

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH LUCIAN
WYATT, JR.

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Joseph Lucian Wyatt, Jr. of Pasadena, California, who was an influential force in Southern California legal circles as well as an exceptional community activist.

Joe was born in Chicago, Illinois, the only son of Joseph and Cecile Wyatt. From 1942 to 1945, Joe served in the United States Air Force as a First Sergeant in the USAAF Troop Carrier Command in England, France, and Germany. After returning home, Joseph received his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University in 1947 and his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1949. He then moved to California to practice law and soon met Marge Simmons at a California Federation of Young Democrats Convention. They married in 1954.

Mr. Wyatt practiced trust and estate law for three law firms, specializing in trust and estate planning, fiduciary and tax practice, and trial and appellate litigation on behalf of individual and institutional clients. Most recently, Mr. Wyatt served as Senior of Counsel to Morrison/Foerster LLP. He authored an impressive four-volume treatise on Trust Administration and Taxation, and since 1962 he has been a prominent lecturer in his field. He was also an active member of many professional organizations. Mr. Wyatt was known as a people's lawyer and will be fondly remembered as a bow tie aficionado, rarely being seen in public without a bow tie.

Joe served his community as a board member of the Pacific Oaks College and Children's School, the California State Personnel Board, the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees Retirement System, and anti-poverty agencies of Pasadena and Los Angeles. In addition, he also supported many non-profit organizations that specialized in education and children's services. Joe was the counsel to the California delegation at six Democratic National Conventions, prior to which he was a delegate to four conventions. He was very active at state and local Democratic Party events, often serving as a skillful parliamentarian.

Joe Wyatt was a very accomplished man, an admirable lawyer, and a great husband and father. He was principled, intelligent, humble, and humorous. He will be greatly missed not only by his wife Marge and their four children Daniel, Linn, Jonathan, and Lawrence, but by the entire community. I ask all Members to join me in remembering Joseph Lucian Wyatt, Jr.

RECOGNIZING FRANCES MARIE
CALVO MONGE ON BEING NAMED
THE 2013 FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK
AND GUAM BUSINESS MAGAZINE
BUSINESSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Frances Marie Calvo Monge on being named the 2013 First Hawaiian Bank and Guam Business Magazine Businesswoman of the Year. Marie is the Chief Operating Officer and Executive Producer of Pacific Telestations Inc.'s KUAM and has been in the media industry for 16 years.

Born and raised on Guam, Marie attended Academy of Our Lady of Guam and graduated from Castilleja School in Palo Alto, Calif., in the spring of 1992. Her first job was a production assistant at a local public access television station in Palo Alto.

In May 1996, Marie graduated Magna Cum Laude from Emerson College in Boston with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communication/Film.

Following graduation, Marie moved to Los Angeles, where she worked as a Development Assistant for Flower Films from January 1996 to September 1996. She worked with the producing team for actress Drew Barrymore to identify script projects that were to be developed into major motion pictures. She also assisted with film pre-production, which included location scouting, casting, and character wardrobe.

In January 1997, Marie began serving as Executive Producer of KUAM, where she oversaw all local productions, directed live productions, and developed local content and programming for the stations of KUAM.

In 2001, Marie co-founded a community service initiative of the stations of KUAM known as the KUAM Careforce. Through this Careforce, KUAM has highlighted many Guam organizations, raising awareness for issues of importance to our island community.

Marie also is the president of The Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation, a member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce, and a Board Member of The Rigalu Foundation, Sanctuary, Inc., and Hurao, Inc. She is also a member of the largest media professional group in the United States, Radio Television Digital News Association.

She is married to Eli Monge and together they have two daughters, Noelle Veronica, 14 years old and Reese Frances, 11 years old.

I congratulate Frances Marie Calvo Monge on receiving the 2013 First Hawaiian Bank and Guam Business Magazine Businesswoman of the Year. I join the people of Guam in commending her for her award and thanking her for her contributions to our community as a woman leader in business.

IN SUPPORT OF "JEWISH
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jewish American Heritage Month. Nearly 360 years have passed since the establishment of the first Jewish community in North America. Since that time, Jewish Americans have contributed to the cultural richness and diversity of our nation in every field of community life, including business, government, medicine, law, the natural and social sciences, the arts and humanities, academia, religion, and the military.

There are approximately 5 million Jewish Americans and more than 100,000 of them live in Texas, nearly half of those, about 45,000, live in the Houston metropolitan area. Although their numbers may be small in a state with a general population over 20 million, the impact of Jewish Americans in Texas and in Houston has been great indeed.

