

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

REAUTHORIZING CERTAIN VISA PROGRAMS

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 3245, which reauthorizes the E-Verify Program for three years. E-Verify is an important tool for employers who want to help ensure they are employing legal workers. I believe that there are a few changes that would make E-Verify even more effective and user friendly than it already is, that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) can make without being required to do so statutorily.

Prevention of identity theft in E-Verify is important and USCIS has been taking steps aimed at doing so. For instance, they have created an E-Verify photo match tool for certain individuals so that an employer can match a DHS database photo to the employee standing in front of them. I applaud the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for taking this step and others, and also urge USCIS to fully explore other available identity authentication approaches through pilot programs.

I also support DHS providing employers with a seamless integration of an official, electronic I-9 into E-Verify. The goal of an all-electronic system, instead of a paper-based I-9, was included in E-Verify legislation authored by Chairman SMITH. Combining E-Verify and the I-9 together will be a strong inducement for employers to join E-Verify.

I have discussed these changes by DHS with the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, LAMAR SMITH, who has expressed his support.

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend International Dot Day. This September 15th marks the annual celebration of International Dot Day, which encourages students' creativity by asking them to make their own unique mark on the world. This year's celebration will involve more than half of a million children in all fifty states and on six continents.

International Dot Day was inspired by the children's book "The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds. The book tells the story of a student named Vashti who doubts her own abilities as an artist until her teacher encourages her to make a single mark on the page. The single dot she creates in art class and her teacher's encouragement starts a journey of creativity and discovery for Vashti who goes on to in-

spire other students to be creative in their own ways.

Mr. Speaker, creativity and genius are important attributes for students of all ages to pursue, and I applaud my constituent Terry Shay, an educator from Waterloo, IA, who founded Dot Day in 2009, to inspire his students to make their own mark. Mr. Shay has helped inspire other educators around the world to encourage their own students by sharing the message in Peter Reynolds' inspirational book.

I would like to take this opportunity to officially recognize September 15th as International Dot Day, and I wish Mr. Shay and other educators well as they continue encouraging creativity in their students.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL JANET L. COBB, USAR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend congratulations to a distinguished South Alabamian who was recently promoted to the rank of major general in the United States Army Reserve. Maj. Gen. Janet Cobb's service to her country is a credit to the professionalism and dedication of our military and we are proud to have her call South Alabama home.

Maj. Gen. Cobb is a graduate of Foley High School and the University of Alabama. After enlisting in the Army Reserve in 1974, she was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in May 1978 from the University of Alabama ROTC program. Maj. Gen. Cobb is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

Maj. Gen. Cobb has commanded at the Detachment, Battalion, Brigade, General Officer and Directorate command levels. Her deployments include 1184th Transportation Terminal Unit, Saudi Arabia (July–November 1991), 1184th Transportation Terminal Battalion, Port of Ash Shuaybah, Kuwait (November 2002–May 2003), 598th Transportation Group (Terminal) Rotterdam, The Netherlands (2007), and the Central Command Deployment & Distribution Operations Center, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait (2011). In July 2012, Maj. Gen. Cobb completed a six-month mobilization at the Pentagon where she served as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations), Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics (G-4). She is currently assigned to the Pentagon as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Mobilization and Training (Reserve Component Integration), Department of the Army (G-4).

While still a colonel, Janet commanded the 1184th Transportation Terminal Battalion from Mobile during the second Gulf War. Of her service, the Mobile Press Register observed, "Under Cobb's command, the 1184th became well-known among coalition forces in Kuwait

not only for unloading a record amount of U.S. military cargo through a Kuwaiti port in 2003, but also for staging a Mobile-style Mardi Gras parade over there, in which Moon Pies, beads and cups were thrown."

Her awards include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf clusters, and the Joint Achievement Medal.

In civilian life, Maj. Gen. Cobb is employed with Kaiser Realty, Inc. in Gulf Shores. She is a resident of the Barnwell community in south Baldwin County.

Mr. Speaker, I join my fellow Alabamians in not only expressing deep pride in Maj. Gen. Cobb's contributions to her country, but also in offering our heartfelt congratulations for her recent promotion and wish her all the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING PACIFIC METALLURGICAL AS A FINALIST FOR THE 2012 KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Pacific Metallurgical in Kent, Washington for being named a finalist for the 2012 King County Executive's Small Business Awards, in the Exporting Small Business of the Year category. The Exporting Small Business award is given to small businesses that have increased international sales in new and existing markets.

Pacific Metallurgical is an innovative heat treating business that was founded in 1967. The family-owned company was one of the first commercial heat-treat suppliers in the King County region. The company has since grown and the company is today offering new equipment and technology worldwide.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Pacific Metallurgical. Advanced companies like Pacific Metallurgical help to stimulate our local and national economies through trade and growth.

TRIBUTE TO ALABAMA BUSINESSMAN, LARRY DRUMMOND

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Elbert Allen "Larry" Drummond, Vice Chairman of Drummond Company, Inc., who passed away on July 30, 2012, at the age 68. Larry Drummond was a leader among the Alabama business community and a devotee to preserving Alabama's abundance of natural resources.

Larry Drummond was born August 3, 1943, in Birmingham. His early life was spent with

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his family in the Walker County town of Sipsey. His father had been a coal miner for Debardeleben Coal Company and had decided in 1935 to start his own mine, the beginning of what is now Drummond Company, Inc.

He attended Walker County High School in Jasper where he was co-captain and named to the all-county football team. He also played baseball at Walker and was selected for the East-West All-Star Game in Birmingham.

He earned a bachelor's degree in Commerce and Business Administration from the University of Alabama in 1965. He also earned a master's degree in accounting the following year before entering the University of Alabama School of Law, where he was awarded the Juris Doctor degree in 1969. During breaks in college, Larry worked in various areas of Drummond Coal operations—preparing a site for mining, drilling at a new mine, cleaning coal for loading, and work at other operations.

Returning home with his law degree in hand, he rejoined his family's company. Over the years, he was heavily involved with domestic and international coal sales. Along with his brothers, Larry was instrumental in fostering business relationships with Japan that continue today. He later assumed additional complex responsibilities as Vice Chairman of the corporation and Chairman of its Executive Committee.

Larry was active in a variety of civic and educational organizations in Walker County and Alabama. He was a member of the Alabama and the American Bar Associations. At the University of Alabama, he was a member of the President's Cabinet and of the Board of Visitors of the Culverhouse School of Commerce. The Culverhouse School recognized him in 2003 with a Career Achievement Award.

He served on the boards of the Walker Area Community Foundation and the Alabama Conservation and Natural Resources Foundation. He also served as a board member for the Alabama Conservation and Natural Resources Foundation and the American Family Business Institute. He was a member of United Way of Central Alabama's Le Societe National. In 2011 Larry was inducted into the Alabama Academy of Honor and into the Alabama Business Hall of Fame.

Larry also possessed an abiding love for the outdoors and enjoyed working closely with the Boy Scouts of America. He was a director of the Black Warrior Council of the Boy Scouts, which presented him with the Silver Beaver Award.

His leadership of one of Alabama's top energy companies and his stewardship of our environmental resources will be sorely missed.

On behalf of the people of Alabama, I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences to his wife, Abbie; brothers, Garry and John; daughter, Terri; sons, Scott and Patrick; five grandchildren, extended family and many friends. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

TAKE POLITICS OUT OF POST
OFFICE

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to take politics out of the Post Office.

In 2006, Congress passed legislation that forced the United States Postal Service to pre-fund 100 percent of retiree health and insurance premiums. No other company, public or private, is forced to comply with this inherently destructive policy.

On September 30, of this year, the law requires a payment of \$5.6 billion to fund pension obligations. This will do more than cost the USPS precious dollars. It also threatens the very life of the postal service and it will cost hard-working postal employees the dignity and respect that goes along with a hard day's work.

Mr. Speaker, House Republicans cited declining physical mail volumes and a growing USPS labor force as the primary reasons why the 2006 legislation was necessary. Yet, 2005, 2006, and 2007 were the highest volume years in the USPS's 200 year history. In fact, 2006 was the highest volume year ever for the USPS. And how did House Republicans expect the Postal Service to deal with the additional 2 million addresses being added to their delivery routes each year? By hoping and praying that the mail gets delivered?

Mr. Speaker, the 2006 legislation was solely intended to break the back of a public sector union and privatize the mailing industry. Why else would Congress alter an entity that hasn't used a dime of tax payer's money in 30 years?

According to the Congressional Research Service, the USPS was self-supporting since 1971, using revenues from postage sales to fund its operating costs. In fact, the Postal Service was so profitable, Mr. Speaker, that it returned money to the Treasury every single year while providing free services to visually impaired persons and overseas voters. If the Postal Service were a private corporation during that time, my colleagues across the aisle would have hailed it as the model of economic success and sung its praises from sea to shining sea for paying dividends to shareholders.

In the years after Republicans dumped the pre-funding mandate into the lap of the USPS, the Postal Service has nearly crumbled under the weight of spiking pension costs. Mr. Speaker, how does an organization that had robust profits for 30 plus years leading up to the 2006 legislation suddenly start running deficits and lose \$25.4 billion between 2007 and 2011? How did the USPS go from no debt in 2006 to over \$13 billion in debt today?

The answer is simple—my friends across the aisle wanted to continue their assault on public sector unions. They chose to pass a bill they knew would cause massive deficits for the USPS. They chose to commit the USPS to payments they knew it could not afford. They created this problem for the USPS and now they refuse to be part of the solution.

Mr. Speaker, House Republicans should abide by the phrase "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Many of my colleagues on the other side have well-connected friends, such as the Koch Brothers, who publicly advocate for postal service privatization. I am here to connect the dots for the American people. I repeat, we must "take politics out of the post office."

Instead of wasting time today, we should vote to stop the damage inflicted upon the USPS by this body and remove these absurd constraints by passing H.R. 1351, the United States Postal Service Pension Obligation Recalculation and Restoration Act. We must pro-

tect the hard working employees of the Postal Service by passing legislation to fix this blunder.

The USPS was not in danger of becoming insolvent until Congress decided to meddle in its affairs.

Mr. Speaker, the Postal Service already missed a \$5.5 billion payment in August. This body must act before the Post Office defaults on another payment later this month. Instead of scheduling symbolic votes that highlight our differences, let's stop the madness and do what is best for the American people, the economy, and communities across the nation.

Mr. Speaker, it is vital that we keep our Postal Service in good financial standing. The Postal Service employs 700,000 of our fellow citizens, 17,751 of whom are in the state of Georgia; one third are military veterans who deliver 212 billion pieces of mail to over 144 million locations.

If big corporations and the Koch Brothers get their wish, the Postal Service will slowly be destroyed, causing good jobs to be lost and allowing companies to raise prices of delivery.

The American people deserve a Postal Service reform bill that will allow the Post Office to continue its operations and not reduce or restructure them.

Taking action to strengthen the Postal Service's finances is not just good for letter carriers and post masters, it is also good for business. There is a \$1.3 trillion mailing industry in the U.S. that supports between 7–8 million private sector jobs that is heavily dependent on a healthy and efficient Postal Service.

The time to act is now.

WELCOMING THE EIGHTH HONOR
FLIGHT SOUTH ALABAMA TO
WASHINGTON, DC

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Honor Flight South Alabama and the World War II veterans this very special organization is bringing on its eighth flight to Washington, D.C. on September 19, 2012.

Founded by the South Alabama Veterans Council, Honor Flight South Alabama is an organization whose mission is to fly heroes from southwest Alabama to see their national memorial.

Almost seven decades have passed since the end of World War II and, regrettably, it took nearly as long to complete work on the memorial that honors the spirit and sacrifice of the 16 million who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and the more than 400,000 who died. Sadly, many veterans did not live long enough to hear their country say "thank you," yet for those veterans still living, Honor Flight provides for many their first—and perhaps only—opportunity to see the National World War II Memorial, which honors their service and sacrifice.

This Honor Flight begins at dawn when the veterans will gather at historic Fort Whiting in Mobile and travel to Mobile Regional Airport to board a chartered flight to Washington. During their time in their nation's capital, the veterans will visit the World War II Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and other memorials.

The veterans will return to Mobile Regional Airport that evening, where some 1,000 people are expected to greet them.

Mr. Speaker, the September 19, 2012, journey of heroes from South Alabama is an appropriate time for us to pause and thank them—and all of the soldiers who fought in World War II. They collectively—and literally—saved the world. They personify the very best America has to offer, and I urge my colleagues to take a moment to pay tribute to their selfless devotion to our country and the freedoms we enjoy.

I salute each of the veterans who made the trip to Washington. May we never forget their valiant deeds and tremendous sacrifices: Hector Anderson, Eason Andrews, Robert Andry, Charles Baggett, James Ballard, Robert Barnes, Edward Beasley, Tommie Beasley, Joseph Betbeze, Jr., William C. Betbeze, Elmore Blake, Floyd Bivens, Nolan Black, Robert Bock, Richard Bolks, Samuel Branch, William Branscomb, Bernard Bringhurst, Wilton Brunson, Benjamin Canavello, Millard Carter, William Chapman, John Cherry, John Clark, Joseph Collie, William Colvin, O.S. Conerly, Jr., Benjamin Cooper, Bob Copley, Quincie Curtis, James Dailey, Carroll Darby, James Daves, John Davis, Perry Davis, Jeffrey Davis, Glenn Dehlin, William Douglas, Robert Drollinger, Robert Eastburn, Russell Faulkner, William Fox, Frank Frith, Aubrey Fulford, Luther Fuller, William Gilly, Edward Gold, Schauss Greben, Horace Gray, Doyle Griffiths, Michael Guarino, Nathan Gulley, Lawrence Hansen, Joe Harris, Jr., Thomas Harris, Jr., William Hatter, Benjamin Hays, Jr., Felix Hills, Jr., George Holladay, Robert Hughes, James Hummer, Alfred Hyde, Willard Johnson, Junior Keller, Roger King, Albert Kinnison, Joseph Knapp, Fred Levin, Lonza Lewis, Bernard Losse, Marjorie Markert, George Massengale, Jr., James Mathews, Jr., Elbert McCall, John McClelland, Eugene McGuire, Amy McHenry, Harold McLain, Olen McManus, Cecil McMullan, Bert Milling, Douglas Modling, Roland Montalvo, John Motes, Norman Mullen, Lloyd Mullen, Arthur Perez, Jr., Riley Pettis, Hiram Phillips, Rufus Pinkerton, Charles Reaves, I.G. Reeves, Hilburn Richards, James Robertson, Rudolph Rolison, Sr., Will Sawyer, Herman Shaddix, Dayton Shell, John Sheppard, John Shiver, Jr., William Smith, William Spaulding, James Stapleton, Preston Stengel, Ross Street, Robert Tanner, Donald Thomson, Shelby Trice, Alexander Trione, Etheridge Turner, John Vickers, Ray Wadsworth, Robert Wallace, Thomas Warner, Jr., Ennis Warren, Harold Watters, Jr., Billy West, Sr., Vernon Whiteside, Lavaine Williams, Walter Williams, and Ross Wingo.

COMMENDING PRESIDENT NURSULTAN NAZARBAYEV AND THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN FOR LEADING THE WAY ON GLOBAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

HON. ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL

RECORD my recent speech before the international conference From a Nuclear Test Ban to a Nuclear-Weapons-Free World held in Astana, Kazakhstan on August 29, 2012.

