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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.

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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