Jewish Americans were there during the fight for Texas' independence from Spain and Mexico. Adolphus Sterne, an East Texas merchant, was a principal source of financial backing for the Texas Revolution and a close friend of Sam Houston. Albert Moses Levy was surgeon-in-chief in the revolutionary army. The De Cordova family helped develop the city of Waco and Henri Castro settled immigrants in several Texas towns. In 1859 the first synagogue in Texas was established in Houston.

Business and trade, especially the merchandising of food, clothing, jewelry with style, elegance, and distinction are the arenas in which many Jewish-Texan families made their most visual marks on the state of Texas. There is hardly a city in the Lone Star State whose history is without landmark stores founded and developed by Jewish entrepreneurs: Neiman, Marcus, Sanger in Dallas; Battelstein and Sakowitz in Houston; and Joske in San Antonio.

These cities and towns reaped the benefits not only in availability of goods, but also in owners' generous patronage of the fine arts and in contributions to civic life such as the historic Levy Opera House in Hillsboro and the Brin Opera House in Terrell. Other early Jewish Americans who contributed mightily to civic life include Anna Hertzberg, who served as president of the original San Antonio Symphony Orchestra before World War I, and Olga Bernstein Kohlberg of El Paso, who started Texas' first free public kindergarten in 1892. That tradition continues today with the Dell Children's Hospital in Austin established by Dell Computers founder and CEO, Michael Dell.

Mr. Speaker, it was 65 years ago this month that President Truman recognized the free, independent, and democratic State of Israel, making the United States the first country to

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welcome Israel into the family of nations. And for 65 years Israel and the United States have remained the best of friends and the strongest of allies. One reason for the enduring strength of this relationship is the enduring contributions made by Jewish Americans in enriching American life and culture.

Mr. Speaker, as a representative of the state of Texas which has welcomed Jews for more than three centuries, I join with my colleagues and President Obama in calling upon all Americans to learn more about the heritage and contributions of Jewish Americans and to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies.

HONORING FRED ACQUAVITA ON
THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the many family, friends, colleagues, and community leaders who have gathered in celebration of an outstanding member of our community and my dear friend, Fred Acquavita, as he retires from his post as Headmaster of St. Thomas Day School in New Haven, Connecticut after more than three decades of service in education.

A native of New Haven, Fred left Connecticut to attend the Kansas State College of Pittsburg to earn his Bachelors Degree and later returned to earn his Masters from Southern Connecticut State University as well as his 6th Year from Bank Street College of Education. Fred began his career as a teacher in the New Haven Public School system working with children in elementary and secondary schools. Deeply passionate about education and making it work for both teachers and our young people, Fred focused his professional growth on building expertise in curriculum development, instructional support, strategic planning, and team building—all of which would serve him well as he accepted the leadership role at St. Thomas's Day School. As Headmaster of St. Thomas's Day School, Fred has helped to shape the lives of hundreds of young people—nourishing their minds, encouraging their imaginations, and preparing them well to meet their full potential and realize their dreams.

Fred's dedication to enriching our community extends far beyond his work in education. Throughout his adult life he has dedicated much of his time to a myriad of local service organizations. He has served on the Board of Directors at Farnum Neighborhood House where he also coached "Biddy Basketball," participated in the Graustein Foundation Leadership Program, and is currently an Associate Fellow Yale's Berkeley College as well as a member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools.

On a more personal note, I want to take a moment to thank Fred for his many years of special friendship. His support and camaraderie is something that I will always cherish. Fred's passion for making a difference is an inspiration to many and I consider myself very fortunate to call him my friend.

Teacher, administrator, advocate, and mentor, Fred is a reflection of all that we attribute to an outstanding public servant. His actions reflect his deep and abiding belief in the words of St. Francis of Assisi—we should all strive to "make this a better world and let it begin with me." For his many invaluable contributions to both St. Thomas's Day School and our community, I am proud to stand today and extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to my good friend, Fred Acquavita, as he celebrates his retirement. I wish him as well as his wife, Marie; their children, John and Michael; and their three beautiful granddaughters the very best for many more years of health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING ISMAEL GUZMAN ON
HIS ENLISTMENT INTO THE
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Ismael Guzman, a senior at Glades Central High School in Belle Glade, Florida. Ismael is fine young man who has received good grades, and will graduate later this month. He has courageously chosen to enlist in the United States Marine Corps.