For historical purposes, I am also including a parliamentary appeal for nuclear abolition as well as a news article dated August 30, 2012 announcing Kazakhstan's launch of the ATOM project to support the global movement against nuclear tests.

The ATOM project, an acronym for "Abolish Testing. Our Mission" is an international petition campaign designed to unify public opinion against nuclear weapons testing. The ATOM project is the initiative of the Nazarbayev Center, and I encourage any person who opposes nuclear weapons to sign this online petition to the governments of the world calling for the permanent step to stop nuclear testing. Interested persons may sign the petition at www.TheATOMProject.org.

STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE ENI F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FROM A NUCLEAR TEST BAN TO A NUCLEAR-WEAPONS-FREE WORLD HELD IN ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN ON AUGUST 29, 2012

Distinguished Guests:

On December 2, 2009, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted resolution 64/35 which declares August 29 the International Day against Nuclear Tests in recognition of President Nursultan Nazarbayev's historic decision in 1991 on August 29 to close down the world's second largest nuclear test site and dismantle the world's fourth largest nuclear arsenal at Semipalatinsk.

The resolution—which was initiated by Kazakhstan and sponsored and cosponsored by many other governments—calls for increasing awareness and education "about the effects of nuclear weapon test explosions or any other nuclear explosions and the need for their cessation as one of the means of achieving the goal of a nuclear-weapon-free world."

In 2011, we commemorated the 20th anniversary of President Nazarbayev's courageous act and, on March 7, 2012, the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands through their Nitijela at its 33rd Constitutional Regular Session passed a resolution calling for President Nazarbayev to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in tribute to victims and survivors of Cold War nuclear testing.

The President of the Marshall Islands, the Honorable Christopher J. Loeak, noted that the Committee has only recognized those who have inspected nuclear test sites or talked about the need to cooperate. At no time has the Committee bestowed the award for the actual abolishment of nuclear weaponry. So I join with the people and parliament of the Marshall Islands, and urge you to do the same, in calling upon the Nobel Peace Prize Committee to honor President Nazarbayev for promoting peace by changing the course of world history for the better.

Unlike any other government, the Republic of the Marshall Islands shares the same history and experience as Kazakhstan, having also been used as a nuclear testing ground during the Cold War. From 1946-1958, the United States began testing nuclear weapons in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and, during that period, the United States conducted 67 nuclear tests with an equivalent yield of 7,000 Hiroshima bombs.

On March 1, 1951, the United States detonated a 15 megaton hydrogen bomb code-named BRAVO in the Marshall Islands. The bomb was equivalent to 1,000 Hiroshima-sized bombs and was acknowledged as the greatest nuclear explosion ever detonated. The

BRAVO test evaporated six islands and created a mushroom cloud of 25 miles in diameter.

On August 29, 1949, the Soviet Union conducted its first nuclear explosion code-named "First Lightening" at the Semipalatinsk Test Site in eastern Kazakhstan. From 1949-1989, the Soviet Union conducted 456 nuclear tests in Semipalatinsk and the cumulative power of those explosions is estimated to be equal to the power of 2,500 Hiroshima-sized bombs.

As a result of Soviet nuclear testings more than 1.5 million Kazakhs were exposed to nuclear radiation. As a result of U.S. testings, the people of the Marshall Islands were also exposed to the horrific effects of radiation poisoning. Neither the Soviet Union nor the U.S. have fulfilled their obligation in cleaning up the mess they left behind as a result of their Cold War arms race. Instead, they turn a blind eye to the human suffering that carries forward today.

This is why I will continue to speak out and praise President Nazarbayev for his choice to renounce nuclear weaponry. My position regarding this matter is no different than the position the United States took during a joint meeting between President Obama and President Nazarbayev on April 11, 2010 when President Obama stated that "the U.S. appreciates the leadership of President Nazarbayev and the contribution of Kazakhstan to nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation."

While I applaud President Obama for stating on April 6, 2010 that "the United States will not conduct nuclear testing and will seek ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)" which bans all nuclear explosions in all environments, I believe, as the theme of this conference suggests, it is time to move from a nuclear test ban to a nuclear-weapons free world.

After all, the CTBT, like the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT), is based on a flawed and outdated premise. The NPT asserts that only five nations—the nuclear weapons states—namely, the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, and China (which also happen to be the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council)—will pursue nuclear disarmament and share their technology for peaceful purposes if non-nuclear states agree never to acquire nuclear weapons. The NPT also states that only the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, China, and France are permitted to own nuclear weapons because only they possessed nuclear weapons at the time the treaty was open for signature in 1968.

The world has changed since 1968. No longer can non-nuclear states support the outdated premise of the NPT and none of us should settle for what the CTBT offers, particularly since the signatories of the NPT are among the worst violators of the nuclear code.

From 1949-1990, Russia conducted over 700 nuclear tests. In roughly the same time period, the U.S. conducted over 1000 nuclear tests. Since 1964, China has conducted more than 43 nuclear tests. Between 1960 and 1991, France conducted more than 200 nuclear tests and, in 1996, despite being a signatory of the NPT, France broke a world moratorium conducting 6 more tests at Moruroa Atoll in the South Pacific while the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) silently consented.

It is time for all of us to say enough is enough. It is time for the world to follow Kazakhstan's lead and begin the process of dismantling. If Kazakhstan can dismantle a nuclear arsenal which was larger than the combined nuclear arsenals of Great Britain, France and China combined, then certainly the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, and China can also do what is right.

Some twenty years ago, President Nazarbayev emerged to champion the cause of a nuclear weapons free world, and no other leader before or since has done what he has done to advance the rights of the human person by promoting nuclear disarmament among possessor states and preventing proliferation to new states.

As President Loek stated, "Had Kazakhstan retained the nuclear arsenal it inherited after achieving independence and following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, Kazakhstan could have altered the fragile peace brought about by the Cold War. But knowing the price Kazakhs and Marshallese paid to preserve international peace, President Nazarbayev chose to renounce and disarm."

For this, the man deserves to be commended again and again. I commend President Nazarbayev for his initiative to move the world from a nuclear test ban to a nuclear-weapons free world, and for and on behalf of the people of Kazakhstan—and the Republic of the Marshall Islands—and all others now and yet to come—it is my sincere hope that we will hold together and stand firm in our support of this great cause.

PARLIAMENTARY APPEAL FOR NUCLEAR ABOLITION: FROM A NUCLEAR TEST BAN TO A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE WORLD ADOPTED IN ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN 29 AUGUST 2012

Parliamentarians, mayors, disarmament experts, and civil society representatives meeting in Astana, Kazakhstan at the international conference "From a Nuclear Test Ban to a Nuclear Weapons Free World" held on the International Day Against Nuclear Tests 29 August 2012, make the following appeal to parliaments and governments around the world:

Legislators and governments have a responsibility to protect the security of citizens living within their jurisdictions and to protect their respective localities and the global commons for future generations.

The catastrophic humanitarian and environmental consequences from the nuclear tests in Semipalatinsk, Kazakhstan—and from other nuclear test sites around the world—demonstrate that the effects of any use of nuclear weapons are uncontrollable in time and space.

The possession of nuclear weapons generates a threat of their proliferation and use that pose risks to current and future generations that are unacceptable, unnecessary, unsustainable and contrary to basic ethical considerations and international humanitarian law.

The approximately \$100 billion spent annually on nuclear weapons by a few States consumes intellectual, scientific and financial resources desperately required to meet the environmental, social and human security needs of the 21st Century.

Some nations, like Kazakhstan, have decided to unilaterally abandon the possession of nuclear weapons and achieved greater security and prosperity as a result. Many nations, including all those in the Southern Hemisphere and a number in the Northern Hemisphere such as in Central Asia, have enhanced their security through establishing regional nuclear-weapon-free zones.

The United Nations General Assembly and the States Parties to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty have called on States to establish the framework for a nuclear-weapons free world through negotiations on a nuclear weapons convention or package of agreements.

United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has circulated a Five-Point Plan for Nuclear Disarmament which includes a Model Nuclear Weapons Convention as a

guide to such negotiations. The UNSG's plan has been supported by unanimous resolution of the Inter-Parliamentary Union representing over 150 parliaments and by various resolutions in national parliaments.

We commend President Nursultan Nazarbayev and the Republic of Kazakhstan for leadership in the global nuclear disarmament process including the closure of the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site on 29 August 1991, and the decision to voluntarily renounce the fourth largest nuclear arsenal in the world.

We also commend Kazakhstan for initiating the UN International Day Against Nuclear Tests, which was established by unanimous resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, with the aim to contribute to the goals of nuclear disarmament, non-proliferation, a worldwide ban on nuclear tests, and a world free from nuclear weapons.

We welcome moves by the Nuclear Weapon States to complete the ratification process for the protocols to nuclear weapon-free zone treaties, as steps to significantly strengthen the architecture of regional and international security.

We welcome in particular the negotiations between the Central Asian States on one side, and China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States on the other side, on the protocols to the Central Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone, and call for its early completion.

We support the new initiative of President Nazarbayev of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the adoption, within the UN of a Universal Declaration on the achievement of a nuclear-weapon-free world, as another important step towards the adoption of a nuclear weapons convention.

We are strengthened in our resolve to advance nuclear disarmament measures, by having visited the former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site, where Soviet nuclear weapons were tested for more than forty years. 468 surface and underground nuclear tests were conducted from 1949 to 1989. One 50 megaton test alone was several thousand times more powerful than the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The tests have caused immeasurable medical and economic related suffering and death to millions of people.

Further progress needs to be made with concrete actions to achieve the abolition of nuclear weapons, according to a multilateral, transparent, irreversible and verifiable schedule.

Therefore, we call on parliaments and governments to:

(a) maintain existing moratoria against nuclear tests, and fully support the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, including full ratification and entry-into-force, financing and support for the international monitoring network;

(b) halt any further production of nuclear weapons;

(c) operationalize the reduction of the role of nuclear weapons in their security doctrines;

(d) establish prohibitions against nuclear weapons through action in their own legislatures;

(e) establish guidelines that prohibit investment of public funds in enterprises engaged directly in manufacturing nuclear weapons or their delivery systems;

(f) establish additional regional nuclear weapon free zones, as appropriate, especially in the Middle East, North East Asia and the Arctic;

(g) commence preparatory work to build the framework for a nuclear weapons free world including through negotiations on a nuclear weapons convention or package of agreements.

We all stand united in our common determination to build nuclear-weapons-free world.

We pledge to act on and share this Appeal with legislative forums, decision makers and society.

Adopted in Astana on 29 August 2012.

[From the Astana Times, Aug. 30, 2012]

KAZAKHSTAN LAUNCHES ATOM PROJECT TO SUPPORT GLOBAL MOVEMENT AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTS

(By Galia Nurzhanova and George D. Gleboff)

ASTANA.—President Nursultan Nazarbayev announced the launch of The ATOM Project in connection with the UN International Day against Nuclear Tests at a major international conference in Astana on August 29, 2012.

The conference, "From a Nuclear Test Ban to a Nuclear-Weapons-Free World", brought together hundreds of government and parliament leaders, former heads of state, nuclear disarmament experts, leaders of international organizations and anti-nuclear activists from more than 70 nations.

Under the project, any person who opposes nuclear weapons can sign an online petition to the governments of the world calling for the permanent stop to nuclear testing and to achieve the early entry into force of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

The ATOM Project—based at www.TheATOMProject.org—is an international petition campaign designed to unify global public opinion against nuclear weapons testing. The ATOM Project went live in late August with international television and social media campaigns.

The project is an initiative of the Nazarbayev Center, whose mandate, in part, is to continue and broaden Kazakhstan's legacy of fighting for a world free of nuclear weapons and weapons testing, to promote nuclear responsibility, nuclear disarmament and nuclear nonproliferation according to the vision of the Kazakhstan President.

The ATOM Project, whose name is an acronym for "Abolish Testing. Our Mission", will tell the tragic and hopeful stories of survivors of nuclear testing from the region of Semey, Kazakhstan, the site of more than 450 Soviet-era nuclear tests. The survivors and their children and grandchildren continue to suffer from illness, disease and severe deformities caused by exposure to nuclear radiation during and after the testing, which took place 100 miles outside of the city, then called Semipalatinsk.

"We have an opportunity to once more remind the world about tragic consequences of the nuclear testing, and push the global community towards more decisive actions to achieve final and definitive ban of such testing. In this regard, Kazakhstan launches today the International campaign, The ATOM Project," President Nazarbayev said in his speech.

"Under the project, any human being on Earth, who stands against nuclear weapons, can sign an online petition urging governments of the world to abandon nuclear tests forever and ensure early entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. I urge the participants of the conference and all the people of the goodwill to support the ATOM Project and to make the creation of the non-nuclear world our main goal," the President added.

Speaking at the conference, German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle thanked President Nazarbayev for launching the Project and firmly supported it.

Karipbek Kuyukov, the famous second-generation survivor of the nuclear tests who was born armless and went on to become a famous artist inspiring many with his life example, became an honorary ambassador of

the project. He gave an emotional speech at the conference which he concluded by saying: "Let us not repeat the mistakes of the past! I call on all the people to help stop the nuclear weapons testing around the world! Nuclear test sites must be closed! Let our sky be clean and our children be healthy! I do not have arms to hug all of you and to express my gratitude for participation in this conference, but I have a heart and it belongs to you! Let your families live in peace and serenity!"

According to its organizers, the ATOM Project seeks to affect real and lasting change by engaging millions of global citizens to stop nuclear weapons testing by joining together to show the world's leaders that its citizens deserve and demand a world safe from additional nuclear weapons testing.

Meanwhile, participants at the conference included politicians and experts from both nuclear weapon states and non-nuclear weapon states: Valentina Matviyenko, President of the Federation Council of the Russian Federation; Miroslav Jenca, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General who read a message from the UN Secretary General; Eni F.H. Paleomavaega, U.S. Congressman (D-American Samoa); Douglas Roche, the founder of the Middle Powers Initiative and the founding chairman of the Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament; Gareth Evans, Co-chair of the International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation & Disarmament and former Australian Foreign Minister. Parliamentary leaders in attendance included speakers, chairmen of committees and legislators from the parliaments of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Canada, India, Iraq, Israel, New Zealand, Pakistan, Russia, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and dozens of others, as well as members from the European Parliament.

The conference objective was to create an additional momentum for the global nuclear disarmament movement, and to mark the United Nations International Day against Nuclear Tests on August 29 which aims to raise public awareness on the effects of global nuclear weapons tests and highlight the importance of banning such tests as a step towards achieving a safer world.

The timeline of implementing the anti-nuclear initiatives pursued by Kazakhstan indicates that the country is steadily moving in the direction of disarmament, non-proliferation and nuclear-weapons-free-world.

On August 29, 1991, President Nazarbayev of the then Kazakh Soviet Socialist Republic, defying the pressure from the Soviet authorities, shut down the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site in eastern Kazakhstan. In the early 1990s, Kazakhstan voluntarily renounced nuclear weapons, the world's fourth largest nuclear arsenal, inherited from the former Soviet Union, and by 1995 fully rid itself of the nuclear weapons.

In 2000, the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site was completely closed and its infrastructure dismantled, and in 2006 a nuclear weapons free zone in Central Asia was established under the Treaty of Semipalatinsk.

In 2009, the UN General Assembly voted unanimously to designate August 29 the International Day against Nuclear Tests.

In addition to the fact that anti-nuclear initiatives pursued by Kazakhstan have become important prerequisites for political and economic development for the country, they have created a favorable environment for the continuous improvement of its status in the international arena.

