

she championed public libraries and schools, job training programs, quality health care, services for senior citizens, the environment, public parks, cultural institutions, and economic development, securing tens of millions of dollars in funding in all of these critical spheres of urban life.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1946, C. Virginia Fields was the youngest of five children. Her mother was a seamstress who worked hard to support the family, particularly after her father, a steelworker, died when Virginia was just 12 years old. She developed her devotion to the pursuit of social justice in no small part thanks to the inspirational example of her mother, who was active in the local Baptist church where the late Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth, an associate of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. during the civil rights struggles of the 1950s and 1960s, served as pastor.

C. Virginia Fields earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at Knoxville College and a Masters of Social Work degree at Indiana University before beginning her professional career as a social worker. Today, she remains universally admired by the people of the Borough of Manhattan, a remarkable feat in one of the most diverse and high-pressured political environments anywhere in America. She has been a leader of uncommon grace, energy, and devotion to those she serves.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me recognizing the enormous contributions to our civic and political life made by C. Virginia Fields, who has worked tirelessly and diligently throughout her career on behalf of the people of New York City and our nation.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,993,709,044,140.78.

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 \$4,355,283,297,846.98 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

MONTGOMERY INN 60TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 60th anniversary of one of Cincinnati's most treasured restaurants—Montgomery Inn.

In 1951, Ted and Matula Gregory purchased and renamed what was then a small bar in Montgomery, Ohio called McCabe's Inn. Known for her cooking, Matula would take dinner to her husband each night. One evening, Matula decided to test out a new recipe for

ribs and barbecue sauce on her husband. Little did she know that her new recipe would soon be world famous. As a result of her delicious new recipe, the bar was quickly transformed into a restaurant. As their restaurant grew, so too did the town of Montgomery. The rest, as they say, is history.

Over the last 60 years, Montgomery Inn has grown to become one of the country's most well-known independent restaurants. The ribs have also taken on a life of their own and garnered something of a celebrity status. They have been enjoyed by countless dignitaries, athletes, celebrities, and every President from Ford to Obama. Montgomery Inn is proud to call the late Bob Hope their greatest ambassador.

With Matula still at the helm, all four of the Gregory children—Tom, Dean, Vickie, and Terry—are involved in the business. Montgomery Inn has grown from one small restaurant to a thriving business with four locations total in both Ohio and Kentucky. They also sell their world famous barbecue sauce nationwide. After 60 years, Ted's legacy is still going strong.

Like most Cincinnatians, my family has a long tradition of dining at Montgomery Inn. My own father was fortunate enough to call Ted Gregory a friend, and my daughter and son-in-law celebrated their engagement at The Boat-house.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in congratulating Montgomery Inn on their 60th anniversary, and I'm sure the citizens of Cincinnati look forward to 60 more years of Montgomery Inn.

HONORING COLEMAN GUY TAYLOR

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Coleman Guy Taylor. Coleman 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 43, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Coleman has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Coleman 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, Coleman has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Coleman organized and planned a remodeling project for one of the Children's Ministry rooms in King Hill Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Coleman Guy Taylor 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. DIANA NEWTON,
CO-FOUNDER OF THE SILVER
STAR FAMILIES OF AMERICA

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor one of the 7th District of Missouri's most distinguished individuals, Diana Newton.

Diana has dedicated her life to serving those who serve our country. Growing up with a father and brother in the armed forces, she knows first-hand the sacrifices our troops and their families make every day to keep our country free.

One day, while speaking with a veteran's mother, Diana felt more should be done to recognize our combat veterans. She then decided to bring back the American tradition of Silver Star Service Banners.

Silver Star Service Banners, or hand-sewn silver stars on blue and red cloth, were popular during the First World War. Families of enlisted members would display the banners in the windows of their homes in recognition of their loved one's patriotism and sacrifice.

In 2004, Diana and her husband co-founded the Silver Star Families of America in the hopes of once again using the Silver Star Service Banners to honor the sacrifice of America's best and brightest. Thanks to Diana's hard work, the Silver Star Service Banner is again being presented to thousands of veterans across the country.

The Silver Star Families of America is now an esteemed board member of the Veterans Administration Volunteer Services and has delivered over \$2 million in donated materials to veterans throughout the United States. Diana's leadership has established the organization as a verifying organization with the Presidential Volunteer Awards Program, a testifying organization with the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, and a sponsor of the Silver Star Banner Day on May 1st of every year.

A model citizen, Diana has been nominated as a CNN Hero of the Year, decorated with the Daily Point of Light award, the Missouri National Guard's Conspicuous Award, and received the 2010 Commendation and Gold Presidential Volunteer Services awards from former President George W. Bush.

Americans should be proud to know that people like Diana honor those who have dedicated their lives to protecting our freedoms. I too am proud, and I am honored, to call her my fellow citizen and neighbor in the 7th Congressional District of Missouri.

HONORING CAPTAIN GAYLEN
WHITE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Captain Gaylen White. Captain White retired on October 31, 2011 after 32 years with the City of Cameron Police Department.

