two operations, dozens of injections, physical therapy, psychotherapy, and thousands of pills, my back and right leg hurt every waking moment, and most of those moments, they hurt a lot. Living with chronic pain is like having an alarm clock taped to your ear with the volume turned up—and you can't turn it down. You can't run from it; the pain goes where you go and stays where you stay. Chronic pain is the unwelcome guest who will not leave when the party is over.

A few months after my back turned south, my family and I moved when I accepted a job at Harvard Law School. Our family began to unravel. One of our children suffered a life-threatening disease, and my marriage fell apart.

Those crises faded with time but left deep scars. Early last year, in February 2008, another piece of bad news struck me: Doctors found a large tumor in my colon; a month later, films turned up tumors in both of my lungs. In the past year, I've had two cancer surgeries and six months of intensive chemotherapy. I've been off chemo for a few months, but I'm still nauseous much of the time and exhausted most of the time. Cancer kills, but cancer treatment takes a large bite out of one's pre-diseased life, as though one were dying in stages. Some of that stolen life returns when the treatment stops. But only some.

Today, my back and especially my right leg hurt as much as they ever have, and the odds are overwhelming that they will hurt for as long as this life lasts. Cancer will very probably kill me within the next two years. I'm 50 years old.

Such stories are common, yet widely misunderstood. Two misunderstandings are worth noting here. First, illness does not beget virtue. Cancer and chronic pain make me sick; they don't make me good. I am who I was, only more diseased. Second, though I deserve every bad thing that has ever happened to me, those things didn't happen because I deserve them. Life in a fallen world is more arbitrary than that. Plenty of people deserve better from life than I do, but get much worse. Some deserve worse and get much better. Something important follows: The question we are most prone to ask when hardship strikes—why me?—makes no sense. That question presupposes that pain, disease, and death are distributed according to moral merit. They aren't. We live in a world in which innocent children starve while moral monsters prosper. We may see justice in the next life, but we see little of it in this one.

Thankfully, God gives better and more surprising gifts to those living in hard times. Three gifts are especially sweet.

REDEEMING CURSES

First, God usually doesn't remove life's curses. Instead, he redeems them.

Joseph's story makes this point. Joseph was victimized by two horrible injustices:

one at the hands of his brothers who sold him into slavery, the other thanks to Potiphar's wife, who falsely accused him of attempted rape. God did not undo these injustices; they remained real and awful. Instead, God used those wrongs to prevent a much worse one: mass starvation. When Joseph later met with his brothers, he said this about the transaction that started the train rolling: "You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good." That doesn't mean that slavery and unjust imprisonment are good; rather, the point is that they produced good, and the good they produced was larger than the wickedness that was visited upon Joseph. Evil was twisted back on itself, like a gun barrel turned so that it aims at the would-be murderer firing the weapon.

Joseph's story foreshadows the central story of the Gospels. The worst day in human history was the day of Christ's crucifixion, which saw the worst possible punishment inflicted on the One who, in all history, least deserved it. Two more sunrises and the Son rose: the best day in human history, the day God turned death itself against itself—and because he did so, each one of us has the opportunity to share in death's defeat.

That is our God's trademark. Down to go up, life from death, beauty from ugliness: the pattern is everywhere.

That familiar pattern is also a great gift to those who suffer disease and loss—the loss may remain, but good will come from it, and the good will be larger than the suffering it redeems. Our pain is not empty; we do not suffer in vain. When life strikes hard blows, what we do has value. Our God sees it.

A CHANGE IN SUFFERING'S CHARACTER

The second gift is often missed, because it lives in salvation's shadow.

Amazing as the greatest of all gifts is, God the Son does more than save sinners. Jesus' life and death also change the character of suffering, give it dignity and weight and even, sometimes, a measure of beauty. Cancer and chronic pain remain ugly things, but the enterprise of living with them is not an ugly thing. God's Son so decreed it when he gave himself up to torture and death.

Two facts give rise to that conclusion. First, Jesus is beautiful as well as good. Second, suffering is ugly as well as painful. Talk to those who suffer medical conditions like mine and you'll hear this refrain: Even the best-hidden forms of pain and disease have a reality that is almost tactile, as though one could touch or taste them. And those conditions are foul, like the sound of fingernails on a blackboard or the smell of a cornered skunk. Some days, I feel as if I were wearing clothes soaked in sewage.

Some days—but not most days, thanks to the manner of Jesus' life and death. Imagine Barack Obama putting on a bad suit or Angelina Jolie wearing an ugly dress. The suit wouldn't look bad, and that dress wouldn't be ugly. These are incredibly attractive people whose attractiveness spills over onto their clothing, changing its meaning and the way other people respond to it. If Obama or Jolie wear it, it's a good-looking outfit. If they wear it often enough, it becomes a good-looking outfit even when you or I wear it. God's Son did something similar by taking physical pain on his divine yet still-human person. He did not render pain itself beautiful. But his suffering made the enterprise of living with pain and illness larger and better than it had been before. He elevates all he touches. Just as his years of carpentry in Joseph's shop lend dignity and value to all honest work, so too the pain he bore lends dignity and value to every pain-filled day human beings live.

The Shawshank Redemption is about a prisoner convicted of a murder he didn't

commit. That prisoner escapes by crawling through a sewer line until he's outside the prison's walls. The narrator describes the transaction this way: "He crawled through a river of [dung] and came out clean on the other side." God the Son did that, and he did it for the likes of me—so that I, too, and many more like me, might come out clean on the other side. That truth doesn't just change my life after after I die. It changes my life here, now.

THE GOD WHO REMEMBERS

The third gift is the most remarkable. Our God remembers even his most forgettable children. But that memory is not the dry, lifeless thing we feel when one or another old friend comes to mind. More like the passion one feels at the sight of a lover. When Jesus was dying, one of the two convicts crucified with him said this: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). Jesus responded by telling him that he would be in paradise that very day. As we use the word remember, that story sounds off, as though the thief on the cross and the Son of God were talking past each other.

