

early 1990s. Ambassador Grabar Kitarovic, the Congressional Croatian Caucus, and the National Federation of Croatian Americans (NFCA) successfully pushed the NATO Treaty to passage in the U.S. Senate, an important achievement for her country. As her record demonstrates, Ambassador Grabar has made a positive impact on both our country and her native Croatia.

The Croatian Caucus was also instrumental in supporting Croatia's bid for full membership in NATO—along with the entire Croatian American community as led by the NFCA—in an earlier legislative initiative. In December 2005, the House passed H. Res. 529 underlining the Republic of Croatia's readiness to join NATO, and I heard from many Croatian Americans in my district and state on the importance of the passage of this Resolution in the House and Senate.

In recognizing the work of Ambassador Grabar Kitarovic, I would also like to recognize two Croatian Americans who, through their work, made a positive impact on myself and on my constituents. As a young high school student growing up in Seattle, I had the good fortune to have played football for one of the greatest high school coaches in Washington state history, who was also a Croatian American: Coach Tony Gasparovic of Ingraham High School. He continues to be remembered fondly by hundreds of his former players.

Another important Croatian American is business leader Ed Loverich, who founded Town and Country Market on Bainbridge Island, Washington in 1957. This store is still a thriving town center today, and has expanded to more locations throughout the Seattle area. These are only a few of the positive contributions that the Croatian-American community has made on the Pacific Northwest, and our country as a whole.

I believe that I also speak for the Croatian Caucus Co-Chairs in wishing Ambassador Grabar Kitarovic and her husband, Jakov Kitarovic, and their two children the best of luck and success in Brussels. We hope her work with NATO brings her back through Washington in the coming years.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE STOP DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING FOR WOMEN'S SERVICES ACT (SDAWS)

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2011*

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, today I along with my colleagues Representatives MOORE, NORTON, CONNOLLY, CONYERS, HIRONO, GRIJALVA, JACKSON, RANGEL, TOWNS, LOWEY and LEE, am reintroducing important legislation that will protect the rights of women seeking information on family planning services. Too often, women who are facing the difficult consequences of an unintended pregnancy are being deceived and intimidated. No matter how one feels about the question of legal abortion, everyone can agree that deception has no place when a woman is seeking information about her pregnancy. Called Crisis Pregnancy Centers, CPCs, they advertise as a source of unbiased pregnancy counseling using neutral-sounding names. However,

some CPCs deliberately use marketing practices which cloak their offerings in medical buzzwords to bring in clients, and then use deceptive propaganda to dissuade women from considering comprehensive birth-control options or legal abortion.

If a woman enters a pregnancy center with full knowledge of the limited services and the center's bias that is entirely her choice. However this becomes an issue when a center knowingly uses misinformation, intimidation or coercion to cause and capitalize on her confusion.

In response to the deceitful practices of these centers, I am introducing the Stop Deceptive Advertising for Women's Services Act. This legislation directs the Federal Trade Commission to promulgate rules under the Federal Trade Commission Act, declaring it an unfair or deceptive act to advertise as a provider of abortion services if the entity does not provide abortion services. This legislation also states that an organization providing abortion services must not advertise that it does not provide these services.

Yesterday, a judge enjoined a New York City ordinance requiring CPCs to post signs disclosing the limited nature of their services. My bill only applies to CPCs that engage in deceptive and misleading advertising. The signage requirement (as adopted by NYC) tackles this issue in a different way. While I support those efforts, my bill is different because it gives a Federal agency the ability to investigate reports on misleading claims in the same way it can for other products and services.

Together, with this legislation, we can help women facing an already difficult and personal decision gain access to the best and most comprehensive healthcare without facing intimidation and deception.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2011*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,342,954,633,916.80.

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

This means the national debt has increased by \$3,694,528,887,622.61 since then.

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

#### REMEMBERING A TRUE ADVOCATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, PABLO LOPEZ

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart and deep sympathy to commemorate the life of my friend, Pablo Lopez.

Pablo was born June 22, 1943, in Bach, Michigan. In 1961 he joined the United States

Air Force serving active until 1965, and reserves until 1967. In 1966 he hired into the Buick factory and he became a prominent labor leader at UAW local 599, the same local as my father. It was at UAW 599 that I got to know Pablo and I am happy I did.

For years after our first meeting, Pablo would call upon me and my staff to help with various issues but he never asked for himself, always looking out for someone else. As a proud Veteran he took up the fight of trying to memorialize their service by naming roads and post offices on their behalf across the 5th district and the state. He was successful at it and I can say if it were not for him the post offices in both Akron and Goodrich, Michigan, would not bear the name of Veteran's Memorial Post Office.

Pablo was an advocate for social justice not only in Flint, Michigan, but across the country. If there was an injustice taking place you would most likely find Pablo fighting it. He joined Cesar Chavez at the Midwest Hispanic Unity March and Rally on June 15, 1990, in Lansing, Michigan, and then traveled to Chicago to join in their march for unity on June 19. The last time he rallied with Cesar was in 1993 in Washington, D.C., always standing up for what he believed in.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my deepest sympathies to the Lopez family and my gratitude for having met Pablo. I am a better person for knowing him and our community is better because of his tireless work.

#### TRIBUTE TO BOBBY GUTHANS

### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 14, 2011*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with heartfelt sadness that I rise to note the recent passing of a much-beloved member of the south Alabama community, Mr. Robert A. "Bobby" Guthans, who passed away at the age of 82 on June 5, 2011, after an extended illness.

At the time of his death, Bobby was one of Mobile's most revered business and civic leaders. More importantly, he was the epitome of a family man and the dictionary definition of a true "Southern Gentleman."

A native of Mobile, Bobby graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1951 with a degree in Chemistry. He was commissioned as an Army officer and spent the next two years fighting for his country in the Korean conflict. Bobby later served on the board of VMI, as well as on the board of Spring Hill College in Mobile.

In 1971, he became president of B-R Dredging Company, a worldwide dredging operation. Two years later, he was named president of Midstream Fuel Service, Inc., Petroleum Energy Products Company and Tenn-Tom Towing Company—a position he held until his retirement in 1999.

Not only was Bobby Guthans an active supporter of Southeastern inland waterways but he was recognized around the country as one of its great leaders. Among his many roles, Bobby served as Chairman of the Board of American Waterways Operators; Chairman of the Southern Region of the AWO; Director of the Executive Committee of the Warrior-Tombigbee Development Association; Director