

my District Office staff where he rose to become Deputy District Director. Rafael has used his vast experience and extraordinary skills to help make the federal government work for the people in my congressional district. Whether the issue is veterans' benefits, Social Security, education, consumer protection, health care or myriad other federal concerns and responsibilities, Rafael has devoted himself to promoting, protecting and defending human dignity.

Rafael also serves his community on the Mott Community College Board of Trustees, as an executive board member of the Flint Branch of the NAACP and he was awarded the Distinguished Emerging Alumni honor at the University of Michigan-Flint where he earned a Masters of Public Administration. He was also selected to participate in the prestigious Rotary International Group Study Exchange Program and traveled to Brazil to advance the Rotary's mission.

Mr. Speaker please join me in honoring Rafael Christopher Turner, a dear friend and accomplished public servant as he moves on to continue making a difference in people's lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss how I would have voted on the amendments and final passage of H.R. 4089, the Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012.

If I had I been here to vote I would have voted in the following way:

Holt (NJ): I would have voted "no."

Grijalva (AZ): I would have voted "no."

Peters (MI): I would have voted "no."

Heinrich (NM): I would have voted "no."

Foxx (NC): I would have voted "yes."

Democrat Motion to Recommit: I would have voted "no."

Final Passage: I would have voted "yes."

As an avid hunter, a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, and a member of the Congressional Sportsman's caucus I understand the value of sportsmen's rights and cherish the opportunity to pass on my love for hunting to my children.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I was detained from voting on Monday, April 16, 2012 and the afternoon of Tuesday, April 17, 2012. If present, I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes: rollcall Nos. 152, 153, and 157.

If present, I would have voted "nay" on the following rollcall votes: rollcall Nos. 154, 155, and 156.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS (SAVAC) OF OSWEGO

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th anniversary of the Student Association Volunteer Ambulance Corps, SAVAC, of Oswego. The SAVAC is the first fully student funded, staffed, trained, and operated volunteer ambulance corps on a college campus in the nation, according to the American College Health Association.

Originally founded in 1971 by a small group of SUNY Oswego undergraduate students, the program had humble beginnings, initially receiving \$8500 in funding from the SUNY Oswego Student Association, which continues to fund the program today.

Today, the SAVAC is now the primary Emergency Medical Services, EMS, provider for SUNY Oswego. Additionally, the SAVAC is certified in Basic Life Support by the New York State Department of Health, providing mutual aid support to the Oswego City Fire Department and the Oswego Town Volunteer Fire Department.

The SAVAC has become a gateway to the EMS world, sending many of its members on to professional positions within Emergency Medical Services and Fire Departments across New York State and the country. I applaud the commendable and valuable work of the SAVAC and honor their rich history of community service.

EQUAL PAY DAY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, held every April, Equal Pay Day signifies the point in the year that a woman must work to earn what a man made in the previous year. Only in April will a woman finally earn what a man has made.

In my own state of New York, women make 83 cents for every dollar earned by their male counterparts. According to a report by the National Partnership for Women & Families, full-time working women in New York lose approximately \$24,257,741,976 each year due to the wage gap. The national average is even worse: on average, women in the United States earn 77 cents for every dollar earned by male coworkers.

Though the Equal Pay Act was signed into law in 1963, when women earned 59 cents for every dollar earned by men, it is nearly 50 years later and women STILL aren't being paid equally.

The work women do matters—women make up nearly half of the labor force and mothers are the primary earners or co-earners in two-thirds of all families. Equal pay isn't merely a women's issue—when women don't earn fair pay, the families that rely on their wages struggle. Families increasingly rely on wom-

en's wages to make ends meet. In typical married households, women's incomes accounted for 36 percent of total family income in 2008, up from 29 percent in 1983.

This Equal Pay Day, I recognize the many achievements and contributions of women across the country to our economy and pledge to work towards economic equality for women, to a time when women can finally receive the wages they have worked for and rightfully earned.

HONORING DEPUTY ROBERT PARIS

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and memory of Deputy Robert Paris, who was slain in the line of duty this past week in Modesto. Deputy Paris is the third sworn officer to be killed while serving with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department, and on behalf of the community and this Congress, I want to offer condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

Deputy Paris has a long career of service, first being certified as a Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic in 1980. In 1993, he graduated from the Ray Simon Regional Criminal Justice Training Center, and three years later started his 16-year career with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office. There, he served in many capacities before volunteering for the dangerous but necessary work of the civil division. In all assignments, Deputy Paris earned the confidence of his superiors and the respect of his fellow officers. His end of watch came on April 12, 2012, while serving an eviction notice, accompanied by local locksmith Glendon Engert.

Deputy Paris is survived by his parents, Robert Sr. and Jane, sister Krista, brother Eric, and two adult children, a son and daughter.

May the example of Deputy Paris renew in each of us the determination to live by the watchwords of honor and duty, values he defended at the price of his life. It is also my fervent prayer that those close to Robert Paris receive the only solace afforded in the face of such tragedy, the certain knowledge that whatever honors we express here, they pale before the peace awaiting him and all who lay down their life for others.

IN RECOGNITION OF VERA PETERSON

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Records Clerk II Vera Peterson for her 23 years of service at the Daly City Police Department.

Ms. Peterson served as assistant trainee for the department from 1980–1981. She started her career in the records division in 1988. She excelled in all categories handled by that division: transcription, subpoenas, citations and impounds, classification, and restraining orders. Her extensive experience and wealth of