The story sounds off because to us, remembrance merely means "recall"—I remember when I connect a student's name to her face, or when I can summon up some fact or the image of some past event. That kind of remembrance is a sterile enterprise, lacking both action and commitment.

In the Bible, remembrance usually combines two meanings: first, holding the one who is remembered close in the heart, and second, acting on the memory. When God repeatedly tells the people of Israel to remember that he brought them out of Egypt, he is saying much more than "get your history right." A better paraphrase would go like this: "Remember that I have loved you passionately. Remember that I have acted on that love. Hold tight to that memory, and act on it too."

Job understood the concept. Speaking with God about what would follow his own death, Job utters these words: "You will call and I will answer you; you will long for the creature your hands have made. Surely then you will count my steps but not keep track of my sin" (14:15-16). Notice how memory and longing are fused. Job longs to be free of his many pains, which occupy his mind like a sea of unwanted memories. God longs for a relationship with Job, and Job knows it: hence, his belief that the Lord of the universe remembers each of his steps. He is the Lover who will not rest until his arms enfold the beloved. To Job, the curses Satan has sent his way are a mighty mountain that cannot be climbed, an enemy army that cannot be beaten. In the shadow of God's love, those curses are at once puny and powerless.

Philosophers and scientists and law professors (my line of work) are not in the best position to understand the Christian story. Musicians and painters and writers of fiction are much better situated—because the Christian story is a story, not a theory or an argument, and definitely not a moral or legal code. Our faith is, to use C.S. Lewis's apt words, the myth that became fact. Our faith is a painting so captivating that you cannot take your eyes off it. Our faith is a love song so achingly beautiful that you weep each time you hear it. At the center of that true myth, that painting, that song stands a God who does vastly more than remember his image in us. He pursues us as lovers pursue one another. It sounds too good to be true, and yet it is true. So I have found, in the midst of pain and heartache and cancer.

[From the New York Times, Mar. 20, 2011]
W.J. STUNTZ, WHO STIMULATED LEGAL MINDS,
DIES AT 52

(By Douglas Martin)

William J. Stuntz, an influential legal scholar known for his counterintuitive insights, who blamed liberal judges, conservative legislators and ambitious prosecutors for what he saw as a criminal justice system that imprisons far too many people, died on Tuesday at his home in Belmont, Mass. He was 52.

His family announced the death, which followed three years of treatment for metastatic colon cancer.

Though Mr. Stuntz, a professor at Harvard Law School, advised public officials and wrote often in the popular press, his greatest influence was with legal scholars. After he burst on the scene in the 1980s with a flurry of fresh ideas and interpretations, "you saw a snowballing of references to him," said Daniel C. Richman, a professor at Columbia Law School.

Justice Elena Kagan of the United States Supreme Court said in an interview Friday that Mr. Stuntz's work was "impossible to pigeonhole," despite his self-professed conservative inclinations.

"What was fascinating about him was that everybody read him and listened to him and took seriously what he said," said Justice Kagan, who worked with Mr. Stuntz when she was dean of Harvard Law School. Scholars came to call his ideas "Stuntzian," she said.

Mr. Stuntz looked at criminal law as a collection of "pathologies," beginning with the Supreme Court's decisions to give greater protections to people charged with crimes. State legislatures responded to those rulings with laws that toughened sentencing and defined crime more broadly, leading to more jail time and more arrests, disproportionately affecting the poor and minorities.

But Mr. Stuntz said the legislatures neglected to appropriate enough money to deal with the added arrests, particularly for public defenders and others paid by the government to defend the indigent. Adding to the focus on the poor, he said, was prosecutors' reluctance to bring to trial people who could afford lawyers and who could employ the new court-ordered constitutional protections.

Prosecutors then used their discretion to negotiate guilty pleas with public defenders. The prosecutors could sift through the broader array of criminal charges and sentences passed by legislators to make deals, taking many of what Mr. Stuntz called "easy guilty pleas."

One result was the sort of paradox he loved to illuminate. "Ever since the 1960s, the right has argued that criminal procedure frees too many of the guilty," he wrote in *The Yale Law Journal* in 1997. "The better criticism may be that it helps to imprison too many of the innocent."

Mr. Richman said Mr. Stuntz believed that an equally worrisome problem was that the essential question of guilt or innocence could get lost. For trials of people who can afford lawyers, questions of procedure can supersede substance. Plea deals made by the poor are often just that—deals—even though the convicted person has to admit guilt.

Mr. Stuntz wrote for newspapers and magazines on issues beyond the law. In an article in *The New Republic* in 2006, he raised liberal eyebrows by saying that government could be more effective in fighting terrorism if it were less transparent and more concerned with protecting its own privacy than that of its citizens.

Carol Steiker, a Harvard law professor, said Mr. Stuntz was not only "considerably

to the right of your average Harvard law professor" but also unusual at the university because he was an evangelical Christian. She said he had begun to use the word "mercy" among the "values he thought the criminal justice system should have, but didn't."

Even when applying Christian principles, he had surprises. In one instance he chided Christian conservatives' demand for "originalism" in interpreting the Constitution, wondering why they did not regard this as idolatrous. He said their overwhelming identification with one party, the Republicans, had "poisoned politics in deep ways."

William John Stuntz was born in Washington on July 3, 1958, grew up in Annapolis, Md., and graduated from the College of William and Mary and the University of Virginia School of Law. He clerked for Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. and taught at the University of Virginia for 14 years.

"He leapt to the top of the field in the early days of his entering the law professor world," said Martha L. Minow, the current dean of Harvard Law School.

Harvard hired him in 2000, and in 2006 he was named the Henry J. Friendly professor. This fall, Harvard University Press will publish his book "The Collapse of American Criminal Justice." Also this fall, Cambridge University Press will publish a book of essays on the implications of his scholarship.

Mr. Stuntz is survived by his wife, Ruth; his children, Sarah Stuntz, Andrew Stuntz and Samuel Cook-Stuntz; his parents, John and Sandy Stuntz; his sister, Linda Adamson; and his brothers, Richard, Michael and David.