Ismael should be extremely proud of his decision to serve this nation. It is thanks to the commitment and dedication of individuals such as him, that we are able to meet here in the House of Representatives, and openly debate and legislate on the many issues facing our nation.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Ismael Guzman for his selflessness to enlist in the Marine Corps. I am certain that he will serve with honor and distinction. We owe him, as well as all the men and women serving in uniform a debt of gratitude.

IN MEMORY OF PATRICK R.
FOSTER

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Patrick R. Foster.

As a Vietnam War veteran who served in a Naval Attack Squadron and a superintendent with the city of Federal Way, Washington, Pat Foster's life was dedicated to public service. As the self-proclaimed "CEO of potholes" for the city, Pat supervised a staff that maintained the city's many roads and sidewalks, using his warmth and sense of humor to add a human touch in handling the multitude of requests the city received.

Pat's tireless efforts and down-to-earth demeanor led his colleagues throughout the Federal Way city government to consider him an integral part of its operations. He was trusted to develop and implement creative and resourceful solutions to the issues and challenges faced by the city and its residents, while involving others and making them feel equally important in the process. As a leader,

he spared no opportunity to make sure his staff's good work received due recognition. Under Pat's leadership, his Public Works division and those who worked in it earned a great deal of respect from all. He was also so well regarded by residents that they would request assistance from him by name.

Fiercely proud of his service with the Navy, colleagues fondly remember Pat's many stories of his time in the military and remarked about the wealth of aviation knowledge he was able to share. Nowhere was this on more prominent display than during a visit to the National Air and Space Museum. During their trip to Washington, DC, they also shared an especially moving time with Pat at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Pat's unrelenting and quiet dedication to serving the public, in the military and in local government, serves as an example of the tremendous impact one outstanding person can have on his community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the life of Pat Foster. He is a reminder of the standards of service to which we should aspire every day.

RECOGNIZING PETTY OFFICER 1ST
CLASS (FMF) BENNY MENDIOLA
FLORES JR. ON RECEIVING A
SILVER STAR

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Petty Officer 1st Class (FMF) Benny Mendiola Flores Jr., a hospital corpsman serving with the Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company, on receiving a Silver Star, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action with combat operations against the enemy while serving as Field Medical Service Technician, I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), on 28 April 2012, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was presented with the Silver Star, the military's third-highest award for valor, at a ceremony at Camp Pendleton, Calif., on May 3, 2013.

Petty Officer Flores, a native of Guam, graduated from Southern High School in 2001, and, shortly thereafter, enlisted in the United States Navy. He always wanted to be a corpsman, and, in his remarks at the award ceremony, demonstrated his humility and gratitude for the opportunity to serve our country. He is currently serving his third deployment to the Middle East.

During his deployment to Afghanistan last year, Petty Officer Flores was providing medical coverage for a three-day, Afghan-led mission to Zaranj, Afghanistan near Iran's border. He was riding in the back of a pickup in Nimruz province's Zaranj district returning to camp after a trip to the Iranian border when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle as a result of a suicide bomber. Despite suffering shrapnel wounds to his arms and back, he immediately began helping the wounded. He risked his life four times, running through enemy gunfire to help save the Marines and Afghan Uniform Police officer who were injured in the blast.

Petty Officer Flores stayed focused administering combat lifesaving skills. Although he

worked hard to make sure everyone was secure, another passenger in his vehicle, Master Sergeant Scott Pruitt, died from injuries sustained in the attack.

Petty Officer Flores has received numerous awards and decorations for his service, including a Purple Heart, a Joint Service Commendation Medal and a Joint Service Achievement Medal.

He is currently pursuing a college degree and furthering his passion for medicine by studying sports management at American Military University. He is the son of Benny Flores Sr. and Josepha K. Lizama. He lives at Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base in California with his wife, Jerrienne, and their daughter, Jaena.

I commend Petty Officer 1st Class Benny Flores on receiving this high honor for his heroic actions in combat. I join the people of Guam in thanking him for his bravery and selfless service to our nation, and for making our island proud.

RECOGNIZING ROB MELLEN FOR
HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO DR.
PHILLIPS CHARITIES

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to recognize a close friend of mine whose philanthropic contributions have greatly impacted the Central Florida community. Rob Mellen served as the President and CEO of Dr. Phillips Charities for the past five years. Prior to his role at Dr. Phillips Charities, Mr. Mellen was a leading and well-recognized corporate, banking and real estate attorney and the managing shareholder at Akerman Senterfitt, one of Florida's largest law firms.