Kazakhstan has remained a steadfast activist in the area of nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation given the legacy of nuclear weapons testing and the effect those tests had on the more than 1.5 million people in eastern Kazakhstan.

The ATOM Project is seen as a logical next step in the country's efforts to achieve the goal of building a nuclear weapons free world.

REAUTHORIZING CERTAIN VISA PROGRAMS

SPEECH OF

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, S. 3245 extends for three years the authorization of the E-Verify program, the EB-5 Regional Center Program, the Special Immigrant Nonminister Religious Worker Program and the Conrad State 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program. While these are all important programs, I want to speak specifically about E-Verify.

There are currently 23 million Americans who are unemployed or are looking for work. This lack of jobs is causing almost unimaginable hardship for millions of Americans and their families. And each month more people become discouraged and give up even trying to find a job.

Making sure that Americans have every opportunity to find work is more important than ever. One important way to achieve this goal is to reduce the number of jobs that go to illegal immigrants. The E-Verify program helps do just that.

E-Verify allows employers to check the work eligibility of new hires by running the employee's Social Security number or alien identification number against Department of Homeland Security and Social Security Administration records.

In 1995, I chaired the Congressional Task Force on Immigration Reform. We published a 200-plus page report with more than 80 specific recommendations. One of those was for an electronic employment eligibility verification system, which was included in Chairman Smith's 1996 immigration reform bill. That system is now known as E-Verify.

The program is currently voluntary for most of the almost 400,000 employers who use it. It is free, Internet-based and easy to use. And the employers who use it agree.

E-Verify has proven to be such an effective tool in preventing the employment of those who are illegally in our country that it should be used by all employers to check the employment eligibility of their new hires. It is the easiest way to help make sure U.S. jobs go to Americans and legal immigrants.

Short of requiring all employers to use E-Verify, at the very least we must ensure that the program remains in place for the 400,000 employers who depend on it. S. 3245 does just that by providing for a 3-year extension. So I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

HONORING MR. JAMES FLOYD CLEVELAND

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. James Floyd Cleve-

land, who passed away on July 31 at the age of 88.

Mr. Cleveland was a truly wonderful example of a man who lived the American dream. Born on December 17, 1923, he was a cultivator of corn, cotton, soybeans, hogs and cattle on his family farm for over 60 years. He was widely known to have the best okra and mustard greens in town. Moreover, many deemed him the "Historian" for his long life and incredible ability to bring oral history to life.

Having accepted Christ at an early age, Mr. Cleveland was baptized in 1939 and dedicated much of his time to good works, notably as an active member of St. Matthew Benevolent Society and Secretary of the Lily Lodge number 5911 in Rapides Station, Louisiana.

Mr. Cleveland enjoyed 57 years of married life with Bernice Jones. Mrs. Cleveland preceded him in death on January 6, 2011, but not a day went by that he didn't speak lovingly of seeing her again. Their union produced a daughter, Sheila Joyce Bryant, who married Arthur R. Bryant. His two granddaughters, Rachel Joyce and Bathsbeba Felice were the joys of his life.

As a leader in his community, he strived to make life better for others. He rose to the occasion after the 1965 United States Voting Rights Act and was instrumental in ensuring African-Americans registered and cast their votes for the first time. He was appointed to the Rapides Parish Election process and served as Key Custodian from 1991 to 2006, always going above and beyond in his civic duty.

We all have much to learn from the life and legacy of Mr. Cleveland, who lived a quiet and honorable life as one of the farmers who feeds America. To say that Mr. Cleveland left his fingerprint on the world is an understatement. He was a friend to many and an example for all who had the good fortune to know him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the late Mr. James Floyd Cleveland.

LEONEL MANZANO OLYMPIC MEDAL

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a local hero in the 11th District of Texas, Leonel Manzano. Leo won the Silver medal in the Men's 1500 Meter race in the 2012 Olympic games, sealing his place in Olympic history and becoming an iconic figure in our district.

An Olympian is more than just an athlete—they are a representative of our nation. For the last four years, our athletes have invested blood, sweat, tears, and an extraordinary amount of time in the journey to become the best they can be. In a greater notion, this journey is what America is all about: the opportunity for all to achieve the highest echelons of success. And Leo, as a Silver Medalist, has proven an excellent representative of our District, state, and what our nation represents.

Leo rose from humble beginnings and from an early age, he demonstrated his athletic prowess. This did not go unnoticed. Soon, he

was winning track and field titles, nine in total, while attending Marble Falls High School. After building an unparalleled resume on the track at the University of Texas, Leo began to compete professionally where, again, he continued to receive awards and special recognition. In 2008, all of Leo's hard work paid off when he earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic team. While Leo did not win a medal in 2008, when the 2012 Games came around, Leo was ready to make history. He became the first U.S. man to win a medal in the men's middle distance in 44 years.

We are proud of Leo. While we are excited about his medal and awards, we are proud of Leo because he is one of us and he represented the best of America. His story is an inspiration to our children and proves that even though you may be from a small town, no dream is too big. Again, I congratulate Leo on this amazing accomplishment, his dedication and hard work, and an outstanding career.

ST. ANTHONY BASEBALL

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the achievements of a state champion baseball team from Effingham, Illinois.

The St. Anthony Bulldogs had not visited the IHSA baseball state finals since before any of the current players were born. But this year, behind third-year coach Kenny Miller, the Bulldogs charged to a 31–8–1 record and defeated Tuscola 6–1 for the state championship.

I want to congratulate Coach Miller and Assistant Coach Grant Keller, and especially the members of the 2012 St. Anthony Bulldogs state champion baseball team: Zach Gardewine, Thomas Stephens, Ben Hecht, Jacob Lorenz, Austin Bushur, Charlie Schultz, Scott Renfrow, Kyle Burgois, Neil Williams, Michael Kabbes, Reed Willenborg, Cody Pike, Jared Having, Eli Dasenbrock, Alex Hoelsher, Conner Greene, Braden Puckett and Michael Stehens. They have represented themselves, their school and their community in a first-rate fashion, and I am proud to join with the other Members of this House in congratulating them, and wishing them all the best in their future athletic and academic endeavors.

PRESERVING HOME HEALTH CARE
UNDER MEDICARE

HON. DENNIS A. ROSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. ROSS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the President has twice told the American public, through his budget and deficit reduction proposals, that he believes our seniors should be paying more for Medicare if they want to stay in their homes. Twice in the past two years,

President Obama has proposed mandating that Medicare beneficiaries pay—for the first time since the Medicare program came into existence—an additional out of pocket charge for their home health care services. Twice, President Obama has told seniors that they must choose between getting their care at home, where they have lived for years, and moving away from their homes, their belongings, and their communities to get their daily care at a nursing home or hospital.

Mr. Speaker, this choice is not only unnecessary, it is inefficient. Home health care providers deliver care management services, vital daily care, and in-home health care services at a low cost. We shouldn't tell our seniors, our parents, that they must choose between their home or their health care. We should keep home health care free of co-payments to ensure that they have the ability to remain in their homes, in their communities, and with their families and memories.

This is just another example of why "Medicare as we know it" will be bankrupt in ten years. Seniors who prefer home health care should always retain that option and be provided choices of plans that will ensure their wishes are granted, rather than live at the whim of unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats. Dignity, care, and being home are small comforts when one is ill, or dying. But, eliminating a cost effective provision of care that current seniors expect, paid into and bargained for, is wrong. Medicare must change for the future, and seniors deserve choice, but for those currently or near entering the system, the rules should not be changed at the last minute.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
HONORABLE SAM JOHNSON

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friend and colleague, the Honorable SAM JOHNSON. He is this year's recipient of the Maurice Acers Champion of Free Enterprise Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Association of Business.

Congressman JOHNSON has been a long time champion for the free enterprise system in America. After twenty-nine years of dedicated service in the United States Air Force, Congressman JOHNSON started a home-building business in North Dallas. He knows firsthand the challenges of starting a business and of the pride in building and maintaining something entirely of your own making. He has continued to advocate for the free enterprise system because he understands its importance. This notion of allowing individuals to make their own economic decisions and grasp the opportunities available in this country is the essence of the American entrepreneurial spirit. It spurs innovation, nurtures creativity, and led to the economic growth and development of our great Nation. Congressman JOHNSON's continued support for the free enterprise system speaks loudly of his belief in the individual and the tremendous potential each and every American possesses.

From a decorated military career to serving in the Texas House of Representatives and now proudly representing the 3rd Congressional District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman JOHNSON has devoted his life to public service. His life story is one that exemplifies the American Dream—that dedication, hard work, and perseverance can lead to great success. He has given his life to serving our country because he believes in a better tomorrow for the next generation.

It is my great honor and privilege to congratulate my friend, Congressman JOHNSON, on receiving this prestigious award. Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating Congressman JOHNSON on this great honor, and I would like to take this time to thank him for his service.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE MONTEREY COUNTY
FREE LIBRARIES

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the Monterey County Free Libraries. Author and broadcaster Studs Terkel once said, "All you need in life is truth and beauty and you can find both at the Public Library." Well, for the last century, Monterey County's library system has offered up beauty and truth in abundance.

On August 6, 1912, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors established the Monterey County Free Libraries. On September 2, 1913 Miss Anne Hadden started as the first County Librarian. In her first six months she opened five branches. By 1923 she and others had established branches in 105 locations. Some were simple reading rooms housed in private residences, schools, and stores; the Big Sur branch was located in the Post Office. In those early days Miss Hadden used every means at her disposal to distribute books to the far corners of the county: by train, by car, and even on foot. Indeed, a photograph of Anne Hadden delivering books by burro has become an iconic image of the whole library system.

Today, the Free Libraries still function under the authority of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. The County Librarian operates seventeen branch libraries, two bookmobiles, a library-by-mail program, and also maintains collections in schools. Books for all ages and interests in regular and large print, books on tape, CD's, DVD's and videos, magazines, electronic resources and materials in English, Spanish, Korean and Vietnamese are available to the community. The libraries also maintain ten homework centers and a literacy program. All together they provide services to 220,000 people over 3,250 square miles.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Free Libraries on their 100th anniversary and know that I speak for the whole House in saluting them on this joyous occasion.

HONORING ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. John of the Cross Parish School, an exemplary Catholic school in Western Springs, Illinois, for receiving the prestigious 2012 U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School Award. As a member of this parish, I am especially happy to see the hard work of the students, teachers, administrators, and parents recognized, and I want to congratulate Principal Kathleen Gorman, as well as our pastor, Rev. David P. Dowdle.

In 1982, the Department of Education established the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program to recognize public and private schools boasting high or significantly improved achievement. The program's goal is to identify attributes of thriving American schools in order to replicate their success in other schools. St. John of the Cross is one of only 50 private schools across the Nation to be named as a National Blue Ribbon School this year. This is a great achievement for everyone at the school and all members of the parish.

The mission of St. John of the Cross Parish School is to provide a safe and dynamic Catholic environment where faith is nourished and knowledge grows. The school offers challenging educational experiences that foster success, promote unity, and respect the individuality of each student. Since 1961, the school has prided itself on multi-generational Catholic traditions and achievement. St. John of the Cross has maintained a strong Catholic identity and strong academic standards throughout its history. In 2011, the school proudly celebrated its 50th anniversary.

St. John of the Cross Parish School offers programs from preschool through eighth grade and attracts students from Western Springs and surrounding communities, currently enrolling 630 students. Since its founding, the school has been supported by the St. John of the Cross Parish and has grown to become one of the largest Catholic schools in Chicago's Archdiocese. St. John of the Cross Parish School offers impressive science, technology, and art facilities as well as a wide range of student activities. All students are involved in the religious activities of the parish and participate in a variety of service projects. Today, the school benefits from the hard work and dedication of its principal, Kathleen Gorman, as well as its assistant principals, Zita Wheeling and Tom Clausing. This award recognizes the time and hard work of the teachers and students, as well as the critical support and involvement of the students' parents and the entire parish community. I am delighted that the excellent work and success of St. John of the Cross Parish School has been acknowledged on a national stage.

Please join me in celebrating the accomplishments of St. John of the Cross Parish School and all the National Blue Ribbon award winners. Their pursuit of academic excellence is inspiring, and I hope that their success can

serve as a model for schools across the Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 225TH BIRTHDAY OF ROBESON COUNTY, NC

HON. LARRY KISSELL

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Robeson County, NC, and the celebration of its 225th Birthday. Incorporated in 1787 from Bladen County, Robeson, North Carolina's largest county, is home to roughly 134,000 residents. Named after Colonel Thomas Robeson of the Revolutionary War, it boasts a rich American history. Col. Robeson served as one of the leaders at the Battle of Elizabethtown, an important battle won by the American patriots.

Robeson County is also home to the Lumbee American Indian tribe, and according to the U.S. Census, has the ninth largest population of American Indians in the United States, making up 38% of the population. Robeson County is truly a diverse county. Robeson is also home to the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, a historically Native American college.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring Robeson County and its citizens, as irreplaceable assets to North Carolina, the state which I am proud to represent.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLEVELAND MUNICIPAL COURT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Cleveland Municipal Court which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this Saturday evening, September 15, 2012, with a Centennial Gala.

The Cleveland Municipal Court was established by an act of the Ohio General Assembly in 1911. The Court, originally located on the northwest corner of Public Square, opened its doors at 9:30 a.m. on January 2, 1912. Court was gavelled to order that morning by Chief Bailiff Charles Selzer following opening remarks by Cleveland Municipal Court Chief Justice William H. McGannon and Judges David B. Cull and George P. Baer. The other judges on the original municipal court bench were William B. Beebe, Samuel E. Kramer, Manuel V. Levine, and Fielder Sanders. Peter J. Henry was the original Clerk of the Court who served in that position for 35 years.

The Cleveland Municipal Court is the second oldest municipal court in the nation. Unlike the Justices of the Peace it replaced, the judges were required to be legally trained and were elected by the people rather than appointed by politicians. Also groundbreaking for its time, the Cleveland Municipal Court paid its

judges and staff salaries which did not depend on the fines they levied on those they found guilty.

Today, the Cleveland Municipal Court is located in the Justice Center Complex in Downtown Cleveland and consists of 13 elected judges and 14 magistrates, along with bailiffs and other administrative and support staff. The court handles misdemeanor crimes, including traffic, domestic, nuisance and other offenses, as well as civil cases if the total damages are \$15,000 or less. Its housing court has jurisdiction over criminal cases involving violations of Cleveland's housing, building, fire, zoning, health, waste collection, sidewalk, agriculture and air pollution codes. The housing court also hears civil cases involving landlord/tenant disputes.

Prominent judges who have served on the Cleveland Municipal Court include the late Carl B. Stokes who drew national attention as the first African-American mayor of one of the ten biggest cities in the United States. Our late colleague Stephanie Tubbs Jones also served as a Cleveland Municipal Court judge prior to her election as Cuyahoga County Prosecutor and later as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives. I am proud to have served as Clerk of Court from 1975 to 1977.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the important work that the Cleveland Municipal Court does. The Cleveland Municipal Court is one of the great institutions of our democratic system in bringing impartial justice to the people of Cleveland for the last 100 years and well into the future.

RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC ACTS OF TRANSPORTATION SECURITY OFFICERS JODY WELLMAN, JAMES BOSTWICK, AND CHRISTOPHER HASTINGS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the heroic acts of bravery undertaken by Jody Wellman, James Bostwick, and Christopher Hastings of Washington State, who saved the lives of two individuals.