Mr. Stuntz wrote extensively about the chronic pain he suffered after a back injury in 1999, saying he felt better after realizing it was futile to dream of being painless. "Hopelessness turns out to be surprisingly good medicine," he wrote.

He kept writing when he was dying of cancer, saying that he found hope in a single passage of the Book of Job. "You will call and I will answer," Job says. "You will long for the creature your hands have made."

Mr. Stuntz wrote, "The concept that God longs for the likes of me is so unbelievably sweet."

ISAIAH VIALPANDO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Isaiah Vialpando for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Isaiah Vialpando is a 12th grader at Arvada West High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Isaiah Vialpando is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Isaiah Vialpando for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND FURTHER ADDITIONAL CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to this bill. This is not a good-faith effort to keeping the government running. Last night in the Rules Committee, Democrats offered an amendment that would have kept the government open for one week at current levels. Instead of allowing for an up-or-down vote on that measure, Republicans are attempting to force through another bloated spending bill.

Under this continuing resolution, critical government services would face draconian cuts—hundreds of millions of dollars—while defense spending would jump 1.5 percent over last year's level. This means drastic cuts to education, law enforcement, and health care. Meanwhile, the greatest source of waste and overspending in the federal government—the Pentagon—gets even more money.

Cuts to discretionary spending alone will never close our budget gap. But leaving defense spending off the table, which comprises roughly half of all discretionary spending, is counterproductive. Those domestic cuts won't balance the budget but they could stymie economic recovery now and harm our ability to compete globally in the years to come.

Even our Defense leaders recognize that Pentagon spending restraint must be part of debt reduction efforts. Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Admiral Mullen stated that "our national debt is our biggest national security threat." He also noted that the past decade's doubling of the Department of Defense budget has led to undisciplined spending. Secretary Gates concurs, stating, "We can't hold ourselves exempt from the belt-tightening. Neither can we allow ourselves to contribute to the very debt that puts our long-term security at risk."

An array of bi-partisan non-governmental groups analyzing our debt crisis have studied our defense budget and identified reductions in annual defense spending in the \$70–100 billion range. The recent bi-partisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, often called the Simpson-Bowles Commission, called for "substantial defense reductions over the next 10 years." They have recommended various cuts that would lead to \$60 billion in savings from security spending in the first year. In fact, if we implemented the Commission's recommendations, we would save \$100 billion dollars from defense spending in 2015 alone.

Instead of following the lead of fiscally responsible efforts such as the Commission, Republicans have decided to increase defense spending and slash only domestic discretionary spending. To get a sense of how unbalanced this is, we would have to cut \$14.5 billion from defense spending, in order to equal the cuts to domestic spending.

Reasonable military spending reductions can be made without sacrificing national security or undermining our troops. The Department of Defense must be held accountable for ensuring that tax dollars are not wasted and

military spending should be scrutinized to find meaningful reductions in outdated or unworkable programs. Anyone who denies the Defense Department is one of the largest sources of waste, fraud and abuse in the federal government probably thinks the Pentagon has four sides.

It's clear that Republicans are not serious about the deficit. If they were, waste, fraud and abuse at the Pentagon would be as much of a focus as anywhere else in the budget. But rather than holding the line on spending, the Majority is actually feeding the beast. And they're playing political games with this continuing resolution rather working with the president to avert a government shutdown. It's not fiscally responsible or morally responsible, so I will vote no on the bill.

HONORING FORMER U.S. SENATOR AND AMERICAN WAR HERO, MAX CLELAND

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Max Cleland, my friend, former U.S. Senator and an American war hero. Today marks the 43rd Anniversary of the Battle of Khe Sanh. It was there that at the age of 25, he earned the Silver Star and the Bronze Star for valorous action in combat serving America as a U.S. Army Captain in Vietnam.

On April 8, with a month left in his tour, Captain Cleland was ordered to set up a radio relay station on a nearby hill. A helicopter flew him and two soldiers to the treeless top of Hill 471, east of Khe Sanh. When the helicopter landed, Cleland jumped out and was accidentally struck by a grenade blast. The explosion slammed him backward, shredding both his legs and one arm. Due to the severity of his injuries, doctors amputated both of Cleland's legs above the knee and his right forearm.

Max Cleland only became stronger after this devastating experience, and dedicated himself to a life of public service as a United States Senator where he worked to significantly improve the lives of Veterans returning from war. In these ways, he lived in the essence of one of his favorite quotes from Ernest Hemingway "The world breaks everyone, and afterward, many are strong at the broken places."

Max, we are inspired by your patriotism, spirit, and your great achievements to our nation. We only hope that our nation can follow your example and grow stronger at all the broken places.

HUMBERTO BARRIOS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Humberto Barrios for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Humberto Barrios is an 8th grader at North Arvada Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Humberto Barrios is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Humberto Barrios for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,259,761,986,879.66.

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 \$3,625,819,780,017.70 since then.

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

HONORING PROVIDENCE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Thomasville, Georgia, which is celebrating its 104th anniversary on April 10, 2011.

The Providence Missionary Baptist Church was born out of a spiritual need in the Thomasville community. In response to a divine revelation from God, the late Mother Mary Lousia Williams along with other believers in Jesus Christ proceeded to "build a house" for the Lord. Providence began as a prayer house, where it was known as the Providence of God.

Reverend Henry Fennell was the first pastor of Providence of God who served from 1907-1908. He was succeeded by Reverend Robert Raymond who served from 1908-1909. Under Reverend Raymond's leadership, the organizational structure of the church grew from a prayer house into a missionary Baptist church. After Reverend Raymond's superior leadership, Providence Missionary Baptist church has been blessed to have several dynamic pastors including Reverend Frank Martin, Reverend Arthur J. Atkinson, Reverend Eddie S. Sheffield, Reverend James Ceasar Vaughn, Jr., and Rev. Dr. Emory C. Virgil.

For the last 104 years, Providence Missionary Baptist Church has expanded its ministry in the Thomasville community. The church broke ground on a new structure in 1957 and moved into the new location on Magnolia Street a year later. When the new sanctuary opened, the members of the church

marched from the site of the old church to the new location and Reverend Atkinson ordained nine Deacons.