Over the last five years as CEO and President, Mr. Mellen has inspired Dr. Phillips Charities to work towards new endeavors while facing the economic turmoil that has affected our nation. During his tenure, the construction of Orlando's Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts began. He continues to play an important role in the planning and construction of Orlando's long awaited world class performing arts center scheduled to open in 2014. With the completion of Dr. Phillips Charities' new headquarters, Mr. Mellen also secured a place where Dr. Phillips Charities can enhance relationships with other major philanthropic organizations and the partnerships with those that they serve. His efforts to improve Dr. Phillips Charities' real estate portfolio and other investments have enabled Dr. Phillips Charities continuous substantial giving. Many charitable non-profit organizations in the Central Florida community have been the beneficiaries of their giving, and numerous lives have been provided with much-needed support.

Dr. Phillips Charities' donations extend into all parts of the Central Florida community, including educational programs, youth programs, health and rehabilitative programs, and much more. They have given other local non-profit organizations and charities the resources to fund their efforts through donations that have amassed \$150 million in grants, pledges,

and program-related investments over the last 10 years. Dr. Phillips Charities has made a lasting effect on the Central Florida community that has directly touched the lives of thousands of children and families.

Dr. Phillips Charities has been fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced leader at the helm of their operations. I want to applaud Rob Mellen on his continued service to the philanthropic needs of the Central Florida community. His commitment to excellence, leadership and service is to be admired, and may it inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

A TRIBUTE TO MABEL BAKER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mabel Baker on the coming celebration of her 100th birthday. Mabel will celebrate a century of life on May 30th, 2013.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Mabel's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Mabel has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-two Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Mabel in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Ms. Baker on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

HONORING PETER N. SILVESTRI

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peter N. Silvestri, retiring President of the Village of Elmwood Park and current 9th District Cook County Commissioner. Mr. Silvestri has served Elmwood Park for twenty-four years as Village president and chose not to seek reelection this year in order to focus his complete attention on his position of Cook County Commissioner.

Mr. Silvestri has lived in Elmwood Park since 1971, and is a graduate of Elmwood Park High School. He attended DePaul University for undergraduate studies, as well as for his law degree. In 1977, at the age of twenty, Silvestri became the youngest person in Illinois elected to a local school board. He served on Elmwood Park's school board for two years, and was president of the board when he left to serve the Village in other offices.

Following Mr. Silvestri's exit from the school board, he served on the Zoning Board, Plan

Commission, Civic Foundation, and as Village Trustee before his election to Village President. Under the leadership of Silvestri, the Village of Elmwood Park has been able to prosper and continue to pursue the village's goal of being a great place to raise a family and start a business. Mr. Silvestri oversaw numerous beautification projects in the Village, as well as efforts to modernize the police, fire, and public works departments. Silvestri also holds a good financial track record with the Village, which is seen through the Village's high bond rating, minimal debt and a reduced tax levy coming next year.

Mr. Silvestri leaves the office of Village President in the wake of numerous accomplishments. Recently, the Village opened a new library, and the aquatic center and the new Centennial Park are scheduled to be opened this spring. Other accomplishments while in office include an expanded recreation center, the creation of Mills, Torpe and Central Parks and an expanded Bambi Park. Silvestri has overseen the development of numerous projects within the Village of Elmwood Park which have contributed greatly to the reputation of Elmwood Park as a great place to live and raise a family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the years of dedication and public service Peter N. Silvestri has contributed to the Village of Elmwood Park. Mr. Silvestri has helped the Village prosper through the changing social and economic climate of recent decades, and he will surely be missed as the Village's president. I want to thank Mr. Silvestri for his years of service to the Village of Elmwood Park, and I look forward to his continued service as Cook County Commissioner.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL "BO"
BOLLINGER

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Paul "Bo" Bollinger, President of the Greater Washington Aviation Open (GWAO). As the GWAO celebrates its 25th anniversary this year and Mr. Bollinger begins the process of succession to new tournament leadership, it is the proper time to recognize his quarter century of outstanding leadership.

In 1989, Mr. Bollinger conceived and began an aviation charity event to raise and donate funds to worthy causes. Mr. Bollinger convinced several aviation executives and several aviation associations to hold an annual charity golf and auction event for this purpose. Twenty five years later, the GWAO has become the largest aviation charity event in Washington, DC, raising almost \$1.7 million for deserving organizations.

Under Mr. Bollinger's leadership, the charities receiving tournament proceeds varied over the first four years, subsequently settling on the Corporate Angel Network (CAN) as its major benefactor. The CAN mission of flying cancer patients on empty seats of business aircraft to treatment facilities was a perfect match with the GWAO mission. In 2006, Mr. Bollinger led the effort to include funding a

four-year scholarship for a deserving T.C. Williams High School graduate entering a college in an aviation degree program; and in 2011 the Veteran's Airlift Command was added as an additional benefactor.