On the morning of Saturday, August 11, 2012, Transportation Security Officers (TSOs) Jody Wellman, James Bostwick, and Christopher Hastings intervened at a time of crisis to save the lives of a man and a woman who suffered a car accident on Interstate-5 in Washington State.

After colliding with a concrete utility box and sign post in the median of the interstate, a vehicle caught fire with a 21-year-old soldier from Joint Base Lewis-McChord and a 29-year-old female passenger inside. These courageous TSOs pulled off the interstate to assist the two passengers out of the vehicle, which burst into flames shortly thereafter. There is no doubt that these two lives were saved because of the heroic efforts of these three brave officers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Jody Wellman, James Bostwick, and Christopher Hastings, who exemplify the spirit of service and commitment to one's community.

HONORING ROBERT FRANK
OHRENSCHALL

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with both pride and sadness to honor my friend Robert Frank Ohrenschall, a Marin County businessman, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and community leader who passed away on August 28, 2012 in San Rafael, CA. Bob was known for his intelligence, wit, and compassionate heart combined with warmth that enabled him to connect with people.

Born on June 9, 1926, Bob grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, graduating from Boys' Latin School in 1944. After receiving a B.A. in American History from Yale University, he first moved to New York City to work for an ad agency, and then served as a U.S. Navy lieutenant during the Korean War. After his military service, Bob came to San Francisco, where he worked for an ad agency and met his future wife, Susan Page. He and Sue were married in 1955 and settled in Greenbrae to raise their four children. In 1960, Bob and his partner Huntley Soyster founded Soyster & Ohrenschall, a San Francisco-based design company which became the leading firm in the field.

After the company was acquired in the mid-1980s, Bob was able to devote more time to other interests. Travelling, reading, and family time were among his favorite pastimes. He and Sue visited close to 50 countries and enjoyed visiting their children and grandchildren on the West Coast and in Spain.

Bob's philanthropy demonstrated his commitment to a broad range of local, national, and international causes, from education to the environment to medical needs in developing countries. He devoted his talent, energy, and personal resources to numerous organizations, including the Eisenhower Institute, San Francisco State University College of Business, Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies, Tiburon-Belvedere Rotary Club, WiRED International and International Diplomacy Council. He also supported the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, Boys' Latin School and College of Marin.

From successful business executive to devoted family man, dedicated naval officer to compassionate philanthropist, Bob was a very gifted and caring individual who touched many lives. He connected with people across the political spectrum, referring to himself as my "embedded republican friend."

In addition to his wife, Bob is survived by his four children, Mark, Ross, Page, and Sally, and their families.

Mr. Speaker, Robert Frank Ohrenschall leaves a legacy that will inspire generations to come. I ask you to join me in honoring his life.

IN HONOR OF OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE NICHOLAS J. CELEBREZZE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of State Representative Nicholas J. Celebrezze of Ohio's 15th House District.

Representative Celebrezze graduated from the University of Akron in Ohio with a bachelor's degree with Honors from the Bliss Institute of American Politics. He later received his Juris Doctorate from the Cleveland Marshall College of Law. In 2004, he was admitted to practice law in Ohio. He currently owns and operates a local, family-owned law firm.

Before being elected to the Ohio General Assembly, Representative Celebrezze was a Parma City Councilman for six years, chairing the Planning Committee which created a regional approach that led to \$3.7 million of improvements towards solving the City's long history of standing sewer problems. While on the Parma City Council, his background as a former Cuyahoga County Adult Probation Officer and Assistant County Prosecutor motivated him to advocate for a strong sense of community safety and to become involved in a successful campaign to build two new local fire stations.

Now as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, Representative Celebrezze sits on the Local Government and Transportation, Public Safety, and Homeland Security Committees. In addition to his legislative duties, Representative Celebrezze is also active in the community participating in Parma Jaycees, the Parma and Ohio Bar Associations, the North East Ohio City Council Association, the Justinian Forum, is the elected Chairman of the Partisan Ohio Sports Club, and was named the official color commentator for the local PACTV televised high school soccer games in 2011.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the achievements of State Representative Nicholas J. Celebrezze.

HONORING TOM LABONGE

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Los Angeles City Councilman Tom LaBonge, a distinguished public servant, who is receiving the 2012 Jack Webb Award for his commitment and support for the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department. Tom's parents gave him a deep love for the City of Angels. His civic spirit was inspired as a teenager when he served on Mayor Tom Bradley's Youth Council. In 1976, upon earning his undergraduate degree from California State University Los Angeles, he joined the staff of Councilwoman Peggy Stevenson, 13th District, and later he moved to work for John Ferraro, Council President.

Over the course of 15 years as an aide to John Ferraro, Tom learned the value of public service. In spite of the demands of working for

the Council President, Tom still found time to coach LAPD's football team, the Centurions.

Later, as chief of field operations for Mayor Riordan, Tom oversaw a staff of deputies assigned to neighborhoods throughout every region of the 465-square-mile city and acted as the Mayor's special representative at community events.

In 2011, Tom won a special election to represent the people of the 4th City Council District. As his tenure in the Council winds down, Tom remains busy promoting the city he loves and working diligently to make Los Angeles a better place to live, work, and play.

Whether tackling issues that impact his constituents or coaching cops on the gridiron, Tom's life has been devoted to service and as such, he has earned this award. It is truly a privilege to be his friend.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF
REVEREND RALPH CARNEY

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and work of Reverend Ralph Carney. Since 1999, Father Ralph Carney has served as the Catholic Chaplain at Madigan Medical Center in Washington State, conducting mass and ministering to both patients and staff. His passing is a great loss to the community at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Rev. Carney was born in 1923. During World War II, he was a sailor along the South American coast and during his career, would serve in the Navy, Air Force, and Army.

Following World War II, Father Carney became ordained as a Catholic priest. Rev. Carney went on to serve as a chaplain for the Air Force and Army. In 1964, Rev. Carney went to Vietnam to work with combat soldiers. Upon his retirement from the Army, he began working at Western State Hospital and after he was a priest at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Lakewood, WA.

Rev. Carney began working at Madigan Army Medical Center in 1999 and continued his work there until his passing on August 26, 2012 at age 89. He was deeply passionate about serving those who serve our country. Never being one to slow down, Rev. Carney continued his work up until his last days.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I celebrate the life of Father Carney. His service to our country and the men and women who serve to defend it will not be forgotten.

IN HONOR OF OHIO STATE
REPRESENTATIVE MIKE FOLEY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor State Representative Mike Foley of Ohio's 14th House District.

Representative Foley was appointed to represent the 14th District in May of 2006 and won the formal election in November of that same year; he has now been serving for four terms.

Representative Foley's legislative career has been marked by his passion and advocacy for housing issues, as exemplified by his current role as Chairman of the Housing Urban Revitalization Committee. In the mid-1980s, he became a community organizer for the St. Clair-Superior Coalition where he took responsibility for neighborhood safety and block club organization. He later became a field representative for Cleveland's Community Relations Board followed by roles as a court administrator, personal bailiff, and judicial clerk at the Cleveland Municipal Housing Court.

In 1997, Representative Foley began work at the Cleveland Tenants Organization where he eventually became Executive Director during his 9 year tenure. His work with the organization helped bring in over \$160 million in affordable housing projects performed by local union laborers and helped organize the largest rent strike in Ohio history—a protest against a 25 percent rent increase towards senior citizens by out-of-state landlords.

Representative Foley also advocates for issues such as alternative energy, the environment, retiree benefits, consumer rights and tax code reform. He serves as a member of the Alternative Energy; Civil and Commercial Law; and Ways and Means committees.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the achievements of State Representative Mike Foley.

CRISTINA DIDONE—SUCCESS IN AMERICA

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, since her days as a little girl in Argentina, Cristina Didone (Dee dough ne) dreamed of a new day owning a business.

Although she loved her homeland she looked thousands of miles away to the land of real opportunity—America.

Like millions before her she yearned and worked to come to America.

Even though her visa was denied three times she pursued her American dream and eventually a working visa was granted.

Once in the United States in 1990 she created a business involving her two passions: the Law and English.

So she started Kansas City Translations a firm specializing in training individuals in legal interpretations.

Finally in 1999 she got to Texas as fast as she could and created CD Language solutions—a Global legal translations company in Houston for oil, gas & technology firms.

Just recently Cristina was recognized by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce as Hispanic Female Entrepreneur of the Year.

As we get ready to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month I would like to recognize this successful and tenacious American businesswoman that believed in herself and America.

And that's just the way it is.

IN HONOR OF OHIO STATE
REPRESENTATIVE KENNETH YUKO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor State Representative Kenneth "Kenny" Yuko of Ohio's 7th House District.

Representative Yuko started his career as a clothing buyer for Polsky's Department Store; however, he soon found he was developing a passion for union organizing and advocating for workers' rights. His first job in public service, which spanned 30 years, was with the Laborers' Local #860 Union. Not only did he act as a union organizer for 25 years, but he also earned several awards, including the 2000 Organizing Award.

Now as a State Representative, Mr. Yuko advocates for workers' rights as well as increased health care access and Multiple Sclerosis awareness. In 2004, he worked to pass H.B. 379, designating March as MS Awareness Month in Ohio. His efforts with this bill earned him Ohio Health Advocacy Network's 2006 award for Legislator of the Year. He also serves as a ranking member of the House Commerce, Labor and Technology committee and a member of the Health and Aging and Veterans Affairs Committees.

Outside of his duties as State Representative, Mr. Yuko holds a place on the Bureau of Workers Compensation Oversight Committee, Unemployment Advisory Committee, Ohio Historical Society Board (ex-officio), and is an active member of the Cancer, Fire, Housing and Mental Health caucuses.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the achievements of State Representative Kenny Yuko.

CONGRATULATING MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL 60TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, sixty years ago, Capuchin priest Father Arnold Bendowski together with a convent of the Mercederian Sisters of Berriz and the parishioners of Mount Carmel Church established Mount Carmel School, which became the very first school in the Northern Mariana Islands to graduate a class of students from high school.

Today, I ask you to join me in celebrating this 60th anniversary of the founding of Mount Carmel School and to recognize the school's proud history of educating Northern Marianas students from their elementary through high school years.

Enrollment steadily increased throughout the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s. Building success, in 1993 Bishop Tomas A. Camacho hired Sister Mary Angela Perez of Religious Sisters of Mercy to be President of Mount Carmel School and gave her a broad mandate to lift the standard of education at the school to a new level. Under her leadership, Mt. Carmel was incorporated; and in 1994 a review team from the Western Association of Schools and

Colleges granted Accreditation Candidacy status. Eventually, this action led to the school becoming the first non-public school in the Northern Marianas accredited for a full six-year term.

Throughout these 60 years of development and growth Mount Carmel School has garnered a reputation for academic excellence, sending many graduates to top postsecondary institutions. Mount Carmel maintains this commitment, announcing this year that the school is adopting the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, formulated by Catholic educators from across the nation.

Supporting the academic, Mt. Carmel has also developed a diverse range of extracurricular activities, which have led to acclaimed theatrical productions and championship teams participating in the Academic Challenge Bowl, the Attorney General's Cup, Forensics, Mock Trial, and We the People programs. In line with findings of the National Center for Education Statistics, the school has decided now to grant academic credit for student participation in this kind of extracurricular activity, a policy that has been linked to improved attendance, academic achievement, and a commitment to continuing education beyond high school.

In addition to shaping the minds of our future leaders, Mount Carmel School has helped mold their spiritual conscience and social consciousness. Leadership at the school continually impress upon students their personal responsibility as members of a community. The school recently launched a service learning program, to augment its theology curriculum, and also introduced an innovative anti-bullying program, all to guide student awareness of how best to participate in the larger society of which they are a part.

Mt. Carmel understands its own social responsibility, too. The Northern Marianas community today faces the same financial challenges as Americans elsewhere in our nation. In response, Mt. Carmel has committed to new initiatives offering financial assistance to families that want a Catholic education for their children.

From its humble beginnings in 1952, the school has evolved into an institution whose name is synonymous with excellence in our community. Mt. Carmel has cultivated many of our islands' most notable business, government, and community leaders. Alumni from all walks of life stand as inspiring pillars in our community.

I offer my congratulations to all those who have been affiliated with the school over these past 60 years—teachers, staff, students, alumni, and parents. I am confident that the next 60 years will be marked by the same level of accomplishment.

Congratulations, Knights!

IN HONOR OF OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE SANDRA WILLIAMS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor State Representative Sandra Williams of Ohio's 11th District.

Before taking a position in the State House, Representative Williams began her career in criminal justice. She served as a member of the United States Army Reserve between 1987 and 1995. She later held positions as a corrections officer, probation officer, parole officer and mediator.

Her first job in the State House was as a legislative aide, a position she held for five years while gaining much needed insight and credentials that eventually earned her the trust of the voters she would soon represent. Representative Williams was first elected to be a State Representative in 2006 and is now in her third term. She is a ranking member of the House Public Utilities Committee and a member of the Criminal Justice and Economic and Small Business Committees.

In addition to her legislative career, Representative Williams is a member of the Federated Democratic Women of Ohio, the National Council of Negro Women, the Improved Benevolent and Protective order of Elks, Ohio Democratic Women's Caucus, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Black Women's Political Action Committee. She also donates much of her time to the Cleveland Food Bank as a volunteer and is a former Street Club President and precinct committee person.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the achievements of State Representative Sandra Williams.

RECOGNIZING THE GROUND
BREAKING OF THE 9/11 MEMO-
RIAL AT SOUTH KING FIRE AND
RESCUE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the groundbreaking of the 9/11 Memorial at the South King Fire and Rescue Station 64 in Federal Way, Washington. The memorial will include a steel beam from the World Trade Center to honor the firefighters, police officers, and citizens who lost their lives when terrorists coordinated the attacks on September 11, 2001.

In 2011, Lt. Scott Mahlen and firefighter Sven Schievink drove to New York to retrieve the beam. During the 55 hour-long journey, the men were supported by friends and fire stations across the country. After returning to Federal Way, the community worked for the next year to raise money for the memorial.

The South King Firefighters Foundation plans to finish the memorial by September 11, 2013. This project serves as a reminder of how deeply the tragedy of 9/11 affected Americans across the country, and the steel from this beam represents the strength and resilience of the United States in the aftermath of unimaginable tragedy.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the work of the men and women of South King Fire and Rescue to construct a powerful memorial for the victims of the 9/11 attacks. When completed, this memorial will be an important reminder of those who lost their lives and the men and women who continue to protect our country every day.

HONORING THE CENTER FOR
INDEPENDENT LIVING

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th Anniversary of the Center for Independent Living, Inc. (CIL). For four decades, CIL has continued to champion the rights and abilities of people with disabilities to lead self-determined lives marked by activism, equality and community engagement. The first organization of its kind, CIL has made the Bay Area an international model of accessibility, inspiring Independent Living centers in 20 other countries, as well as 400 facilities in the U.S. alone.

This evening, supporters and friends, including esteemed California Governor, Edmund Gerald "Jerry" Brown, Jr., gather in the birthplace of the independent living movement, Berkeley, CA. Moreover, the festivities take place at the new, fully accessible Ed Roberts Campus disability service center and transit hub—named for the local founding father of the disability rights movement, Ed Roberts, who was also one of CIL's co-creators. Someone I had the honor to know and work with.

In 1972, what started as a student-organized Physically Disabled Students Program (PDSP) at the University of California, Berkeley branched into the formal incorporation of a Center for Independent Living cofounded by students Ed Roberts, Hale Zukas and Jan McEwan Brown along with community supporters. In the years that followed, CIL became a powerful catalyst for pervasive social change.