Providence Missionary Baptist Church furthered its legacy of giving back to the community in 1980 when it helped establish the Providence Plaza, a low-income residential facility in Thomasville. Reverend Sheffield helped secure funding for the building through a Community Development Block Grant, and relied on the leadership of the late Deacon Elijah Hill, Jr. Deacon Hill had a proven track record for rehabilitating condemned or abandoned houses, turning them into livable and affordable dwellings for individuals needing low-income housing.

The Providence Plaza is a living testimony that the church is most capable of providing shelter for the homeless. In Matthew 11:28, Jesus gave an instruction to the church when he said: "come unto me all you ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

The church has lived up to its vision statement, "To glorify God, to magnify Christ, and to help somebody" for the last 104 years, The Thomasville community is a better place because of Providence Baptist Church, and on the occasion of its 104th anniversary, it gives me great honor to recognize the church for all its efforts. I thank the church and its congregation for all their many years of service. I hope Providence Missionary Baptist Church will continue to spread the word of God and continue serving the Thomasville community for many years to come. To God be the glory!

JESSE LUCERO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jesse Lucero for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jesse Lucero is a 10th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jesse Lucero is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jesse Lucero for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

H.R. 658, THE FAA REAUTHORIZATION AND REFORM ACT OF 2011

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, reauthorization and reform of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is long overdue, and critical to

our nation's future. Between 2007 and 2010, the Democratic House majority repeatedly passed FAA reauthorization legislation—with my strong support—to modernize America's outdated air traffic control system, improve airline safety for the traveling public, and create jobs by improving our nation's infrastructure. After years of negotiation, the Senate passed a bipartisan reauthorization bill in February 2011 that meets these criteria.

Unfortunately, the House Republican majority chose not to bring the bipartisan Senate legislation to a vote today. Instead, House Republicans introduced H.R. 658, a different version of the FAA authorization that slashes \$4 billion from needed aviation infrastructure investments. The \$4 billion cut to aviation infrastructure funding would wreak havoc on our nation's aviation industry, which accounts for nearly 11 million jobs and \$1.2 trillion in annual economic activity. Economist Mark Zandi—Senator MCCAIN's economic advisor during the 2008 Presidential campaign—estimates that the cuts made in H.R. 658 to aviation infrastructure will result in the loss of 700,000 American jobs.

In addition to the threat of massive job losses, H.R. 658 includes provisions that roll back worker rights and undermine airline safety. One of these provisions would change existing union election laws for aviation and rail workers so that employees who choose not to vote are counted as “no” votes. Needless to say, if these rules were applied to congressional elections, not a single sitting Member of the House or Senate would have won election. Some House Republicans have joined Democrats in rejecting this anti-democratic policy. Republican Congressman STEVE LATOURETTE offered a bipartisan amendment with Democratic Representative JERRY COSTELLO to maintain union election rules within the National Mediation Board that uphold a very basic democratic principle: the majority of those who vote will determine the outcome of an election. I voted for this amendment and was extremely disappointed it failed due to strong opposition from the Republican caucus.

Another amendment, offered by Representative BILL SHUSTER, eliminates the common-sense proposal by the FAA to set a single standard for the aviation industry regulating how many hours pilots can fly before they are required to rest. This standard is the result of extensive scientific testing. Rep. SHUSTER's amendment would abandon the scientific basis for pilot rest requirements and instead create different levels of safety depending on the segment of the aviation industry. Fatigue affects pilots the same, regardless of the plane they fly or the cargo they carry. I opposed the Shuster amendment but unfortunately it passed despite unanimous opposition from Democratic Members of the House.

Mr. Speaker, Congress must pass a long-term authorization of the Federal Aviation Administration that will improve safety for passengers and pilots, make critical infrastructure upgrades, and modernize this essential sector of our nation's economy. I am disappointed that the House will not vote on such a bill today. Once again, Republican leaders in the House have decided that scoring political points and protecting special interests is more important than our nation's future.

President Obama has said he will veto any bill that does not protect railroad and airline workers' right to a fair election or one that

erodes the safety and efficiency of our air traffic. Unfortunately, this bill fails on both counts, and I cannot support it.

JACK TROETSCHEL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jack Troetschel for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jack Troetschel is an 8th grader at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jack Troetschel is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jack Troetschel for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF EXTENSION HOME ECONOMICS IN ALABAMA

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Extension Home Economics in the State of Alabama and the important educational role played by home demonstration and county agents throughout our state. Generations of families in Alabama have led better and more self-sufficient lives as a result of home economics programs, which are based on a foundation of teaching consumer and decision making skills that last a lifetime.

The roots of Extension home economics education in Alabama can be traced to the founding of the first Girls' Tomato Clubs in Pike and Walker counties in 1911. The spread of similar clubs demonstrated the great need for homemaker education. Those modest beginnings provided fertile soil for the creation of a statewide Alabama Cooperative Extension Service, which was established as part of the land grant college system. The original staff included a state home demonstration agent.

The Alabama Cooperative Extension Service is known for a number of impressive firsts, including the development of a model program to teach low-income young homemakers and the appointment of the first Negro demonstration agent in Alabama in 1915. Extension workers and citizens in Alabama participated in the “food for defense” program during World War II and their memorable mattress campaign resulted in the completion of more than 500,000 mattresses and 200,000 comforters to support the campaign for liberty.

A hallmark of home economics education in Alabama has been its responsiveness to changing economic and cultural needs. During the challenging years of the Great Depression, instruction in conservation and wise management of scarce resources helped to tide over many families during difficult times. The post-war years brought a new emphasis on consumer education and sound decision making as women entered the workforce in greater numbers. More recently, lifestyle, health, and technology education has assumed heightened importance. In our complex society, home economics now encompasses everything from health, nutrition, and family life to financial, consumer, and employment matters. The end goal remains the same: creating a wise consumer, a strong family unit, and productive citizens in our communities.

