

must continue to recognize the importance of this relationship—and strengthen it—as it works to combat terrorism and promote regional cooperation throughout the region.

As a stable, democratizing, and steadfast ally, Morocco has made important achievements over the last decade on issues ranging from security and counterterrorism to economic development, political and social reforms, advancement of human rights, and cross-cultural tolerance and respect. There has always been strong bipartisan support for a strong US–Morocco bilateral relationship in the US Congress and we must continue to support these developments and work with Morocco to address our common interests and shared values concerning the most important issues in the Middle East and North Africa. We have been strong partners, friends, and allies for more than 225 years. That is a unique history that has solidified our strong relations with Morocco since the origins of our nation and one which will certainly endure and strengthen in the future because of the importance both countries place on our partnership.

COMMENDING THE BULLITT FOUNDATION UPON COMPLETION OF THE “GREENEST OFFICE BUILDING ON THE PLANET”

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend Denis Hayes and the Bullitt Foundation for developing the world’s most environmentally-friendly and self-sustaining buildings right here in Seattle. The Bullitt Center represents a deep commitment to environmental stewardship and redefines our ideas about sustainable development in dense urban areas. By creating the greenest office building on the planet, you have provided the world an example leading the way to our future. The building is an inspiration and represents a milestone in our efforts to leave a smaller carbon footprint for future generations.

Each aspect of the Bullitt Center was meticulously planned and evaluated with its striking technical aspects. From its rainwater cistern and photovoltaic panels to its energy transparency and 250 year life span, the Bullitt Center is and will remain a marked departure from what has been previously achieved in large-scale architecture.

Your vision reveals the environmental innovation that can be attained and the completion of this building draws attention to the viability for such projects. The Bullitt Foundation’s pledge to construct a complex with so many far-reaching goals in sustainability reflects its hard work, determination and resolve.

The development of the Bullitt Center stands as an example for Seattle, the United States and beyond as a viable solution to our continued efforts to go green and commit to furthered environmentally sound projects. Through your dedication, conviction and perseverance to establish such a groundbreaking commercial workspace you have set a new standard of achievement for environmental sustainability.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EUGENE S. “GENE” CUNY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Eugene S. “Gene” Cuny Jr., who passed away on February 13, 2013. Gene was a very dear friend of mine, and he was blessed with an exciting life that allowed him to work a variety of fascinating jobs with interesting people. I know he will be missed by all who knew him.

Gene was born in Houston, TX. From an early age, he demonstrated leadership and a strong work ethic. As a youth, Gene achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. After high school, he attended the University of Houston, where he received a bachelor’s degree and graduated with Honors. Upon graduation, he received a scholarship to Colorado State University where he studied theater.

He married his beautiful wife, Charlotte Walsler, and they moved to New York City where Gene performed in the Broadway production of “The Pirate,” featuring actress Lynn Fontanne, in 1942. He also worked as the stage manager at Radio City Music Hall, and studied drama at Yale University as a Rockefeller Foundation fellow. He then went on to teach speech and English at New Haven Junior College in Connecticut.

Following his education and career in theater, Gene returned to Houston, where he worked for an advertisement agency writing copy for radio commercials and soap operas. Cuny went on to work as a general manager for radio stations in Louisiana, and after moving to Dallas in 1951, worked for KRLD–TV (now KDFW). He held the responsibilities of program director, national sales manager, and director of community affairs before he retired after 35 years. He also produced the Dallas press club’s Gridiron Show, a spoof on news events, for many years.

In addition to his successful career, Gene was also an active leader in his community. He was a press club board member, leader of the Dallas Advertising League, and president of the downtown Dallas Exchange Club. He was also a 32nd degree Knight Commander of Court of Honour Mason, a Dallas leader of the Scottish Rite, and a Rotarian, volunteering as a court-appointed special advocate for neglected or abused children. Gene also helped deliver Meals on Wheels all the way into his 90’s.

Gene is also preceded in death by his son Fred, who lost his life when he became deeply involved in international relief work. Fred was the leader of one of the most successful refugee assistance programs in recent decades, working abroad to help literally millions of refugees, whether in Africa, Southeast Asia, Kurdistan, Bosnia, or in Chechnya. Many think Fred was murdered during his effort to support Chechens in their resistance to a Russian attack. His body was never found. Gene is also survived by his wife Charlotte; their sons Chris, Phillip, and Eugene III; as well as eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Gene’s verve for life and compassion for others are qualities we should all strive toward. I ask those here today to join me in honoring Eugene S. “Gene” Cuny.

HONORING LUIS DIAZ

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Luis “Louie” Diaz, a distinguished labor organizer and community leader, who is receiving the renowned South County “San Foley” 2013 Labor Leader of the Year Award. Raised in San Pedro, Louie at a young age was exposed to the hardworking environment of this port community. Louie became a member of Teamsters Local 692, representing Marine Terminal Operators, and held the positions of Organizer, Business Agent, and Recording Secretary. In 2001, he was elected Vice President of Local 692. He currently serves as Vice President for Local 848.

For the last 23 years, Louie has continued to support his union brothers and sisters by serving as a member of the Board of the Teamsters Hispanic Caucus California Chapter, the National Hispanic Caucus, and the Maritime Trades Department, Southern California Ports Council. He is also the Coordinator of the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Labor Coalition, which conducts one of the largest Labor Day parade and barbecue in the nation.