Operating on the principle that people with disabilities know best how to meet the needs of others with disabilities and that the strongest most vibrant communities are those that embrace all people, CIL has been a driving force in shaping public policy. Its successes include state and federal disability rights laws, including, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

From early insistence on Berkeley curb cuts and transit station elevators, to working directly with municipal and state agencies and hosting the first National Conference on Independent Living in 1975, CIL became an integral support network—giving people the knowledge and tools to assert their civil rights.

In accordance with a core tenet of CIL's mission, the Center provides comprehensive programs with wraparound services that most effectively meet the needs of people with disabilities. Working with federal, state, county, city and private funding, CIL provides services in assistive technology and repairs, employment and housing, building modifications, Independent Living skills, Deaf Services, information counseling, referrals, personal attendants, travel training, and networking for community organizing. CIL's Employment Academy and Living Well Senior Program, as well as its Mentors, Advocacy and Peer Services (M.A.P.S) program for physically disabled youth and young adults, offer targeted income, wellbeing and mentorship benefits.

As someone with a sister who has been disabled with Multiple Sclerosis since 1974, I personally know the many challenges faced by people with disabilities. Therefore, I honor and

salute the Center for Independent Living for its vision and steadfast hard work in meeting these challenges in magnificent ways.

CIL has proven that communities benefit when people with disabilities are given opportunities to live, work and participate as equal citizens. The Center for Independent Living is more than a destination for disability services; It's a gathering place, a place to find common cause and friendship, and a place to learn and grow. Ultimately, CIL is a place that teaches and empowers all of us to strive for independence through social and economic equality.

On behalf of California's 9th Congressional District, I want to extend my congratulations on this important, 40-year milestone. I thank all of the many people who have contributed to the continued success of the Center for Independent Living, Inc. and wish you the very best in the coming years.

IN HONOR OF OHIO STATE REP-
RESENTATIVE ARMOND BUDISH

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of State Representative Armond Budish of Ohio's 8th House District.

In 2006, Budish was elected as a State Representative to the 127th General Assembly. He was named Speaker of the House for the 128th General Assembly and is currently the Democratic Leader of the House for the 129th General Assembly. Leader Budish is a Ranking Minority Member of the Financial Institutions, Real Estate and Securities Committee and a member of the Unified Long-Term Care Budget workgroup.

Leader Budish received his Bachelor's Degree with Honors from Swarthmore College and his Juris Doctorate, Order of the Coif from the New York University Law School. Upon graduation, he clerked in Washington D.C. for a Federal Judge. He later joined the Hahn Loeser and Parks law firm in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1993, he opened the Budish, Solomon, Steiner and Peck law firm in Beachwood, Ohio which specializes in consumer and elder law and continues to act as partner.

In addition to his position as Democratic Leader, Representative Budish hosts "Golden Opportunities," a television show on the local Channel 3 news station aimed at informing seniors and their families. He has also written several books and national publications and has penned a column for The Cleveland Plain Dealer and Columbus Dispatch entitled, "You and the Law," for the past 25 years.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the achievements of State Representative Armond Budish.

CONGRATULATING JAMESVILLE
MIDDLE SCHOOL ON THEIR DES-
IGNATION AS A NATIONAL BLUE
RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Jamesville Middle School in

Jamesville, North Carolina for being honored by the U.S. Department of Education as a 2012 National Blue Ribbon School.

Since 1982, the Department of Education has recognized elementary, middle, and high schools whose students excelled or showed significant academic improvement on state or national assessments with the National Blue Ribbon School designation. This year, Jamesville Middle School is being recognized, along with 268 other schools nationwide, for its academic performance.

During the last two school years, students from Jamesville Middle School demonstrated academic excellence—earning performance composites of 91 and 93 percent on the North Carolina End-of-Grade Tests. These scores have distinguished Jamesville Middle School as one of the top five schools within a six county region in eastern North Carolina. As a result, the North Carolina State Board of Education and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction named Jamesville Middle School an Honor School of Excellence two years in a row.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the students, faculty, and parents of Jamesville Middle School for their commitment to academic excellence. Quality primary and secondary education are essential for academic success and lifelong achievement. The Blue Ribbon School designation is a great testament to the Jamesville community's commitment to prepare their children for the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Jamesville Middle School's recognition as a 2012 National Blue Ribbon school.

IN HONOR OF OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN E. BARNES, JR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of State Representative John E. Barnes, Jr. of Ohio's 12th House District.

Representative Barnes is the son of former Cleveland City Councilman, John E. Barnes, Sr. who instilled in him a sense of value of service to others. Representative Barnes received a master's degree from Case Western Reserve University, professional education from Harvard University, an Honorary Doctorate from Chancellor University, and was a student at the Katholieke University in Leuven, Belgium.

Representative Baker first served as a State Legislator from 1999 to 2002, during which he participated as a member of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus' official visit to South Africa in 2001. He was also responsible for bringing millions of dollars to his district to support economic development and job creation initiatives. As a State Representative for the second time, he now sits on the Ways and Means; Health and Aging; and Economic and Small Business Committees.

In addition to his place in the Ohio House of Representatives, Representative Barnes has held positions as Chairman of the Ohio Commission on African American Males, a Cabinet-Level Director in the Administration of

Former Cleveland Mayor, Jane L. Campbell, Director of Cleveland's Department of Community Relations, and a Senior Tax Auditor and Investigator for the City's Division of Taxation.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the achievements of State Representative John Barnes, Jr.

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF SACAGAWEA

HON. KRISTIL L. NOEM

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mrs. NOEM. Mr. Speaker, I wish to speak today to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the reported death of Sacagawea, and to celebrate the contributions she made to our country's development. She was only around 25 years old at the time of her death, but she accomplished much in her short life.

Sacagawea is remembered for guiding Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, who were leading the Corps of North Western Discovery Expedition commissioned by President Thomas Jefferson in the early 1800s. This journey took them from Missouri to the far reaches of the Pacific Northwest, and back again.

Sacagawea was born around 1788 and was the daughter of a Shoshone chief. She was later kidnapped by an enemy of her tribe and married by the time she was only thirteen to a French-Canadian fur trapper. In 1804, she was commissioned by Lewis and Clark with her husband to serve as interpreters and joined the expedition with her newborn baby during the years 1804–1806. They led the expedition westward thousands of miles along the Missouri River and helped Lewis and Clark reach the Pacific Ocean before returning east.

Unfortunately, her life story came to an abrupt end when Sacagawea was reported to have died on December 20, 1812 near present day Kenel, South Dakota. Despite her untimely death, her contributions to our nation and rich cultural heritage continue to live on to this day. We commemorate her life on this year that marks the bicentennial anniversary of her reported death.

In the following weeks, Encounters of the Prairie, the South Dakota Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, will meet in order to commemorate the anniversary of the reported death of Sacagawea. I admire her unique and inspiring heritage and her role in the history of this country. Sacagawea walked thousands of miles carrying her infant on her back, all the while using her skills as a guide and as an interpreter. After 200 years, Sacagawea is remembered for her abilities, perseverance, and impacts on this country and will continue to inspire us all.

IN HONOR OF OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE NICKIE J. ANTONIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of State Representative Nickie J. Antonio of Ohio's 13th House District.

Prior to public service, Representative Antonio was a former special education teacher, an Executive Director at a non-profit for women's drug and alcohol treatment programs, an administrator for a multi-county HIV/AIDS group, an adjunct professor at Cleveland State University in Women's Studies and Public Administration. She served over two decades as a consultant to various non-profits and government agencies in Northeast Ohio.

In 2005, Representative Antonio was elected to the Lakewood City Council where she sat for a total of five years, chairing the Economic Development; Housing; and Human Services committees and also sat as a member of the Public Works and Finance Committees. While a Lakewood council representative, she served on the Lakewood Hospital Board for four years, fought to retain funding for senior programs and services, and was a founder of the Lakewood Relations Advisory Commission which is aimed at promoting citizen human rights and expanding the scope of existing intimidation laws.

As a State Representative, Antonio sits on the Commerce and Labor; Education, Health, and Aging; and Ohio House Committees. She also earned an appointment to the Joint Legislative Committee for Long-Term Care Services and Supports as well as the Commission on Developmental Disabilities. She serves as a policy co-chair for the Ohio Women's Legislative Caucus, is a member of the Ohio House Progressive Caucus, and is a past chair of both the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Event and the Cuyahoga Democratic Women's Caucus where she continues to sit on the steering committee.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the achievements of State Representative Nickie J. Antonio.

RECOGNIZING THE C.A.S.T. FOR KIDS FOUNDATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the "Catch a Special Thrill" (C.A.S.T.) for Kids Foundation, based in Renton, Washington. Since 1991, this organization and its founder Jim Owens have worked to partner volunteers who love fishing with people with special needs for fishing excursions. Today, the foundation hosts three different programs; C.A.S.T. for Kids, the Fishing Kids Program, and the Take a Warrior Fishing Program.

The C.A.S.T. for Kids Program held its first event at Banks Lake in Eastern Washington in 1992. Today, events are held in 22 States across the country. This program helps children with special needs and their caretakers

experience the outdoors and spend time on the water. This program also helps educate the community about the abilities of children with special needs and the value of providing this type of experience to those young individuals.

The Fishing Kids Program was established in 1996 to give young people living in urban areas exposure to fishing. Expert anglers volunteer to teach children fishing techniques, angler ethics, fish identification and water safety—giving young people the skills they need to begin a lifelong hobby. Kids also leave the program with a rod and reel to keep and continue using.

In 2011, the foundation launched a new program called Take a Warrior Fishing. The first event was held at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. This program connects transitioning military personnel and their families to increase interactions and appreciation for the outdoors. This also gives returning servicemembers a therapeutic outlet by spending time on the water and in the outdoors.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the work of the C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation. Their creative solutions to helping kids and servicemembers by introducing them to the sport of fishing helps a wide variety of special needs individuals in our communities.

CELEBRATING MACEDONIA'S
INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Macedonian Community in honor of their Independence Day. On September 8, 1991, the Republic of Macedonia voted to officially gain its independence from the former Yugoslavia beginning a new era in the proud history of the Macedonian people. By approving the referendum, the people decided that it was time for their country to forge its own path. This 21st anniversary of their independence provides us all an opportunity to recognize the Macedonian Community's significant contributions both within our country, and throughout the world.

Macedonia has been a dedicated ally to the United States in the Global War on Terror and has done much to promote liberty and democracy throughout Europe and the world. With American cooperation and support, Macedonia has emerged as a center of multi-cultural peace and stability in a part of the world known for strife and ethnic tensions. Their staunch support of freedom makes them a model for other countries in the region, and their commitment to a U.S.-Macedonia relationship will lead to a richer, more prosperous future for citizens of both countries.

As a way to recognize this partnership, I started the first Congressional Caucus on Macedonia and Macedonian-Americans. This Caucus is a bipartisan group of members of Congress dedicated to maintaining and strengthening a positive and mutually beneficial relationship between the United States and the Republic of Macedonia, as well as advocating for the concerns and interests of the Macedonian community in the United States.

Michigan's 10th District has one of the largest populations of Macedonian-Americans in

the Nation. I would like to acknowledge their contributions to our District and our State, and I look forward to continuing that relationship as we deal with the problems facing our great Nation.

Again, congratulations to the Macedonian community for their achievements as we commemorate the anniversary of their independence.

IN HONOR OF OHIO STATE
REPRESENTATIVE NAN BAKER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of State Representative Nan Baker of Ohio's 16th House District.

Before joining the Ohio General Assembly, Representative Baker was a member of the Westlake Board of Education and served three terms as Westlake City Councilwoman. She has been an active member of the West Shore Chamber of Commerce for 18 years where she served two years as president and currently serves on the Board of Trustees. She has continued to be an avid business owner for over 30 years while remaining active in her community. She is involved with the Community Advisory Board for St. John Medical Center, Westlake Kiwanis, Westlake/North Olmsted League of Women Voters, Westside Professional Women's Connection and the Westlake/Westshore Arts Council.

Over the years, Representative Baker's hard work and dedication to public service has earned her several honors and awards including the 1999 Honored Woman of the Year awarded by the Westlake/North Olmsted League of Women Voters, a Certificate of Special U.S. Congressional Recognition, the Cleveland State University David C. Sweet Award given to alumni for distinguished elected service, the Hugh Dawson Award given by the West Shore Chamber of Commerce for outstanding service to the business community, and in 2009, the Chuck McDonald Council of Smaller Enterprises advocacy Award for her service and dedication to small business.

Currently as a State Representative in her second term, Representative Baker chairs the Economic and Small Business Development committee and is a member of the Education; Local Government; and Ways and Means Committees.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the achievements of State Representative Nan Baker.

IN HONOR OF THE SIX SIKH AMERICANS
SLAIN ON AUGUST 5, 2012

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of the six Sikh Americans that were shot and killed in a senseless act of violence on August 5, 2012.

Bhai Seeta Singh, Bhai Parkash Singh, Bhai Ranjit Singh, Satwant Singh Kaleka, Subegh

Singh, and Parmjit Kaur Toor were slain without regard to human dignity or the sanctity of life. The people of my district and Americans across the Nation stand in solidarity with the Sikh community. Violence against any group is unacceptable, and I offer my prayers and condolences to the families of the victims in Wisconsin and to Sikhs everywhere.

Hate, particularly hate speech, is all too common in today's world. The Sikh community's unified and peaceful response to this hateful attack demonstrates the resilient spirit of the Sikh people. They have shown the world their love of peace, and it is my hope that we can all learn from the Sikh community in the wake of this tragedy.

In this great country, there is no room for the prejudice, intolerance and stereotypes that perpetuate hate acts and hate language. I stand beside the Sikh people as they continue to have the strength and dignity to be proud of their long heritage. To show such grace when faced with such a senseless act of violence is a true testament of their honorable culture.

I had the unique privilege to stand vigil with the Sikh people from my district. To join together in the face of such animosity was an honor. I commend the Sikh community in my district and around the country for their courageous response.

It is for these reasons that I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of the six Sikh Americans who were killed on August 5, 2012.

HONORING POINT REYES
NATIONAL SEASHORE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Point Reyes National Seashore in Marin County, CA, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Millions of people—and flora and fauna—have benefitted from the law President John F. Kennedy signed on September 13, 1962, "to save and preserve, for the purpose of public recreation, benefit, and inspiration, a portion of the diminishing seashore of the United States that remains undeveloped."

Celebrating with the theme of A Natural Sanctuary, A Human Haven, Point Reyes National Seashore (PRNS) truly embodies these values. From its pristine beaches and forests to its ranches and grasslands, the area provides recreational and cultural resources as well as habitat for a wide variety of species. And nearly one-third of known marine mammal species feed in the waters just off the park's coast.

The Point Reyes peninsula has an unusually rich history. Coast Miwok Indians inhabited the peninsula 500 years ago, and, in 1579, Sir Francis Drake and his crew became the first Europeans to meet the Miwoks when they stopped to replenish water and supplies. The survivors of a shipwrecked Manila galleon came ashore a few decades later, foreshadowing a history of shipwrecks that led to the establishment of dramatic lighthouses and lifesaving stations that exist today. In the 19th century, ranchos were developed by Mexican land grantees, and ranching continues today

in pastoral zones in which cows share the landscape with native birds, plants, and animals. Lying on the San Andreas Fault, PRNS also displays the effects of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, the sign of geological land in motion as the peninsula moves north at the rate of two inches a year.