The State of Alabama is fortunate to have an extensive network of cooperative extension agents, university professionals, and elementary and secondary educators dedicated to the well-being of our families. Working seamlessly together, they provide an unparalleled service to the State of Alabama that enhances the quality of family life daily. On the occasion of the special celebratory luncheon being held in Montgomery on April 19 to salute the mission of home economics, it is a pleasure to recognize 100 years of achievement and look forward to a second century of service.

CONGRATULATING MATT HOWARD

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Matt Howard and the rest of the Butler University men's basketball team. America watched as the Bulldogs demonstrated hard work and personal sacrifice throughout the NCAA tournament and achieved what many said was impossible. The Dawgs epitomize what the word “team” is all about, and although they did not take home the trophy, they made their state and fellow Bulldogs across the nation proud. As Andrew Carnegie said, “teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to obtain uncommon results.”

Matt is one of the Bulldogs I am proud to say is from my district. After leading the state in rebounding his senior year at Connersville high school, Matt chose to attend Butler University. Matt's work-ethic and tenacity on the hardwood translated into the classroom as well where he was named to the Capitol One Academic All-America Team for a school-record 3 years. He was also named NCAA 2010–2011 Division 1 Academic All-American of the year, and he recently received the prestigious Elite 88 Award for the second consecutive year. Matt is a three-time all Horizon League First-Team player, and in 2008–2009 was named Horizon League Player of the Year. He's been named to the Horizon League All-Tournament team for three consecutive years including the tournament's Most Valuable Player in 2010. There is no doubt Matt's talent helped advance the Dawgs to the final game of the NCAA tournament.

What many may not know is the incredible support that Matt Howard has received not

only from his family, but from his community. As one of ten children, Matt grew up in a strong and loving family. When word spread that the Howard family would not be able to attend the Final 4 in Houston, their friends and neighbors donated money to pay for the family's travel expenses. The town raised over \$17,000 and the entire Howard family was able to watch Matt play in-person. Acts of kindness like this from a small East-Central Indiana town never cease to amaze me.

Today I echo the pride of Hoosiers across the state on Butler's strong performance. And I especially congratulate Matt for his leadership and strength of character throughout the tournament.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL
STEPHANIE E. DAWSON SERVICE
AS BRIGADE COMMANDER OF
THE 369TH SUSTAINMENT HAR-
LEM HELLFIGHTERS UNIT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Colonel Stephanie E. Dawson Service as Brigade Commander of the 369th Sustainment Harlem Hellfighters Unit. Col. Stephanie Dawson is the first female officer in New York National Guard history to command a brigade level unit.

Col. Dawson became the Commander of the 369th Sustainment Brigade on October 1st, 2008. Prior to that time, she was the Deputy Commander of the 369th Sustainment Brigade, a position she held for two years. As a Lieutenant Colonel, she commanded the 27th Rear Area Operations Center. Dawson's unit was one of the first New York Army National Guard units to be mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in February 2003 and returned in April 2004.

Colonel Dawson also served as Battalion Executive Officer; Support Operations officer; Ammunition Officer; Maintenance Officer; Tank/Automotive Officer; Material Maintenance Management Officer; 42nd Division, Material Management Center; Commander, Headquarters & Light Maintenance Company; Operations Readiness Platoon Leader; and Automotive Maintenance Platoon Leader.

As executive officer for the 369th Corps Support Battalion during the unit's 9–11 activation, she helped spearhead battalion relief, security, supply, transportation, and other logistics support missions for initial Ground Zero operations. Colonel Dawson was credited and acknowledged by her colleagues and company commanders for her quick and decisive response during the 9–11 attacks on the World Trade Center and their aftermath.

Dawson is a 2007 graduate of the Army War College, as well as the Army's Command and General Staff College and the Combined Arms and Services School. She also completed the Support Operations Course; the Senior Transportation Officer Advanced Qualification Course; the Ordnance Advanced Officer Course; the Ordnance Basic Officer Course; and the Academy of Health Sciences (AMEDD) Officer Basic Course.

Colonel Stephanie Dawson's military honors and awards include the Bronze Star, the Meri-

torious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

In civilian life she is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and works for the Chief Operating Officer for the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey where she is the Chief of Staff of Operations, and has previously served as the Assistant Director of Capital Programs; General Manager and Program Manager for Security Systems at the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey.

Prior to joining the Port Authority, she was an Operations Manager in banking and then held a number of positions at the Department of General Services in New York City. Col. Dawson's civilian education includes a Masters in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Marist College, and a Bachelors of Arts in Economics from Cornell University. Dawson is also a life member of her local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and 369th Historical Society.

Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, April 10 at 1300 hours, Colonel Stephanie E. Dawson will conclude her service as Brigade Commander of the 369th Sustainment Harlem Hellfighters Unit during the Change of Command Ceremony taking place at the 369th Harlem Hellfighters Armory in my 15th Congressional District. Please join me and a very grateful nation in a special House of Representatives salute and thank you to Brigade Commander Colonel Stephanie E. Dawson for her continued distinguished service to the New York Army National Guard and the United States of America.

The 369th Sustainment Brigade is one of nine such support units in the Army National Guard. A Sustainment Brigade provides command and control for combat service and combat service support units which enable the Army's combat teams to fight by providing fuel, ammunition, medical supplies, repair parts, and medical and other services. A Sustainment Brigade can support from one to 10 brigade combat teams depending on the number of service and support units it controls.

The 369th traces its heritage back to the 15th Infantry Regiment of the New York National Guard, an all African-American unit organized in 1916. In 1917 the regiment was sent to France and renumbered as the 369th Infantry, but because American Army officers maintained segregated combat formations, the Soldiers were initially used for supply duties. The French Army, though, was more than happy to have these Soldiers fight for them and in May 1918 the 369th went into the trenches.

