

are with his family, staff, and constituents. May the thoughts and prayers of many give solace to his family and friends during this trying time.

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I cannot fully express my sadness over the death of my dearest friend and Congressional Black Caucus Colleague Congressman DONALD PAYNE. Today his constituents in New Jersey's 10th Congressional District, our Colleague in Congress, people across America and around the globe mourn the loss of a great man, leader and humanitarian. DONALD was a champion of the lesser among us who saw wrong and fought tirelessly to make it right.

DONALD sought to give every child a quality education and a fair chance at success no matter where they came from. For over 23 years in Congress, as former Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, and Member of the House Committee on Education, he advocated for low-income students across our nation. Moreover, as a Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, DONALD worked passionately to restore democracy and human rights in Africa and throughout the world. DONALD and I shared a vision in giving Americans from all walks of life the opportunity to serve and represent our nation abroad. His most recent accomplishment before he passed was the creation of USAID's Donald Payne Development Fellowship Program. Thanks to DONALD's efforts young Americans will have the opportunity to continue DONALD's legacy of promoting peace and compassion to the rest of world.

I will deeply miss my brother DONALD PAYNE whose kindness and commitment to humanity will forever be remembered. My deepest condolences go out to his family and loved ones.

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I come to the House Floor today to pay tribute to our beloved colleague, dear friend and one of our nation's preeminent humanitarian icons—the late Congressman DONALD PAYNE.

I first met Congressman PAYNE nearly two decades ago and I will always remember him as a kind, welcoming and intellectually gifted individual.

In serving in this distinguished body with Congressman PAYNE over the past few decades, I had the pleasure of seeing him excel in multiple rolls and often under challenging circumstances.

As a former Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and more recently Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, I observed firsthand his relentless and passionate advocacy on improving the standards of living for disadvantaged and disenfranchised communities of color all around the world.

And anyone who knew DONALD PAYNE well, knows that one of his biggest priorities was doing all he could to improve the educational standing of our nation's students and young scholars. As a former teacher, he understood better than most in this body, the insurmountable tasks that our educators have in simultaneously instructing and mentoring our future leaders.

He used his senior position on the U.S. House of Representatives Education and the Workforce Committee to aggressively advocate on behalf of America's children. He remained engaged in exploring ways that we could close our nation's educational achievement gap; provide equitable funding for public schools; and make college more affordable.

As the Ranking Member of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, he worked extensively to protect human rights and provide vital humanitarian assistance to developing countries throughout the African continent.

Madam Speaker, today the world has lost an uplifting and inspiring public figure and a remarkable human being. Those of us who were fortunate and blessed to have known and worked with DONALD PAYNE have lost a nurturing mentor and widely-admired colleague.

Congressman PAYNE once said, "There is a lot of dignity in being able to achieve things without having to create rapture." This quote speaks not only to the symbolism of DONALD's civil nature but to the substance of his lifelong mission of accomplishing good deeds through consensus rather than conflict.

Madam Speaker, I would ask that all my colleagues take time out of their schedules today to pay tribute to DONALD PAYNE for all that he did and all the good things that his legacy will continue to inspire us to do.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3606, JUMPSTART OUR BUSINESS STARTUPS ACT

Mr. SESSIONS (during the Special Order of Mr. ROE of Tennessee), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 112-409) on the resolution (H. Res. 572) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3606) to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### CLEARING THE NAMES OF JOHN BROW AND BROOKS GRUBER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 30 minutes.

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, thank you very much.

I was elected in 1995. Shortly after being sworn in, I was appointed to the Armed Services Committee. In my district of eastern North Carolina, we have Camp Lejeune Marine Base, Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, New River Marine Corps Air Station, and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

At the time, I was familiar with the Marine Corps' desire and need to have the MV-22 Osprey. The Osprey is the plane that can go from a helicopter mode to a plane mode. I realized it was at that time very controversial. In fact, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney was opposed to the plane's ever becoming a reality, and as a Member of Congress I was very supportive. I was a new Member, obviously, and I was very much supportive.

Madam Speaker, I am just going to hold up for a moment what the Osprey looks like, which is the plane I was just

describing. It is an unusual-looking bird, but the Marine Corps believes it's what it definitely needs to complete its mission of serving this great Nation.

On April 8 of the year 2000, a tragedy happened in Marana, Arizona. Colonel John Brow, who is to my left on this poster, was the pilot; and the copilot was Major Brooks Gruber. That night, 19 marines on a mission at Marana, Arizona, on Night Hawk 72, which was being piloted by Brow and copilot Gruber, flipped and crashed and burned, and 19 marines were killed. It was a very tragic, tragic happening, a very tragic night.

The wife of Major Brooks Gruber contacted me and asked me if I would please look into the fact that the Marine Corps had issued a press release, and I'm going to just touch on this very briefly.

The Marine Corps officials say that a combination of factors caused the Osprey accident. A report released by Marine Corps officials today confirmed that a combination of human factors—and that's a problem, Madam Speaker, those words "human factors"—caused the April 8 accident. General Jones replied: "Unfortunately, the pilots' drive to accomplish that mission appears to have been the fatal factor."

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Madam Speaker, again, from Marine headquarters, they sent out this press release nationally and internationally. Therefore, people started believing that the pilots were somewhat responsible for the accident.

About a year later is when Connie Gruber contacted me, and I would like to read part of her email to me, December 10, 2002:

I contacted you in hopes that leaders of integrity, free of bias, would have both the intelligence and the courage it takes to decide the facts for him or herself. If you do that, you will agree the "human factor/pilot error" findings should not stand as it is in military history. Again, I respectfully ask for your support. Please do not simply pass this matter along to General Jones without offering the support my husband and his comrades deserve. Please remember, these 19 marines can no longer speak for themselves.

Madam Speaker, that email from Connie Gruber started a 10-year journey. From that journey I continued to reach out to experts, which I am no expert, Madam Speaker, at all. But I had to believe the wife of Brooks Gruber that she and Trish Brow, the wife of the pilot, Major John Brow, that they told me that their husbands have the right to rest in peace.

So, Madam Speaker, from that I would like to read some comments. Rex Rivolo wrote me this in the effort of trying to clear the names of John Brow and Brooks Gruber:

I write in an attempt to help correct a great injustice perpetrated on Lieutenant Colonel John Brow, United States Marine Corps, and Major Brooks Gruber, United States Marine Corps, in attributing the cause of the MV-22 mishap in Marana, Arizona, on April 8, 2000, to aircrew error. At the time of the mishap, I was the principal