This special area was first conceived as a park in 1938, and today it hosts over two million visitors a year. It is one of the country's most visited national parks.

Mr. Speaker, it takes hard work by many visionary and dedicated people to create and maintain a jewel like Point Reyes National Seashore. I am proud to congratulate all of them on 50 years of providing A Natural Sanctuary, A Human Haven.

HONORING VAN P. BARBIERI

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Van P. Barbieri, who passed away on September 5, 2012. Van P. Barbieri was born on August 27, 1940 in San Pedro, California. He was a gentle, quiet man, who was never overbearing in expressing his ideas and thoughts about making our community better. He served on the Board of Directors of several local organizations. He was an affable San Pedro High School graduate who became one of the top real estate salesmen on the Palos Verdes Peninsula for 35 years, most recently at the Miraleste office of Remax, and was a former president of the California Real Estate Association.

To those in sports, he is remembered as the former boxing publicist for the Olympic Auditorium during the arena's heyday and a close friend and aide-de-camp for Pro Football Hall of Fame coach, George Allen. He was given the distinct honor of being inducted into the California Boxing Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mary; mother, Eva; brothers and sisters-in-law, Dennis, (Lucretia), Anthony, (Linda) and John; several step children and grandchildren; and of course, countless friends. He was loved by all and will be missed dearly.

IN HONOR OF OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARLENE ANIELSKI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of State Representative Marlene Anielski of Ohio's 17th House District.

Representative Anielski holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Akron and a Master of Business Administration from Cleveland State University where she also received her certification as an Ohio Certified Public Manager.

Representative Anielski's political career began with her role as Walton Hills' Councilwoman, a position she held for two years before being elected Mayor of Walton Hills. She

served as Mayor/Safety Director of the City for ten years between 2000 and 2010. In 2011, she was elected to her first term as Ohio State Representative in the Ohio General Assembly. She is a member of the Economic and Small Business Development; Education; Finance and Appropriations; Public Utilities; and Joint Bingo and Skill Based Gaming Committees. Representative Anielski has also opposed legislation that would allow for drilling for oil and natural gas in state parks and other state owned lands.

In addition to her responsibilities as a member of the State House, Representative Anielski is active in her community. She donates much of her time to various national, state, and local organizations including the Small Communities Council of the National League of Cities, the Mayors' and Municipalities Automotive Coalition, the Chambers of Commerce, and Junior Achievement.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the achievements of State Representative Marlene Anielski.

RECOGNIZING MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER (RET.) JOHN R. BRINKHEIDE FOR HIS MORE THAN 20 YEARS OF HONORABLE SERVICE TO THE U.S. NAVY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and commend Master Chief Petty Officer (Ret.) John Robert Brinkheide, of Dale City, Virginia, for his more than 20 years of honorable and courageous service to the United States Navy, his subsequent 17 years of service supporting the Department of Defense in the private sector, and his continued service to our community. We are fortunate to have among us veterans with MCPO Brinkheide's sense of duty and continued commitment to public service.

MCPO Brinkheide enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1962 and completed electronics school the same year. From 1962 to 1964 he served aboard the USS Semmes, a ship he describes as truly unique, tied together by a crew committed to its mission and one another. His service aboard the USS Semmes instilled in him his sense of professionalism and ethics that guided him throughout the entirety of his military and professional career. He attended advanced electronics school in 1965 and then served for three years in Vietnam aboard an in-river LST. After completing his tour in Vietnam, MCPO Brinkheide served aboard the USS America from 1969 to 1976 and was promoted to Master Chief Petty Officer. MCPO Brinkheide's last few years at sea were served aboard the USS Nashville as the Electronics Material Officer from 1976 to 1980. MCPO Brinkheide spent his last year with the Navy working on strategic communications for the Naval Electronic Systems Command performing oversight of electronic equipment acquisitions.

After retiring from the Navy in 1981, he began a long career working for a contractor supporting the Department of Defense, specializing in systems acquisitions. Since retiring from the Navy, Mr. Brinkheide has actively

worked to better his community through the Knights of Columbus and served as the Grand Knight of the John Paul I Council of Dale City, Virginia, from 2006 to 2007. MCPO Brinkheide also worked tirelessly for 24 years to help organize and implement the Prince William County Tree Trimming Day of Remembrance, a ceremony held to honor those who died in alcohol and drug-related vehicle crashes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise to join me in recognizing and thanking John R. Brinkheide for his steadfast and selfless service to our country and for his ongoing contributions to the betterment of our community.

CONGRATULATING JENNIFER POTTER ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Jennifer Potter, the President and CEO of the Initiative for Global Development (IGD), on her retirement.

Jennifer joined the group who would found IGD in 2003 with a goal to reduce global poverty through economic growth and investment. Under her leadership as President and CEO, the Seattle-based organization grew from an ambitious idea to a widely recognized international organization. Jennifer has also led IGD's efforts to direct more than \$100 million in investments to the developing world and altered the way governments and businesses engage in these areas. Her recent focus on African communities has opened the door for employment opportunities and increased their access to various markets.

Jennifer's true passion for non-profit work stems from her service in the Peace Corps and experience leading multiple urban planning and development organizations. She has also served on various boards of organizations focused on international policy. Her inspirational drive and vision will be difficult to replace, and her efforts to eliminate world hunger will always be remembered and appreciated.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize and congratulate Jennifer Potter on her retirement. I wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING DR. NEAL A. YOUNG

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of District of Columbia resident Dr. Neal A. Young, recipient of the 2012 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal for Science and Environment. These prestigious awards, presented annually by the Partnership for Public Service, honor outstanding achievements by federal employees in nine categories.

Dr. Young is the Chief of the Hematology Branch, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the director of the NIH Center for Human

Immunology, Autoimmunity and Inflammation. His pioneering laboratory and clinical research, together with his clinical practice and mentoring, has saved the lives of thousands of people throughout the world suffering from bone marrow failure syndromes, all while serving as a federal employee. During his federal service, Dr. Young has become the world's foremost expert in the difficult area of bone marrow failure, and the treatment protocols he developed for aplastic anemia are considered best practice. Currently, Dr. Young, who developed methods for testing for the B19 parvovirus, has a vaccine for the virus in clinical trials. He also has dedicated himself to training the next generation of hematology clinicians-researchers, and his students have gone on to lead departments throughout the world. We are particularly pleased and proud that a scientist with Dr. Young's accomplishments is a resident of our city, where his example will especially inspire the budding young scientists among our children.

At a time when many federal employees feel beleaguered, Dr. Young's award puts a face on the term "federal employee." Earlier this year, I introduced H. Res. 682, which expresses the sense of the House of Representatives in support of our outstanding federal employees, who are the best educated and most highly qualified broadly based workforce in the country. Dr. Young is a distinguished representative of federal employees at every level, who give their best to their work for the American people. The residents of the District of Columbia, many of whom also are federal employees, join me in congratulating Dr. Young, a distinguished D.C. resident who exemplifies our high quality federal employees and is now honored by our nation as one of our most remarkable scientists.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in honoring Dr. Neal Young for his outstanding accomplishments in science and for his continuous commitment to public service.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN (RET.)
THOMAS BOYCE FOR HIS 28
YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE U.S.
NAVY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank and commend Captain (Ret.) Thomas Boyce of Alexandria, Virginia for his 28 years of honorable service to the United States Navy and for his subsequent 30 of support to the Navy in the private sector. Captain Boyce's long career both in the Navy and in business speaks to his deep patriotism and commitment to protecting our nation. He is a veteran of the wars in both Korea and Vietnam, and his tremendous sacrifice and dedicated service to this country truly merit our highest praise.

CAPT Boyce graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1951. After receiving his commission, he served in Korea aboard several minesweeping ships. From 1962 to 1964 he served aboard the USS Semmes, a ship for which he served on the commissioning team and helped oversee the construction. He credits the ship's command with instilling the esprit de corps

needed for the USS Semmes to become one of the most successful missile firing ships in the Navy. From 1964 to 1970, CAPT Boyce served under the Naval Surface Missile System Office while assigned shore duty. During the early 1970s, he served aboard the USS Niagara Falls, a fast combat logistics ship that replenished ports in Vietnam. CAPT Boyce finished his naval career in 1979 at the Naval Air Systems Command.

After retiring, CAPT Boyce began an equally long career working for a naval contractor applying his unique skill set to managing the building of twenty LMSR ships. Used extensively by the Navy, LMSRs have significantly expanded the Navy's sealift capabilities and have been integral to the missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. CAPT Boyce recently retired for a second time and is looking forward to spending time with his wife, Barbara, and continuing his work on the board of the USS Semmes DDG-18 Association.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues rise to join me in recognizing and thanking Thomas Boyce for his committed and selfless service to our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSE JOEL
GARCIA

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jose Joel Garcia, who is retiring from his position as Chief Executive Officer of Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, Inc., a multi-site and multi-service community health center in Southern Alameda County, California. Mr. Garcia has provided exemplary leadership to Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center since August 1992 and has expanded the organization to include a myriad of clinical and social services through multiple facilities.

Prior to his appointment as CEO of Tiburcio Vasquez, Mr. Garcia held academic appointments at UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Public Health and the Graduate School of Business at the University of Colorado. Between 1982 and 1993, he helped develop and direct a multidisciplinary bi-national graduate student exchange program known as the University of California-Universidad de Guadalajara "Intercambio Academico."

Mr. Garcia received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a law degree from the Boalt School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley. He is an active member of state and federal bars and has published research on health policy, law and administration in the United States and abroad. His professional and social justice contributions have advanced health access through the creation of a local, statewide and national nonprofit health care infrastructure and a focus on strengthening community-based self-governance at health centers.

In recognition of his contributions, Mr. Garcia has received numerous awards. He currently serves on the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Primary Care Association, which he co-founded. He is a Board Member of the Alameda Health Consortium and Community Health Center network. His

past affiliations include directing Centro Legal de La Raza, co-founding the Berkeley Primary Access Clinic, and past Chairperson and Board Member of Eden Medical Center. He served for five years on the Board of Directors of the University of California, Berkeley Alumni Association.

I join Jose Joel Garcia's colleagues, friends and family in applauding his outstanding career in numerous arenas to benefit others. While he is stepping down from his CEO role at Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, he will remain affiliated with the organization in some capacity. This is good news as Mr. Garcia has played a major role in shaping health care delivery in Alameda County. We will welcome his continuing leadership skills, talent, intellect, and experience.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARTIN HEINRICH

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, on September 10, 2012, I unfortunately missed three votes, which included rollcall numbers 557, 558 and 559.

If I had been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 557.

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REAUTHORIZING CERTAIN VISA PROGRAMS

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. 3245, which reauthorizes the EB-5 Regional Center Program. S. 3245 is the type of commonsense legislation we need to put Americans back to work and rebuild our Nation's fragile economy. The EB-5 program, which creates jobs at no cost to taxpayers, has already created more than 25,000 jobs, and is projected to create more than 100,000 jobs per year once the program is fully implemented. With unemployment rates just above eight percent, we cannot afford to pass on this opportunity to innovate and invest in America.

It takes a coordinated effort by both government and the private sector to create jobs and rein in high unemployment rates. I am proud to report that the City of Dallas serves as a shining example that the E-B program works. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings and the Civitas Capital Group, the City of Dallas Regional Center has attracted more than \$120 million in capital from foreign investors, which has funded projects such as affordable assisted-living facilities and building renovation initiatives.

The Democratic Members of Congress have consistently demonstrated their commitment to creating job opportunities here at home. I am encouraged to see that my Republican colleagues have put partisan politics aside and

have joined Democrats in our efforts to put Americans back to work. Reauthorization of the EB-5 program is just one step we can take to bolster our economy, and I hope to see increased bipartisan efforts to keep job-creating investments in the United States.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE
TUSKEGEE-MOREHOUSE FOOT-
BALL CLASSIC

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute a classic gridiron rivalry—the “Matchless Classic of All Historically Black College Football Classics”—the 77th Annual Tuskegee-Morehouse Football Classic. This year, the Tuskegee University Golden Tigers will come face-to-face with the Morehouse College Maroon Tigers on the green grass of A.J. McClung Memorial Stadium in Columbus, Georgia on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

A rivalry that began in 1902 with the teams playing each other seventy-six times in over 100 years, the Tuskegee-Morehouse Football Classic has the distinction of being one of the longest running NCAA Division II classics in the nation. It first began as an entertainment event for the African-American civilian community and African-American U.S. Army soldiers in the Columbus-Fort Benning, GA and Phenix City, AL area. Today, its primary purpose is to help raise funds for scholarships to help young men and women attend college.

In 1955, Mr. Gordon H. Kitchen, Mr. A.J. McClung, and Mr. Carl Haygood formed the Classic Committee. The Committee continues to operate the Classic and has preserved the mission of its legendary founders and past leadership. This year, the Committee will welcome Dr. Robert Michael Franklin, Jr., the Tenth President of Morehouse College; Dr. Gilbert L. Rochon, the Sixth President of Tuskegee University; and Dr. Beverly Tatum, the Ninth President of Spelman College to the Classic.

This year will also mark the eighth year the Tuskegee-Morehouse Football Classic will be played in the A.J. McClung Memorial Stadium, which was named for the late Honorable A.J. McClung, a 1933 graduate of Tuskegee University, Chairman Emeritus of the Tuskegee-Morehouse Football Classic and 29-year member of the Columbus Council who served as acting Mayor of Columbus in 1973.

A longstanding tradition, the weeks leading up to the Classic are filled with excitement and anticipation. The Tuskegee-Morehouse Classic Parade is a widely attended fanfare. There is a week-long schedule of events including church services, recruitment activities, a media press conference, a golf tournament, President/Queens Brunch, VIP Reception and spirited tailgating.

Throughout the years, the two teams have taken the field to play with the highest quality and standards of college football. The players and coaches train and work tirelessly to ensure a memorable classic, and the marching bands, the Piperettes, Mahogany in Motion, cheerleaders, flag teams and other auxiliary units put on spectacular shows while the fans

and observers cheer loudly and proudly for their teams.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting the Golden Tigers of Tuskegee University as they come face-to-face with the Maroon Tigers of Morehouse College. Naturally, I will be cheering for my beloved Alma Mater, Morehouse College. Despite the outcome, however, the 77th Annual Tuskegee-Morehouse Football Classic is sure to be a memorable affair overflowing with spirit, pride, and tradition.

CONGRATULATING PAUL ROBERT
CHENEVEY AND SANDRA JEAN
CHENEVEY ON THEIR 50TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Paul Robert Chenevey and Sandra Jean Chenevey on their 50th wedding anniversary on August 11th. Paul and Sandra are both professional musicians. Paul was an orchestra conductor and a Professor of Music for more than 40 years at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. Sandra was a piano instructor at Grove City College, Slippery Rock University, and at Westminster College.

In addition to their shared love of music, Paul and Sandra share a passion for travelling the globe, and recently journeyed to Antarctica, fulfilling their goal of visiting all seven continents. It is fitting, therefore, that Paul and Sandra celebrate their momentous anniversary with another trip, this time to the Washington, D.C. region, to spend time with their children, Stephen Michael Chenevey of Alexandria, Virginia, and my constituent, Catherine Anne Chenevey of Gainesville, Virginia.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Paul and Sandra on their 50th anniversary, and in wishing them many more, wherever their travels may take them.