Corporal Henry Johnson, a railroad porter from Albany, New York became the first American to win the French Croix de Guerre, when he fought off a German attack on his listening post. During this hand-to-hand combat, Johnson saved another soldier from capture. In tough fighting in France the 369th unit won a regimental Croix de Guerre from the French Army, and 200 individual Croix de Guerre were awarded. The unit also sustained 1,500 casualties and won itself the nickname "Harlem Hell fighters" and the respect of the German opponents and French allies. The 369th saw more frontline service than any other American unit in World War I.

In World War II the unit served as the 369th Anti-aircraft Artillery Regiment, and in the Gulf War of 1991 it served as the 369th Transportation Battalion.

CONGRATULATING CHASE
STIGALL

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chase Stigall and the rest of the Butler University men's basketball team. America watched as the Bulldogs demonstrated hard work and personal sacrifice throughout the NCAA tournament and achieved what many said was impossible. The Dawgs epitomize what the word "team" is all about, and although they did not take home the trophy, they made their state and Bulldog fans across the nation extremely proud. As Andrew Carnegie said, "teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to obtain uncommon results."

I am proud to say that many of the Bulldog players hail from my district. One such young man is Chase Stegall. He was a star player at Chrysler High School in New Castle, and he helped lead his team to victory in the Indiana Class 3A state championship. There is no doubt that his talent also helped advance the Dawgs to the final game of the NCAA tournament. I echo the pride of Hoosiers across the state on Butler's strong performance. And I especially congratulate Chase for his leadership and strength of character throughout the tournament.

REMARKS OF CONGRESSMAN JIM
MORAN AT HIS 20-YEAR GALA
CELEBRATION

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. HOYER. My friend and colleague JIM MORAN gave these insightful remarks at his 20-Year Gala Celebration on March 29th.

CONGRESSMAN JIM MORAN'S SPEECH AT HIS 20-YEAR GALA CELEBRATION—MARCH 29, 2011

I have the best job in the world—representing the best educated, most diverse workforce in the strongest economy in the country.

Of course, there's always going to be a gap between what business can produce and what government can provide. In Northern Virginia much of that gap is filled with the personal generosity of most of you in this room. So, on behalf of the beneficiaries of your generosity, let me thank you again for your unselfishness.

After 65 years of life and 30 years in politics, I've come to realize some things that may have not been as apparent when I started out. First of all, the tragedy of so many lives I've come into contact with, didn't occur when they drew their last breath, but rather when they dreamt their last dream. The tragedy of life is what we let die inside us while we live.

Societies have many of the same organic qualities as individuals and what strikes me

as I speak tonight is that this nation, which our founding fathers intended to serve as the brightest and most moral beacon of hope and enlightenment for all mankind, is in danger of losing its energy and its luster. It's not lights out time, but the light is dimming. Confidence and optimism is giving way to pessimism and cynicism.

The fact that we can't even see our way through to funding the Federal Government is an example of what I'm talking about. Many in today's Congress have said they will not vote to fund our Treasury obligations when we hit our national debt ceiling in a matter of weeks. The seed corn for our future growth—education, Head Start, research and development, roads, rails, clean water infrastructure, environmental preservation, the arts and humanities, are all being cut into the bone in the pending HRI Appropriations Bill.

I'm in this job because I believe deeply in my heart in the American dream and I believe in the essential role of the Federal Government in the fulfillment of that dream.

Government can't and shouldn't try to solve every problem, right every wrong, or even rectify every inequality. Its job is to be a catalyst and a gap-filler and the option of last resort. To do the things that the private sector can't or won't.

For example, the private sector alone can't afford the kind of basic research that DARPA and the National Science Foundation invested in that produced the internet, GPS, the human genome, and cures for so many of our diseases. And if we want to unravel the mysteries of what lies under the sea and above the sky, if we want to find a permanent cure for Alzheimer's and cancer and autism, and if we're going to secure clean, sustainable sources of energy, then the Federal Government needs to be seen as a partner worth the trust and the investment of the American people and its politicians.

The private sector can't finance all our interstate roads and high-speed rail and mass transit systems. The private sector can't fund the infrastructure to separate storm water from drinking water or salvage Puget Sound or the Chesapeake Bay or the Great Lakes. And neither the private sector nor most of the parents of this country can take on the task of educating our future workforce.

Those are inherently governmental responsibilities and we ought not shrink from them.

If we truly believe in the future of this country then we have to be willing to make the investments necessary to ensure that brighter future. That means you don't cut corners on research opportunities, you don't shortchange your transportation systems, and you don't lay off more than 200,000 teachers, as we've done over the last two years, while the number of students has increased by 750,000.

Of course, we have to reduce the deficit and ultimately balance our budget—but you can't fight two wars, expand Medicare and invest billions in our homeland's security with two deep tax cuts.

We're bringing in revenue today that amounts to 15% of GDP. We've never had a strong, stable, modern economy without investing at least 20% of our GDP in military security and in our domestic physical and human infrastructure. But, as the Bowles/Simpson Commission emphasized, spending at 25% of GDP is just as unsustainable as taxing at 15%.

Our tax code has got to be made simpler and fairer. Warren Buffet is right to ask why his secretary pays 25% of her income while he only pays taxes on 10% of his wealth. And it's fair to ask why Exxon Mobil, GE, NewsCorp, Bank of America, and dozens of

other multinational corporations are paying zero taxes to the U.S. during some of their most profitable years, while other corporations with much less profit are paying 35%.

It's not their fault. It's ours in the Congress.

We lose a trillion dollars a year in so-called tax expenditures, much of which can only be justified in a political context. And while I'm an ardent capitalist, I don't think we should be taxing those making \$250,000 a year at the same rate as we tax those making \$25 million a year.

We also have to rein in health care costs. They're crippling our economy. Medicare and Medicaid spending has doubled over the last 25 years as a percent of GDP. It doesn't make sense that we should be living shorter, less healthy lives, while spending twice what any other country is spending on its health care. The reason is that we reimburse for the quantity of services provided, rather than the quality of care needed. Hopefully, the health care reform bill that was fought over so vehemently will fix that.

A couple other things I have come to realize over the last 20 years is that the best social program is a good job and the key to economic prosperity and social stability is a strong middle class. Neither a survival of the fittest society nor a winner-take-all economy is in anyone's long-term best interest.