Captain White has faithfully served the citizens of Cameron since 1979, joining the force

at the age of 23. Since then, he has advanced to oversee the Cameron Police Department Patrol Division, a role which has led him to have a direct influence on the daily lives of the citizens of Cameron. Thanks to Captain White and the officers serving under his command, Cameron continues to grow and be a safe and secure community in northwest Missouri. Captain White now joins his loving and supportive wife Phil in retirement and looks forward to spending more time with his family.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in honoring Captain Gaylen White for his accomplishments with the City of Cameron Police Department and for his efforts put forth in serving the citizens of Cameron, Missouri.

IN APPRECIATION OF STEVEN C.
BORELL

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve Borell in recognition of the 22 years of service he has given as Director of the Alaska Miners Association.

An engineering master's graduate of Kansas State University, he began his career as a pit foreman in North Dakota, quickly rising up through the ranks of his profession, eventually starting his own engineering consulting company in Anchorage, Alaska.

He began his role as Director of the Alaska Miners Association (AMA) in 1989. Founded in 1939, the Alaska Miners Association has about 1,000 members throughout Alaska and elsewhere, and exists primarily to support the mining industry and all those who work with and within it.

Through his leadership of the AMA he has unified the industry behind simple and consistent support of the responsible and safe development of minerals, doing his utmost to advocate for the mining industry in difficult economic times and in the face of staunch opposition to progress in this sector.

The mining industry brings a host of benefits to both the State of Alaska and the Nation as a whole. The jobs it creates, the economic and infrastructural development it yields, and the energy security it maintains are some of the most pressing issues facing Americans today. It is these issues that the mining industry and the AMA have always sought to address.

In doing this the AMA has sought to ensure that any restrictions on the use of land and water for infrastructural and energy development are firmly scientifically sound and economically realistic. All modern mining must address the balance between environmentalism and resource utilization—the two need not be mutually exclusive. In recognizing this, Steve has truly helped bring mining into the 21st century.

Steve has been a great Director of the AMA, unifying the industry around common goals and aims, serving the best interests of the working men who make up the ranks of the Association, and last, but not least, his tireless effort to be the voice of a whole new generation of miners.

Thanks for everything, Steve.

WHITE CASTLE'S 90TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate White Castle on its 90th Anniversary. White Castle is considered America's first fast-food hamburger chain and owns and operates more than 400 restaurants in 11 states.

White Castle was founded in 1921 in Wichita, Kansas by Walter A. Anderson and Edgar Waldo "Billy" Ingram. In 1933, the company moved its headquarters to Columbus, Ohio where they continue to be an integral part of the community.

White Castle is known for its small, square hamburgers called "sliders." With these tasty little burgers as their mainstay item, White Castle became the first hamburger chain to sell a million hamburgers and, later, the first chain to sell a billion hamburgers. Additionally, White Castle "sliders" have been sold in the frozen foods section of grocery stores nationwide since 1987 and have been available in vending machines since 1993.

Today, White Castle remains a family-run business having been lead by three generations of the Ingram Family. Their unique porcelain steel buildings are an icon in many neighborhoods across the Midwest.

White Castle is truly an American original and is inspiring because it is a story about the success of the American Dream. I am grateful to White Castle for being a pioneer and innovator of the fast-food industry. I congratulate White Castle and its owners and team members on their 90th Anniversary and on having provided what America craves for 90 years.

HONORING ALEX ABEND

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alex Abend. Alex 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 1360, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

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

HONORING THE ROTARY/KIWANIS
CALDWELL STREET FAIR

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of the Rotary Club of the Caldwells and the Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex, located in Essex County, New Jersey as they celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Rotary/Kiwanis Street Fair.

In 1991, the Rotary Club of the Caldwells and the Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex decided to join forces to organize a street fair in Caldwell, New Jersey to bring the communities together and show off all that the area had to offer. Welcoming vendors and organizations of every kind, the fair has recently celebrated its 20th year.

The first Sunday of every October brings a great hustle and bustle to downtown Caldwell. It is on this day, for the past twenty years, that two great community organizations come together to bring local organizations, vendors and fun to the area. Over the years, the fair has continued to grow and now consistently brings in 30,000 people; offering these vendors and organizations the chance to interact, not only with the residents of the Caldwells, but with residents from the surrounding communities.

Run by dedicated volunteers, the Rotary/Kiwanis Street Fair provides an opportunity for local businesses to "show off" their products; for organizations to share what they do and recruit new members; but most importantly, it brings local community members together to enjoy one another's company and have a good time!

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the the Rotary Club of the Caldwells and the Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex for continually bringing this wonderful event to the Caldwell community.

HONORING REID F. SCHMIDLING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Reid F. Schmidling. Reid 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 216, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Reid has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Reid 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, Reid has earned 51 merit badges, attained the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say as well as Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Troop guide with Troop 216, and participated in many other outside activities including chess club, hockey, golf, choir and violin. Reid has also contributed to his community through