RECOGNIZING THE TECHNOLOGY
ACCESS FOUNDATION ACADEMY

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Technology Access Foundation (TAF) Academy, located in Kent, Washington and part of the Federal Way Public Schools, for winning the Schools of Distinction award for being the top middle school in mathematics instruction.

Each year, the Intel Corporation honors elementary, middle and high schools from across the country for excellence in math and science education. Award winners in the math and science categories for each level receive \$10,000 to support efforts to remain at the cutting edge of preparing students for careers in the 21st century.

The TAF Academy opened in 2008 as a unique partnership between the Federal Way Public Schools and the Technology Access

Foundation. It is a public middle and high school that receives additional support from the Technology Access Foundation to give students topnotch education in science, technology, engineering, and math. Students take rigorous classes that prepare them for college and eventually careers in the ever-changing and increasingly competitive global job market.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the hard work of students, teachers, parents, and administrators of the Technology Access Foundation Academy. The academy's focus on science, technology, engineering and math will be greatly beneficial to its students and to our country.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WATER-
FRONT BROWNFIELDS REVITALI-
ZATION ACT

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to reintroduce the Waterfront Brownfields Revitalization Act. This bill will authorize a much needed grant program to assist communities that are overcoming the unique challenges of waterfront brownfields and fostering innovative approaches to remediation.

America's industrial heritage was established along the banks of its rivers, lakes and coasts. Our nation's vast and interconnected natural water system helped provide the power that fueled our rise to international prominence, and allowed us to move our manufactured goods efficiently to all corners of the country. However, that legacy also includes many decades of environmental contamination on the waterfront. Abandoned factories, dilapidated mills and underutilized ports can be found along the shores of many metropolitan areas. As localities seek to reconnect with their waterfronts and revitalize their downtowns, brownfield barriers threaten to derail community efforts to create jobs, promote recreational opportunities, restore the ecology, increase tourism, and grow their tax base.

Waterfront brownfields present challenges beyond typical environmental assessment and cleanup projects. Hydrology, water quality, wetlands, endangered species, habitat, dredged materials, flooding, environmental infrastructure, navigation, and other considerations must be carefully addressed so as not to exacerbate existing site contamination. Typically, waterfront brownfields require the involvement of multiple governmental agencies. As such, waterfront brownfields require special attention and resources to overcome their larger hurdles.

In my own district, the City of Rochester, NY is currently working to revitalize its beautiful waterfront, while attempting to cope with the unique challenges that waterfront brownfields present. The city is undertaking a major community revitalization strategy to redevelop its port and waterfront area into a mixed use development, which will include housing, commercial, retail, and educational uses, enhanced recreation, new parks and open space, and improved public access to Lake Ontario, the Genesee River and the surrounding ecosystem. However, because the

Port of Rochester and surrounding waterways were used extensively for industrial purposes from the late 1800s into the first half of the 20th century, significant environmental remediation will be required prior to redevelopment.

Mr. Speaker, Rochester is not alone in facing these types of complicated and expensive challenges to redevelopment. Cities all across the country are dealing with similar roadblocks as they try to engage corporate waterfront real estate into their redevelopment plans, from Yuma, AZ and Portland, OR in the west, to Savannah, GA, and Philadelphia, PA in the east, and almost everywhere in between where lakes and rivers exist.

My bill recognizes that the federal government can be an effective partner to communities interested in reconnecting with their waterfronts. Specifically, this legislation would authorize the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to establish a waterfront brownfields pilot demonstration program to provide localities and other eligible entities with up to \$500,000 to assess and cleanup waterfront brownfields. The bill would also establish an interagency taskforce on waterfront brownfields restoration to identify barriers and potential solutions to waterfront brownfields revitalization, and seek methods for federal interagency collaboration on such projects.

As cities across the country struggle to thrive in a changing global economy, and as our communities work to rebuild local economies, it is imperative that Congress do all that it can to help these cities redevelop and succeed. Industrialization and manufacturing helped make this country the power that it is today and remediating the contamination left behind will revive areas in cities across the nation that once were feared to be lost. This legislation will give these cities the flexibility and support they need to redevelop in an environmentally safe way, and utilize their waterfront as an incredible economic asset. I urge my colleagues to show their support for these communities by supporting this bill.

H.J. RES. 117—THE CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 AND H.R. 6365—THE NATIONAL SECURITY AND JOB PROTECTION ACT

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in great frustration. It is a sad state of affairs when one of the few bipartisan achievements of this Congress is to delay major federal spending decisions for another six months. I will reluctantly support H.J. Res. 117, the Continuing Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2013, so funding for the government can continue, but I want to be clear that this is no way to run the country. We need to return to regular order and consider each of the 12 appropriations bills individually and in their entirety. A failure to do so is an abdication of the duty of Congress as enumerated by our most sacred document, the Constitution.

I oppose the next bill, H.R. 6365, which has an interesting name. In reality, it is nothing more than a disingenuous attempt to back out of the bipartisan deal struck last year in the

Budget Control Act (BCA). We all agree that sequestration should be avoided, but it should be done within the framework of the BCA, instead of bypassing the deal to which we all agreed. I have long said everything should be on the table as we seek to reduce our deficit. I believe a balanced approach for doing so is the only legitimate way forward. H.R. 6365 abandons this approach by implementing deeper cuts in domestic programs so as to increase defense spending, and avoiding sequestration entirely. This is a cynical attempt at balancing our Nation's books. It does not ask the wealthiest among us to contribute a penny more to our country's needs. We must be fighting for the middle class and making smart, targeted investments to grow our economy and to create jobs, not needlessly slashing important domestic programs to protect millionaires and billionaires.

Congress has little time remaining to prevent sequestration from going into effect. I call on all members to come together and help find a serious, balanced solution to deal with our deficit, instead of engaging in political theatrics by passing H.R. 6365.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOSBY WOODS NEIGHBORHOOD IN FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Mosby Woods neighborhood in Fairfax, Virginia.

The mid-20th century was a time of rapid change in the Washington, DC suburbs. The booming post war economy brought many thousands of new residents to the area. As a result of this growth, the population of the Town of Fairfax grew from 1,946 in 1950 to 13,385 by 1960.

During the summer of 1961, the Yeonas Development Corporation began construction of Mosby Woods. The name of the neighborhood was inspired by the 100th anniversary of the Civil War and commemorates Colonel John S. Mosby, who was active throughout Northern Virginia. In February of 1962, the first residents moved into their new homes.

The Mosby Woods Community Association was incorporated in the summer of 1963. Over the years it has represented the community before the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County Governments. The Association also has provided social opportunities and sponsored community events, such as the annual neighborhood picnic, the Halloween parade and the holiday house-decorating contest.

In 1981, after twenty years of being divided by the City/County boundary, the neighborhood was finally united in the City of Fairfax. The boundary change effort, led by the Mosby Woods Community Association, is an example of successful civic activism benefiting the entire community.

Many residents have lived in the neighborhood twenty, thirty, or even forty years, and a number of original owners are still in the homes they bought in the 1960s.

In recent years, second-generation residents have been returning to the neighborhood

where they grew up to raise their own families. When asked why they made this decision, the answer is typically "it's a great place to live." Much of that "greatness" is attributed to the quality of the home construction, the Fairfax County Public School system, the benefits of living in Fairfax City and the "small town" feel of the neighborhood. Mosby Woods is a village in a small city in a huge metropolis.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Mosby Woods neighborhood in Fairfax, Virginia, and in congratulating the Mosby Woods Community Association for its long history of civic leadership and community involvement. I wish the residents of Mosby Woods the best as they celebrate the history of their community.

IN HONOR OF PEACE CORPS
DIRECTOR AARON WILLIAMS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Peace Corps Director Aaron Williams. After three incredible years of service, Director Williams is stepping down as the 18th Director of the Peace Corps. Without question, Director Williams leaves behind an amazing legacy that will benefit future generations of Peace Corps Volunteers and the communities in which they serve.

Director Williams was only the fourth Peace Corps Director to have been a Volunteer and, from day one, he wove that on-the-ground experience into his leadership. He understood the importance of a Peace Corps that draws from the full strength of America's citizens, and he put a laser sharp focus on expanding the diversity of the Volunteer ranks. Under Director Williams' leadership, Peace Corps formed a partnership with AARP; strengthened recruitment at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and Tribal Colleges; and established new partnerships with Minority Serving Institutions. And the results of his efforts are clear. Today, 20% of Volunteers are minorities and 7% are over the age of 50.

And this diversity of background and skill is desperately needed. The Peace Corps of today faces a world of increasingly complex global challenges that cannot be solved by one single entity. Director Williams broke down silos to forge and strengthen partnerships with established development entities including FAO, PSI, and the Special Olympics to promote best practices, leverage resources, and maximize impact. He also rolled out safety and security reforms, many of which were codified into law, to ensure that Volunteers, particularly women, have the support they need and deserve. Without a doubt, Director Williams has significantly enhanced Peace Corps' capacity to meet 21st century development challenges.

Director Williams worked shoulder-to-shoulder with presidents and prime ministers, world and thought leaders, and current and former Volunteers to help Peace Corps fulfill President John F. Kennedy's initial vision of world peace and friendship. Director Williams has made Peace Corps as relevant today as it

was at its inception 51 years ago. As war and conflict flare around the world, Peace Corps has shown the world a hopeful, uplifting side of America that reflects our fundamental values of peace, prosperity, and progress. This could not be possible without Director Williams' vision, leadership, and spirit.

Mr. Speaker, it's been a pleasure to work with this great man from the south side of Chicago. I will miss collaborating with him, but I wish him the very best in the next stage of his life. Director Williams, thank you for your friendship and your service. The world is a better place for your leadership.

HONORING SAMUEL COULSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Samuel Coulson of Weston, Missouri. Samuel is a very special young man who has been named a finalist for the 2012 Broadcom MASTERS, a program of the Society for Science & the Public.

The Broadcom MASTERS (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering for Rising Stars) is a science fair program designed for students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Samuel is one of 30 finalists representing 29 schools in 17 states who were selected from more than 1,400 students who entered the competition. Samuel will be here in Washington starting September 28 to show his project and compete for prizes, including the top scholarship award of \$25,000 from the Henry Samueli Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Samuel Coulson for his accomplishments in being named a finalist for the 2012 Broadcom MASTERS and in wishing him the best of luck in the competition and all of his promising future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TRENT FRANKS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for rollcall vote No. 565, I would have voted "no."

RECOGNIZING THE KONA KAI COFFEE COMPANY AS A FINALIST FOR THE 2012 KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Kona Kai Coffee Company in Kent, Washington for being named a finalist for the 2012 King County Executive's Small Business Awards, in the Workforce Development Small Business of the Year category.

Kona Kai Coffee Company started off as a small business with the vision of creating Hawaiian coffee products in the Northwest. Today, the company maintains a strong workforce that is diverse and highly skilled.

The Workforce Development Small Business of the Year award is given to those business that recognize the importance of on-the-job training, partnerships with other businesses, involvement of the community, benefits of educational institutions, and apprenticeships. Kona Kai Coffee Company has contributed greatly to the King County region and economy by practicing these ideas.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor Kona Kai Coffee Company. Businesses like Kona Kai Coffee Company that care deeply about the future of their employees deserve to be recognized and appreciated.

COMMEMORATING VERSAILLES HIGH SCHOOL'S 1962 FOOTBALL TEAM ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. CHANDLER. Mr. Speaker, today it is with great pride that I commemorate the 50th anniversary of Versailles High School's 1962 Kentucky state football championship. This commemoration has a special significance to me as my late grandfather, former Governor of Kentucky A.B. "Happy" Chandler, was on the sidelines cheering the football team to victory in the county where I was later born and raised.

The 1962 Yellow Jackets were one of the smallest football teams ever to win a Kentucky state championship, but what they may have lacked in size they made up for in their sheer determination and athletic skill. Led by the 1962 Central Kentucky Conference Coach of the Year John Snowden, this group of gritty underdogs confounded the experts by winning game after game and defying expectations.

On the day of the state championship game, more than half of the population of Woodford County was in attendance to root on the fan favorite Yellow Jackets. On that cold, windy Thanksgiving Day, the fans watched their Yellow Jackets overcome a bigger, stronger, and heavily favored opponent. The Yellow Jackets emerged victorious and claimed their memorable 1962 Kentucky state championship trophy.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to have this momentous anniversary celebrated in my home district. The "Boys of '62" truly represent Kentucky's passion and dedication to the game of football. This group of individuals will always be remembered as one of Kentucky's finest, and we will continue to celebrate their accomplishments for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO CARLI LLOYD AND MATTHEW EMMONS

HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two New Jersey natives, Carli Lloyd and Matthew Emmons. Carli and Matthew both competed in the 2012 London Olympic Games and proudly represented the United States of America.

Carli Lloyd, who currently resides in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, graduated from Rutgers University in 2005 with a degree in exercise science and sports studies. Carli was a midfielder for the United States Women's Soccer Team in 2008 and 2012, both of which won gold medals. In addition, Carli is a two-time FIFA Women's World Cup Team member, a three-time NCAA All-American, and in 2008 won the U.S. Soccer Female Athlete of the Year Award.

Matthew Emmons, born in Mount Holly, New Jersey, graduated in 2003 with an accounting degree from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. He is a three-time Olympian, having competed in the 2004, 2008, and most recently, the 2012 Olympic Games. In London, Matthew placed 35th in the 10m air rifle and captured the bronze medal in the men's three-position rifle. Another outstanding highlight in Matthew's career came in 2002 when he brought home the gold in the men's 50-meter rifle prone event at the 2002 World Championships.

I congratulate Carli and Matthew on all of their achievements and am so proud of them for representing New Jersey and the United States in the 2012 Olympic Games. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing these fantastic American athletes.

HONORING FRED BERRY

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a gentleman and true public servant: Massachusetts State Senate Majority Leader Frederick E. Berry. Several months ago, Senator Berry announced that he would be retiring from the Massachusetts Senate after 30 years of service. He will be sorely missed.

Fred Berry was born on December 20, 1949 with cerebral palsy. At that time, doctors said he would never walk or talk—but Fred proved them all wrong. He attended Massachusetts State Hospital School and later Bishop Fenwick High School in Peabody, where he graduated in 1968. He then attended Boston College, graduating in 1972.

In 1979, Fred was elected to the Peabody City Council, and, in 1982, he was elected to the Massachusetts Senate. During his tenure in the Senate, Fred served on multiple committees and assumed numerous leadership roles. In 2003, he was elected by his colleagues to be the Senate Majority Leader, which is a position he continues to hold today.

Fred's thirty year career is filled with memorable moments and achievements. His accomplishments are too long to list here, but they

include the following: creating separate Departments of Mental Health and Mental Retardation; providing crime victims the right to be heard during the judicial process, allowing victims to receive financial compensation and establishing the Massachusetts Victim and Witness Assistance Board; creating the Children's Trust Fund, a public-private partnership to create programs to end child abuse; founding the Massachusetts Legislative Children's Caucus; requiring insurance companies to cover Early Intervention benefits for children born with developmental delays; requiring private insurance companies to cover medically necessary autism treatments, including evidence-based behavioral health treatments; fighting against efforts to reduce Medicaid benefits for individuals with mental health and addiction disorders; and filing legislation that allowed Salem State College—my alma mater—to achieve university status.