Carrying on the theme of societies functioning very much like individuals, I think we all have kind of a burning flame inside of us. Some call it our soul or the human spirit, but it does seem as though when we look the other way from the poor, shut our doors to the homeless, close our consciences to the sick and needy, that flame burns less bright, and eventually goes out. . . . I think that can apply to our nation as well.

And in that regard, let me say a word about immigration. I just came from a ten-day trip to Colombia, Panama, Guatemala, and Mexico City. The Chinese, Canadians and Europeans are all filling the gap in Colombia and Panama left by our inability to reach a deal with them—a free trade deal that primarily lowers their tariffs on our goods and services.

But in Guatemala, fully half the population is stunted from malnutrition and crime is so pervasive a young person is more likely to be shot in a crime than to study in a college. In Mexico, 97% of the crimes committed are never prosecuted. The kids go to school for only four hours a day, but only 13% of their teachers can pass a high school equivalency exam.

What would you do as a parent in a situation like that? I think I know what you would do, because it is exactly what I would do for my own children—you would risk everything to pursue your dream of a better life for your kids. And that's exactly what the bravest, boldest and most entrepreneurial do.

And it is because people from all over the world have made that decision to come to America for the same reasons our ancestors did, that we've been able to constantly renew and reinvigorate our population and our workforce. That's why I'm a cosponsor of a bill that makes the highest achieving children of immigrants eligible for college, regardless of their parents' status and why I support the bill that requires English fluency, civics knowledge, paid-up back taxes, and no criminal record to get in the back of the line for citizenship. That's what they say amnesty is all about. I think it's what America is all about.

And finally—Libya. Who among you, if you saw a well-known bully beating up on defenseless people with a tire iron, wouldn't grab that tire iron out of his hands?

Gaddafi is not Mubarak of Egypt or King Hussein of Jordan, or President Saleh of

Yemen or the Khalifa family of Bahrain. He's a truly bad guy. He's using foreign mercenaries to torture and kill his people, who I believe just want some semblance of dignity, opportunity and human rights. Human rights that their peers throughout the Middle East are now willing to risk their lives for. President Obama has done the right thing by leveling the playing field.

The reason we've made the extraordinary investments we've made to create the strongest, smartest military in the world is to make this a better, safer world for everyone, and in so doing, to insure a more peaceful world for ourselves.

And when we seize the moral high ground, we will always win not just the battle, but the war of ideals and values. Those same values and ideals motivated my father to serve in World War II and to take advantage of the GI Bill and to save and sacrifice to get all seven of his children through college, and it's why I'm so genuinely humbled by the idea that I've been able to serve in the U.S. Congress for the last 20 years—and why I am so deeply grateful to all of you for affording me that opportunity.

Thank you.

CONGRATULATING EMERSON
KAMPEN

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Emerson Kampen and the rest of the Butler University men's basketball team. America watched as the Bulldogs demonstrated hard work and personal sacrifice throughout the NCAA tournament and achieved what many said was impossible. The Dawgs epitomize what the word "team" is all about, and although they did not take home the trophy, they made their state and Bulldog fans across the nation proud. As Andrew Carnegie said, "teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to obtain uncommon results."

Emerson Kampen is one of the Bulldogs I am proud to say is from my district. Emerson starred at Yorktown High School where he was named Honorable-Mention to the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association All-State team as a senior. There is no doubt Emerson's talent helped advance the Dawgs to the final game of the NCAA tournament. I echo the pride of Hoosiers across the state on Butler's strong performance. And I especially congratulate Emerson on his leadership and strength of character throughout the tournament.

HONORING LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR JENNIFER CARROLL

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the impressive accomplishments of Florida's 18th Lieutenant Governor, Jennifer Carroll. Lieutenant Governor Carroll is married to Nolan Carroll of Miami and they have three children, Nolan II, Nyckie and Necho. She was a state legislator for over seven years, a small business owner, former

Executive Director of Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs and a Navy veteran.

Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad West Indies. She emigrated to the United States as a young child and served her adopted nation honorably and with distinction. Lieutenant Governor Carroll has always possessed an adventurous spirit and harbored a desire to expand her horizons and explore the possibilities of the world around her. Lieutenant Governor Carroll enlisted in the United States Navy in 1979 rising from the ranks of an enlisted jet mechanic to retire as a Lieutenant Commander Aviation Maintenance Officer after 20 years. During her time in the Navy she was awarded numerous awards that include: Navy "E" Good Conduct Ribbon, Meritorious Service Medal, two Navy Commendation Medals, two Navy Achievement Medals, two Sea Service Ribbons, National Defense Service Medal, two Coast Guard Special Operation Ribbons, and an Expert Pistol Medal.

In the years that followed, this bright and determined woman worked tirelessly to graduate from the University of New Mexico with a B.A. in Political Science and received her M.B.A. from St. Leo University. Bold and fearless, Lieutenant Governor Carroll moved to Florida in 1986 and started a business named 3N. & J.C. Corp. She ran for the Florida House of Representatives in 2003 and after winning she became the first African American female Republican elected in the Florida Legislature's history. A documented trailblazer, she was appointed Deputy Majority Leader from 2003–2004 and served as Majority Whip from 2004–2006. She chaired the Finance Committee from 2006–2008 and chaired the Economic and Development from 2008–2010. She was awarded the Florida Chamber of Commerce Honor Roll consecutively since 2004, Faith and Family Award from the Christian Coalition of Florida Committee, 2005 and 2008, Florida Veterans Service Officers Association, Legislator of the year 2009 and Federated Retail Association Representative of the Year 2010.

It is unquestionable that Lieutenant Governor Carroll's career successes, including her recent ascension have come with much sacrifice, but have been well-deserved. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll. I wish Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll continued success for the future.

HONORING JOHN C. KOSTOLANSKY, SR.

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of former Corning Mayor John C. Kostolansky, Sr., who passed away on March 27.

