

This month, the program saw its 400th capture. This means that 400 individuals were arrested for such crimes as murder, rape, theft, assault and other travesties. I applaud Washington's Most Wanted for its successful efforts towards creating safer communities and giving a voice to the victims of violent crime.

INTRODUCTION OF THE  
HOLOCAUST RAIL JUSTICE BILL

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the bipartisan Holocaust Rail Justice Act along with my colleagues Representatives ILEANA ROSLEHTINEN, C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER, ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS, CHARLES B. RANGEL, JOHN SARBANES, RUSH HOLT, BILL PASCRELL, JR., ALLYSON SCHWARTZ, GERRY CONNOLLY, TED DEUTCH, CORRINE BROWN, ROBERT BRADY, JERROLD NADLER, JIM MORAN, DAVID CICILLINE, ALCEE HASTINGS, RAÚL M. GRIJALVA, PETER KING, LOIS FRANKEL and RANDY WEBER.

During World War II, trains operated by Societe Nationale des Chemins de fer Francais (SNCF) transported more than 75,000 Jews, United States pilots shot down over France, and other "undesirables," from France toward Nazi death camps. SNCF willingly collaborated with the Nazi government, operating the trains as a commercial venture and were paid per head, per kilometer to deliver thousands to their deaths.

SNCF has not been held accountable for its actions by never paying reparations to its victims in the almost 70 years since the end of World War II. The Holocaust Rail Justice Act allows the hundreds of known survivors, veterans and their family members living in the United States today to hold SNCF accountable. Holocaust survivors would be granted their deserved day in court, including many who have sought legal action for the past 10 years.

SNCF has thus far succeeded in evading jurisdiction in the United States courts by hiding behind foreign sovereign immunity. This legislation would simply preclude, in this one limited instance, the defense of foreign sovereign immunity from being raised. As the facts make clear, this is not the type of situation foreign sovereign immunity was intended to cover.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation that would finally hold SNCF accountable for its wartime actions and provide survivors with what is likely their last opportunity for justice in their lifetimes.

HONORING BEN C. MAYS

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ben C. Mays. Ben is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ben has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Ben has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ben has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Ben erected a 25-foot flagpole on the grounds of the First Presbyterian Church of Liberty, Missouri, to honor the veterans of the United States military.

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

HONORING HARRISON AKINS

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, with the emerging debate on drones and their use, I recently had lunch here in Washington, DC with Harrison Akins, a former constituent of mine, to discuss the subject. He is a fine young man who grew up in Blount County in East Tennessee, and I have known him for many years.

He is now a research fellow at American University working as the chief researcher on a book project with Ambassador Akbar Ahmed, the Chair of Islamic Studies at American University, the first Distinguished Chair of Middle East Studies at the U.S. Naval Academy, and the former Political Agent in charge of Waziristan in the Tribal Areas of Pakistan. Ambassador Ahmed's new book is called *The Thistle and the Drone*.

This book examines the tribal societies targeted by America's drone campaigns in Pakistan, Yemen, and Somalia, as well as other tribal societies involved in the war on terror.

As I wrote in my August 2012 newsletter, Georgie Anne Geyer is one of this Nation's most senior and most highly-respected foreign policy columnists. She wrote recently that we "are embarked upon missions mired in the fog of human nature, with robotic weapons that may relieve the threat to our human soldiers but that will cause many times more hatred toward America."

She wrote about inaccurate drones "killing totally innocent people" in several countries and quoted a Washington Post article that said "an escalating campaign of U.S. drone strikes is stirring increasing sympathy for al-Qaeda-linked militants and driving tribesmen to join a network linked to terrorist plots against the United States." Of course, a large amount of money is being made off the sale of those drones to the government.

Mr. Speaker, we should heed the words of Benjamin Franklin: "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Harrison Akins is an extremely intelligent, capable young man who I believe will be a great leader for this Nation in the years ahead.

His outstanding research on this book is a significant contribution in an area that deserves very serious and thoughtful consideration.

The *Thistle and the Drone* gives us all pause to think about the future of drone war-

fare and the war on terror and the direction of our country, and I call it to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

AMERICA NEEDS REAL JOBS,  
REAL SOLUTIONS, AND REAL RESULTS

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, last week, we were reminded of the devastating economic consequences that tax hikes and Obamacare are having on our economy.

Only 88,000 jobs were added last month, according to the Department of Labor, and nearly half a million people left the job market. The percentage of Americans in the labor force is now at its lowest level since the Carter era.

For every job gained last month, more than five people stopped looking for work altogether.

And now the President submits a budget proposal that completely ignores this economic reality. This proposal hikes taxes and does nothing to balance our budget.

This is unacceptable. America needs real jobs, real solutions, and real results.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,798,984,234,792.33. We've added \$6,172,107,185,879.25 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL  
YOUTH HIV AND AIDS AWARE-  
NESS DAY

**HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of National Youth HIV and AIDS Awareness Day which occurred yesterday. This day is symbolic of communities, government leaders, schools and most importantly today's young people leading the effort to end the HIV and AIDS pandemic that is still rapidly spreading among our nation's teens and young adults more than 30 years after it was first discovered.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, HIV and AIDS education and prevention information has made great strides in slowing infection and mortality rates, however young people between the ages of 13