In addition to his legislative work, Fred is a passionate advocate for children and families who are struggling. In 1982, shortly after he was first elected to the Massachusetts Senate, Fred established the Fred Berry Charitable Fund. Over the next thirty years, he would work tirelessly to raise over \$1 million to benefit children and families in need. As Fred recently told the Boston Globe, "I felt I could use my notoriety to help others. Nonprofits always need money, but never have the time to raise it. . . . To be honest, it hurt fund-raising for my campaigns. People said, 'I already gave to Fred.'" But in his heart, Fred knew it was the right thing to do.

I want to wish Fred and his wife Gayle all of the best. For those of us who know Fred, we anxiously await the next chapter in what has been a remarkable life.

RECOGNIZING MOSBY FARMS AS A
FINALIST FOR THE 2012 KING
COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SMALL
BUSINESS AWARDS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Mosby Farms in Auburn, Washington for being named a finalist for the 2012 King County Executive's Small Business Awards, in the category of Rural Small Business of the Year.

Mosby Farms is a family-owned farming business that began in 1977. The Mosby family has grown conventional and organic foods for decades, while giving back to their community by donating thousands of pounds of food weekly.

The Rural Small Business of the Year award recognizes the achievements of the rural industry. Mosby Farms excels at what they do and represents the King County area proudly.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor and congratulate Mosby Farms as a finalist this year. Rural businesses offer many opportunities for work and promote economic growth in agricultural and rural communities throughout our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC
SERVICE OF MICHAEL BORDEN

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, Members of Congress are always far more effective when they find loyal, dedicated staff to fight alongside them. These essential employees provide us with invaluable political advice, propose policy solutions to the problems facing our nation, and often work around the clock to accomplish the most important tasks. One of the staff members on the Financial Services Committee, Michael Borden, has been a valuable asset since he joined us back in 2007. Unfortunately, today is Michael's last day with the Committee; however, his distinguished record of public service will continue to benefit the American people long after he leaves Capitol Hill.

Back in the fall of 2008, the Federal government took unprecedented action to respond to the economic crisis. During this time, Michael provided sound advice to Members of the Committee and kept all of us informed under fast changing circumstances. This was an unprecedented time and Michael was here on weekends and late into the night to help Members prepare for the debate and understand the consequences of their votes.

Michael has a passion for ensuring the right policy is achieved. His commitment and expertise are unmatched on many key issues. On an issue dear to me—shielding children from the scourge of Internet gambling, Michael was integral in efforts to ensure that our kids are protected from becoming addicted to gambling at an early age. Michael also worked to ensure homebuyers are protected during the most important financial transaction of their lives with the SAFE Act, which ensures that mortgage originators are honest and fair with their customers. Michael worked to help Republican Members devise a strategy to wind down Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac after they received the biggest taxpayer-funded bailout of them all, and to develop legislative solutions to protect taxpayers from further losses. While we didn't always have the votes for the policy solutions we wanted, I received the sound advice I needed from a trusted member of my team, and I will always be grateful for his service.

Michael has been a trusted and valued adviser to both experienced and new House Members, and a mentor to countless members of our staff. His sound advice, counsel and acerbic sense of humor will be sorely missed. He never sugar-coated anything (his blunt nature and his waistline wouldn't tolerate it) and always gave us his honest opinion on what action we should take, even if it's not what we wanted to hear. There is no doubt that American taxpayers, consumers, and other stakeholders have been well-served by Michael's commitment to sound public policy.

It is with appreciation and gratitude that I take this opportunity to permanently commemorate Michael's service to our committee Members and to our nation.

RESTORING THE DOCTORS OF OUR
COUNTRY THROUGH SCHOLAR-
SHIPS ACT OF 2012

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, of all of the challenges facing our nation's health-care system, perhaps the most neglected is the gaping hole in our workforce of primary-care physicians. One estimate projects a shortage of 45,000 primary-care doctors by 2020. Due to the retirement of a generation of physicians, the aging of our population, and the entry into the system of some 30 million newly insured thanks to the Affordable Care Act, we do not have enough primary-care doctors to meet the demand, and the problem will continue to worsen without a major initiative to produce new doctors.

Primary-care doctors are the front lines of our physician workforce. Under the right conditions, they oversee and coordinate health care for their patients. They educate patients on how to prevent illness and manage chronic conditions. They are the medical generalists who establish long-lasting bonds with patients throughout their lives. Proper primary care is also one of the keys to containing health-care costs. On the other hand, inadequate primary care leads to neglected and mismanaged conditions, which causes costly emergencies and illnesses downstream.

I am introducing the RDOCS Act to help solve this problem. Modeled after the successful ROTC program, RDOCS offers full scholarships to medical students in exchange for a 5-year service commitment in a medically underserved area. RDOCS will be administered by the states, which will send RDOCS scholars to their state-operated medical schools. RDOCS officers (as they are known after graduation) will then become licensed and serve as primary-care doctors in their state of residence. The program is authorized to start immediately and begin graduating its first additional 4,000 new primary-care doctors in 2020, and 20,000 new doctors by 2024.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, we are going to get close to universal health coverage in the United States. But universal coverage will not be meaningful if we don't have enough doctors to serve our population. I am optimistic that Congress can demonstrate leadership in restoring our doctor workforce for the next generation.

HONORING SPECTRUM LGBTQ
CENTER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Spectrum LGBT Center on the occasion of its 30th anniversary. Located in Marin County, CA, Spectrum has been a leader and an integral part of the community for three decades.

With a mission "to promote acceptance, understanding, and full inclusion for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people," Spectrum

has engaged in mobilizing and advocating for people who are LGBTQ, Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Questioning, and their friends, families, and supporters.

Founded by the Reverend Jane Spahr in 1982 as a support program for LGBT youth in Marin, Spectrum has grown under the leadership of current director Paula Pilecki. The agency now provides programs for seniors, counseling, advocacy, training, and public awareness and coordinates with organizations around the North Bay. This year, it launched the Spectrum LGBT Equality Pledge for businesses and professional organizations that want to show their support.

Mr. Speaker, thanks to organizations like Spectrum LGBT Center, we have seen progress over the last 30 years in rights for LGBTQ individuals. There is still much work to do, and we will continue to rely on Spectrum until full equality is achieved. Congratulations to Paula Pilecki and the staff at Spectrum on their 30th anniversary.

HONORING ALBERT PERISHO

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Albert Perisho, who passed away at home peacefully on August 2012. Albert was born September 9, 1931 in Long Beach, California. Al graduated from Banning High School in 1949 and then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps to serve in the Korean conflict. He met the love of his life, Myrt Van Meter, while working in Long Beach. Al and Myrt were married 59 years. In 1954, he became a member of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. He served there until he retired in 1994. He was elected for 4 terms as President for Local 63 and 2 1/2 terms as Secretary Treasurer.

While retired, he stayed active with the Southern California Pensioners Club and served as President. Al was recognized as Man of the Year by the City of Los Alamitos, the Los Angeles Long Beach Harbor, and the ILWU Southern California Pensioners Club. He was also a volunteer with the Red Cross disaster relief.

Al loved fishing in the High Sierras and had a great sense of humor. He was the kind of friend everyone wanted. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother. He is survived by his wife, Myrt; daughter, Cheri Phillips; son in law, Bill Phillips; son, Terry Perisho; daughter in law, Candy Perisho; son, Jack Perisho; daughter in law, Vanetta Perisho; grandchildren, Shaun, Christy, Jake, and Jacquie; and his brother, Tom Harvey. He was loved by all and will be missed dearly.

RECOGNIZING NESBY AND ASSOCIATES AS A FINALIST FOR THE 2012 KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Nesby and As-

sociates in Renton, Washington for being named a finalist for the 2012 King County Executive's Small Business Awards, in the Minority Small Business of the Year category.

Nesby and Associates is a development consulting firm that encourages consumers and companies to invest in diverse markets. The company succeeds by having a large clientele, ranging from the local to the national levels.

The Minority Small Business of the Year award is only presented to extraordinary minority-owned businesses that have shown significant growth and contributions to the King County community. Currently, 13 percent of the businesses in the King County region are minority-owned and Nesby and Associates and many others make tremendous contributions to the region's economic strength.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor Nesby and Associates. The firm proudly represents the growing numbers of minority-owned businesses in our community and throughout our nation.

HONORING MIKE OGLE, DEDICATED SERVANT TO EASTERN WASHINGTON'S VETERANS

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mike Ogle, a dedicated servant who spent countless hours assisting our Eastern Washington veterans at the

While America's service members and veterans have answered the call of duty and have served with dignity and honor, similarly Mike Ogle answered the call of duty to serve our veterans in Eastern Washington. A twenty-four year Air Force veteran, while working at the Spokane Veterans Outreach Center, Mike dutifully helped veterans by providing outreach, counseling, and resource referral.

However, his story goes beyond simply wanting to help Eastern Washington's veterans. Serving in the Air Force, Mike spent a great deal of time in the Middle East and was deployed for a combined total of nearly eight years. This experience enabled Mike to be one of the best advocates for veterans in Eastern Washington. Quite simply: Mike spoke their language and whenever he interacted with a veteran, the veteran knew that they had found a friend.

Working at the Spokane Veteran Outreach Center, Mike Ogle spent most of his days traveling in a custom-fitted RV called the Mobile Vet Center. Through the Mobile Vet Center, Mike spoke to Eastern Washington's veterans about housing, medical care, and employment opportunities. In addition, Mike diligently took time to generate a constructive game plan with each veteran he saw. More importantly, Mike made a point to follow up with each and every veteran that he met.

So today, I am thankful for Mike Ogle's selfless, energetic dedication to our veterans in Eastern Washington.

HONORING THE CITY OF WESTON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the City of Weston, Missouri, as the residents celebrate the 175th anniversary of the founding of their community.

Weston was a mid-nineteenth century Missouri River port community, the second largest port on the river, second only to St. Louis. In 1850, over 300 steamboats a year docked at the Port of Weston. The population soared to 5,000, surpassing both Kansas City and St. Joseph. Floods, fires, and the Civil War contributed to a decline in population, but not in spirit. In 1972, a major portion of the early town was designated an Historic District and placed on the National Register of Historic Places having retained a substantial portion of its early residences and commercial structures. Weston is a gem in the 6th Congressional District featuring antebellum homes, museums, walking tours, and a historic shopping district. Many of the antique, home furnishing, gift shops and restaurants are located in buildings built prior to the Civil War.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in celebrating with the City of Weston during their 175th anniversary festivities.

CELEBRATING GONZAGA UNIVERSITY 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington as it celebrates its 125th anniversary. I take great pride in representing this nationally-recognized institution of higher learning.

In 1881, Father Joseph Cataldo, S.J., a Jesuit from the Rocky Mountain Mission, decided to establish a school for boys along the banks of the Spokane River. With \$936 in silver dollars, Father Cataldo purchased 320 acres of land. Six years later, on September 17, 1887, Gonzaga College officially opened its doors serving 18 students.

For the last 125 years, Gonzaga University has transformed itself to meet the educational needs of an expanding region. First in 1912, the School of Law was established to meet the Inland Northwest's legal demands. Then in 1921, the School of Business was formed to help bolster commerce with skilled business leaders. Seven years later the School of Education opened its doors to prepare teachers to meet the needs of a rapidly growing community. In 1934, when hydroelectricity was being developed as a new regional power source and engineers were needed to build dams, Gonzaga established a School of Engineering. And in 1975, the School of Professional Studies was created to educate health care professionals and prepare community leaders for the demands of the next century.

Today, Gonzaga University is one of our nation's premier institutions of higher learning,

educating more than 7,800 students. While at Gonzaga students can choose from over 75 fields of study, select from 25 master's degree programs, and pursue doctoral degrees in Law and Leadership. In addition, Gonzaga student cheer on and participate in varsity soccer, baseball, golf, tennis, track, rowing, and of course perennial powerhouse men and women's basketball teams.

So today, it is my grant honor to recognize Gonzaga University for achieving this historic 125-year milestone and applaud the entire University community—students, staff, faculty, alumni, and supporters—for the contributions they have made to Eastern Washington throughout the years. The Zag Spirit is alive and well, 125 years and counting.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CANOE
RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COM-
MITTEE

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee as the organization celebrates its twenty-fifth year of service.

The Canoe River Advisory Committee, otherwise known as CRAAC, is comprised of representatives from the Massachusetts towns of Foxborough, Sharon, Mansfield, Easton, and Norton. Its many duties include educating the public about the benefits of preserving the beautiful Canoe River Aquifer, a wetland region that flows for nearly sixteen miles through these five towns, as well as emphasizing the importance of protecting the delicate ecosystem that is found within the region. Since CRAAC was formally created by the Massachusetts State Legislature in October of 1987, nearly forty individuals have served on the committee, ranging from town selectmen to local residents who care deeply about their local environment. Currently, each town sends three appointed members to the Committee, and these individuals work diligently to ensure that the aquifer—which provides the five towns with approximately half of their water supplies—remains viable and well-cared for. As

this region has been declared an Area of Critical Environmental Concern by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and designated as a Sole Source Aquifer by the federal government, the work that this committee does to ensure its protection is essential.

Today, the work that CRAAC does to protect the Canoe River Aquifer ranges from advising municipal officials and residents on developmental impacts and conservation practices to sponsoring educational conferences and meetings. The committee is highly regarded by the people of Massachusetts, and it is seen as a statewide model for a volunteer-run regional environmental entity. I have witnessed CRAAC's success over the years, and I am confident that the committee will continue to serve as an example of what can be done at the local level to preserve the unique landscapes of Massachusetts.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me great joy to recognize the Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee. I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking its members for all that they have done for their local environment, and in congratulating the Committee for twenty-five successful years of service.

CELEBRATING TELELECT,
INCORPORATION'S 30TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Telect, Incorporation, one of the premier family-run, independent businesses in eastern Washington.

On September 13, 1982, Bill and Judi Williams, later joined by their son Wayne, set out to build an independent company that would transform the communications industry. Thirty years later, their focus remains the same: simplify telecommunication networks by providing innovative solutions.

Headquartered in Liberty Lake, Washington, Telect's history of service and innovation, along with a business model driven by entrepreneurialism and dynamic energy, posi-

tions them to be the lead provider for the global communications industry. At the heart of the company, Telect designs, manufactures, and integrates connectivity and power solutions for the communications industry by offering power distribution and protection panels and management systems.

However, their story goes beyond simply creating equipment for the telecommunication industry. To celebrate their 30th anniversary, Telect President and CEO Wayne Williams, and Vice President and CFO Stan Hilbert are exchanging tradeshows and boardrooms for the open road on their motorcycles. Ride with Telect, a national business and motorcycle tour, will hit the road during the months of August and September. Traveling 11,000 miles, Ride with Telect will enable the business to travel to their customer's location and interact with them one-on-one. Williams, Hilbert, and other members of the Ride with Telect team will thank customers, showcase products, and develop new relationships in this face-to-face product roadshow celebration.

Through the last thirty years, the Williams family has effectively integrated their faith into developing a successful business. Demonstrating commitment to God, country, and their community by serving on various boards including the Washington Policy Center, Greater Spokane Incorporated, and the Public Facilities District Board, Bill and Judi have given their time to eastern Washington. In addition, Telect has been the recipient of numerous awards including being named the Washington Family Business of the Year in 1994, Gonzaga's University Ethics Award in 2001, and AGORA Business and Community Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007. I applaud the Williams' family integrity and generous contributions to our community.

So today, I am encouraged by this family-run, independent business that instead of taking the road well traveled, decided to venture out and explore the open road. Congratulations to Telect, Incorporation for their many successes during their first thirty years and I eagerly anticipate their upcoming innovations for eastern Washington and the rest of the telecommunication industry in the next thirty years.