John began working at Corning Glass Works in 1940, a company with whom he stayed until his retirement in 1988. During this time, he also served on the Corning Painted Post School Board, spending 2 years as President and 4 years as Vice-President.

John was no stranger to Capitol Hill. He served my district honorably as Treasurer to

U.S. Representative Amo Houghton for 8 years. John then served as Mayor of Corning from 1989 to 1991, where he was responsible for appointing a Blue Ribbon Commission to bring the city out of its deep financial problems. His vision and ability to make tough decisions should be an example to all public servants.

John was one of the most hardworking men I knew. There really was no part of the Corning community he didn't touch. He was involved in so many organizations, groups, and causes, I could not possibly name them all.

Because of his active role in making Corning the wonderful place it is today, he will be sorely missed by all of us who call Corning home.

I thank John for his service, and the precious mark he has left on the 29th Congressional District of New York.

CONGRATULATING ZACHARY HAHN

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 8, 2011

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Zachary Hahn and the rest of the Butler University men's basketball team. America watched as the Bulldogs demonstrated hard work and personal sacrifice throughout the NCAA tournament and achieved what many said was impossible. The Dawgs epitomize what the word "team" is all about, and although they did not take home the trophy, they made their state and Bulldog fans across the nation extremely proud. As Andrew Carnegie said, "teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to obtain uncommon results."

I am proud to say that many of the Bulldog players hail from my district. One such young man is Zachary Hahn. He was a star player at Chrysler High School in New Castle, and he helped lead his team to victory in the Indiana Class 3A state championship. There is no doubt that his talent also helped advance the Dawgs to the final game of the NCAA tournament. I echo the pride of Hoosiers across the state on Butler's strong performance. And I especially congratulate Zachary for his leadership and strength of character throughout the tournament.

RECOGNIZING THE 2010–2011 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 500 HOURS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY—KAITLYN HEBIG

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to inform the Members of the United States House of Representatives that the students of the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council, CYAC, from the Third District of Texas have completed a total of 500 community service hours, fulfilling and far-surpassing the requirements of their assigned CYAC in the Community service project.

This year 46 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 10 through 12 made their voices heard by joining CYAC. As the Third District's young ambassadors to Congress, these bright high school students met with me on a quarterly basis to discuss current events and public policy. These impressive young people recognize an important truth: the heart of public service is found when giving back to the community. CYAC students volunteered their time and talents with over 30 organizations including Adopt-A-Highway, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Teen Court, and the USO, to name a few. As one student shared, "CYAC in the Community has allowed me to realize my calling to serve those in the U.S. Armed Forces." I am beyond thrilled that CYAC has helped students unleash their full potential and chase their dreams.

President George H. W. Bush once said, "A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens—citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."

With this statement as a benchmark, I am proud to congratulate the members of the 2010–2011 Congressional Youth Advisory Council for showing themselves to be outstanding young citizens of this nation. It is my privilege to submit summaries of their work to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to be preserved for posterity and antiquity. To these young public servants, thank you, and keep up the great work. I salute you.

A copy of each submitted student summary follows:

For the CYAC in the Community Service Project, I participated in 3 separate projects for a total of 13 hours. My first project was on Thanksgiving morning for 6 hours. My brother, dad, and I arrived at the Meals on Wheels center at 7:00 a.m. We packed and distributed coolers of food. For the leftover coolers, my dad and I drove a route and delivered them. My next service project was Adopt-A-Family at Jesuit. My family was assigned an underprivileged family to buy Christmas gifts for and we were asked to wrap them. The family we were assigned was 6 people total and it was our job to help them out and buy gifts off their Christmas lists to make their holiday special. Buying the gifts took weeks but once they were all collected, we met at Jesuit and wrapped all of the gifts. My last service project was for the Notre Dame School of Dallas, a school for kids with mental disabilities and/or social disorders. Jesuit hosted a dance for them and I helped set up, dance, then clean up for 3 hours. It was great to see the smiles on the faces of the people I helped out and I had fun doing my service projects.

—Kaitlyn Hebig

INTRODUCTION TO H.R. 1443, H.R. 1444, AND H.R. 1445

HON. PAUL C. BROUN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced H.R. 1443, H.R. 1444, and H.R. 1445, which would protect our Second Amendment rights and expand hunting and fishing access for all Americans.

Over the past several years, our federal government, some states, anti-hunting, and anti-Second Amendment forces have made moves to ban lead hunting and fishing products. Unfortunately, the arbitrary desire to regulate lead hunting and fishing products is not based on a full and rigorous scientific analysis of exactly what—if any—hazards lead bullets, shot and sinkers may pose to wildlife populations, the environment, as well as hunters and anglers.

Banning lead ammunition and fishing products in favor of non-lead or non-toxic products would be much more expensive to produce and represents an unfair financial burden on hunters and anglers. The excise taxes on ammunition, firearms, and fishing tackle contribute billions of dollars each year for conservation projects throughout the country. Any actions to ban lead products will likely discour-

age people from hunting and fishing—especially in these difficult economic times and decrease revenue into the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson funds that are the keystone for financing state conservation efforts.

H.R. 1443, the Outdoor Sports Recreation Act, would prevent the Departments of Interior and Agriculture from prohibiting or limiting, based on material content, the use of any traditional hunting and fishing implement on federal public lands. This legislation would also deny any funding or revenue apportionment under the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act or the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to any state or territory that prohibits or restricts, based on material content, the sale or use of any traditional hunting and fishing implement. In addition, it would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from regulating, based on material com-

position, any type of firearm ammunition or fishing tackle.

H.R. 1445 only focuses on the EPA. It simply restricts the EPA from regulating, based on material composition, any type of firearm ammunition or fishing tackle.

Finally, H.R. 1444 expands hunting on our vast federal lands. Hunting is already permitted on most Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lands. This legislation would simply require that hunting activities be considered as a land use in all management plans for federal land, to the extent that it is not clearly incompatible with the purposes for which the federal land is managed.

I believe these three bills can play an important role in protecting our Second Amendment rights and help expand hunting and fishing access for all Americans.