Louie’s exemplary service to his fellow community and union members has earned him this distinct honor. I am proud to recognize such an accomplished leader.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF SARA PISARSKI ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio’s Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Sara Pisarski of Bowling Green, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York.

Sara’s offer of appointment poises her to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2017. Attending one of our nation’s military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Sara brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Bowling Green Senior High School in Bowling Green, Ohio, Sara was on the Honor Roll and was a member of the National Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars.

Throughout high school, Sara was a member of her school’s basketball team and earned a varsity letter. In addition, Sara was a section leader in the marching band and the symphonic band and was the Lt. Governor of

Ohio's Division 1 District Key Club. I am confident that Sara will carry the lessons of her student and athletic leadership to the Merchant Marine Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sara Pisarski on the offer of her appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Sara will excel during her career at the Merchant Marine Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to the Nation.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD DONOHUE

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, in the early morning of Friday, April 19, 2013, after a week of searching for suspects in the Boston Marathon bombings, and just hours after an MIT officer had been assassinated, Massachusetts law enforcement spotted and engaged the two brothers who were accused of committing the bombings.

The officers who exchanged fire with the two brothers were met with heavy resistance by the suspects. 200 or more rounds of ammunition are reported to have been fired on the corner of Dexter and Laurel Streets in Wattertown, Massachusetts, in my district. The bombers also hurled explosives at the officers, turning a city street into a battlefield.

One officer of the MBTA police force, Richard Donohue, Jr., was struck in the leg during the firefight. He likely did not know then, but his academy classmate and friend, Sean Collier of the MIT police force, was the officer felled by the bombing suspects hours earlier.

Officer Donohue of Woburn in my congressional district raced to help his fellow officers—not a surprise for an officer known as an avid runner and a dedicated public servant. His family notes that his great-great-grandfather even won the Boston Marathon, where Officer Donohue started his week working a shift at this iconic race.

Officer Donohue is currently still in critical condition at Mount Auburn Hospital. His family has been at his side, and a Massachusetts family of citizens remains forever in his debt for putting his life on the line to keep us safe.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 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 \$16,787,451,118,147.32. We've added \$6,160,574,069,234.24 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.

HONORING WAYNE BROWN

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Mr. Wayne Brown, Superintendent of the Stanislaus Union School District, who is retiring after many years of outstanding service to our community.

Mr. Brown is highly accomplished in the field of education. He worked with staff to raise Stanislaus Union School District's API average to 800, in addition to initiating a full-day Kindergarten program. He developed a long-range Facility Master Plan that included running and successfully passing a bond campaign to include a comprehensive renovation/modernization of Prescott Junior High School. Wayne helped enhance significant technology infrastructure district-wide and pilot "blended" online and interactive programs in both GATE and in an innovative, full-day Independent Study Program. He supported the development of a Performing and Fine Arts Charter School in Monterey County and an Arts and Technology Academy in Stanislaus Union School District. He had the honor of being the Principal of a California Distinguished School and Superintendent of another, Mary Lou Dieterich Elementary. By using the "Caught in the Middle" concepts, he helped plan and collaboratively transition a junior high school into a progressive middle school in Monterey County. He is also a Program Quality Review and WASC Accreditation Trainer, and he is credited with creating the highly successful Middle Schools Consortium in Monterey County.

Wayne Brown has dedicated 37 years of his life to the education community. He was a teacher for 11 years, served the same amount of time as a principal at K–6, 6–8 and 9–12 levels, and 15 years as Superintendent. He served as one of the few consolidated superintendents in California with two separate districts and two school boards at one time. He also served as a Teacher Supervisor and part-time professor for Chapman College, Monterey Campus. After working in Monterey County for 31 years, he tired of temperate weather, magnificent vistas, sunny coast and world class golf courses and relocated to the Central Valley.

Mr. Brown is married to Cathy, who is a special education teacher with Patterson Unified School District; and together, they have four children. He was the first family member to attend college; and now, he officially has the lowest undergraduate GPA of any of the six members in his family.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to education and the Stanislaus County community by Superintendent Wayne Brown and hereby wish him continued success in his retirement.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF CALEB LIPSCOMB ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Caleb Lipscomb of Perrysburg, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Caleb's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Naval Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2017. Attending one of our Nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Caleb brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2017. While attending Perrysburg High School, in Perrysburg, Ohio, Caleb was on the High Honor Roll and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Throughout high school, Caleb was a member of his school's wrestling and football teams and earned varsity letters in both sports. In addition, Caleb participated in several mission trips in Ohio and West Virginia and served as Master Counselor for Demolay International. I am confident that Caleb will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Naval Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Caleb Lipscomb on the acceptance of his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Caleb will excel during his career at the Naval Academy and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RUBY MOORE

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ruby Moore, who passed away on April 10, 2013. Ruby was a wonderful, kind woman, and a very dear friend of mine. I know she will be greatly missed by her family and by all those who knew her.

Ruby Thomas was born on February 21, 1920 in Bonham, TX. She was married to Choice Moore on December 27, 1950. Ruby worked for 20 plus years as a dental assistant for the Sam Rayburn Medical Veterans Center, and also served on the Fannin Bank Board, on which her husband was a founding member. For 28 years while Choice served as Fannin County Judge, Ruby served as the first lady of Fannin County. She was also a member of the Texas Society of County Judges