Mr. Speaker, as a fellow Kentuckian I am honored and proud to commend Mr. Bollinger for a quarter century of heroic, selfless and successful service to thousands of deserving people. In their names I wish to publicly thank you, Bo, on behalf of all the people whose lives you have enhanced.

RECOGNIZING BERNARD GRAY ON
HIS ENLISTMENT INTO THE
UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bernard Gray, a senior at Glades Central High School in Belle Glade, Florida. Bernard is a fine young man, who has compiled a very good academic record at Glades Central, and will be graduating later this month. He has proudly chosen to enlist in the United States Army.

I want to congratulate Bernard on his decision to serve his country. It is thanks to the dedication of fine individuals such as him, that we are able to meet here in the House of Representatives, and openly debate and legislate on the many issues facing our nation.

Mr. Speaker, Bernard Gray is a selfless and courageous individual. I am certain that he will make us proud with his service. We owe him, as well as all the men and women in uniform an enormous debt of gratitude.

HONORING JOSEPH W. MAHONEY,
JR.

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a great Philadelphian whom we mourn today. Joe Mahoney, Jr. was a man that everyone called a friend. As Executive Vice President of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, Joe was the face of Philadelphia business. He was an eloquent and passionate advocate for the entire business community. But small business was his special love. He and his best friend, his bride Pat, owned a small business themselves. He personally understood the joys and challenges of building and maintaining an enterprise.

There are many adjectives you can use when you talk about Joe. Smart, dedicated, energetic, diplomatic, charming, and knowledgeable are just a few. But the fact that he and Pat were true partners in every sense tells you all that you really need to know. They worked together in support of our region, their alma mater, St. Joseph's University, and in support of local charity. That's the kind of guy Joe was.

Joe was especially gifted in the field of government relations. He worked equally well with

Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. He was at home in the Halls of Congress, the State Legislature, and City Hall. He understood and respected both the executive and legislative branches, as well as business, labor, and the non-profit centers. He worked as well in New Jersey and Delaware as he did in Pennsylvania. He was liked and respected in all of the region's counties. Joe understood how all the pieces fit together to form the complex mosaic that is the Delaware Valley. His life made that mosaic more beautiful. His loss leaves it less so.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to say that I knew Joe. I'm even more honored to say that Joe knew me. He was a friend to all. We all grieve his passing, even as we celebrate his life. I am sure that all of my colleagues join me in expressing our condolences to his family.

A TRIBUTE TO MARISSA FROST

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate 8th grader Marissa Frost of Urbandale Middle School for being named Iowa's state winner in the Doodle 4 Google art competition.

The Doodle 4 Google competition is held annually by Google and invites students from across the country to use their artistic talents and creativity to redesign Google's homepage themes, which appear on millions of computers across the globe. The nationwide winner is also awarded a scholarship worth \$30,000 and the winner's school will receive a \$50,000 technology grant to establish or improve a computer lab or technology program.

Marissa titled her doodle 'Discover' and portrays her response to the 2013 Doodle 4 Google theme "My Best Day Ever. . ." Her artwork is one of only 50 pieces that have been selected from across the country and was selected by a panel of Google employees for its artistic merit, creativity, and communication of the competition's theme. Marissa's doodle is now displayed in an online gallery where she will compete to be named a national finalist. Representing Iowa in this national competition is an extraordinary reflection of Marissa's talents and artistic ability.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent future leaders like Marissa from the great state of Iowa in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating her for this achievement, and I wish Miss Frost the best of luck in the remainder of the competition and with her future studies.

CELEBRATING THE CITY OF NEW
HAVEN ON THE OCCASION OF ITS
375TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and much appreciation that I rise today

to join my hometown of New Haven, Connecticut in commemoration of the City's 375th Anniversary—a remarkable milestone for a very special community. Today, hundreds are gathered not only to pay tribute to our past but to celebrate the unique blend of cultures, traditions, and history that has made our City so strong.

The story of New Haven is the story of America. It was on April 24, 1638, that a group of five hundred English Puritans, led by Reverend John Davenport and Theophilus Eaton and in search of a place where "the word of God shall be the only rule," sailed into the harbor. Upon their arrival they soon met with a local Native American tribe, the Quinnpiack, whose leader, Momauguin, agreed to sell the tribe's land in exchange for the settlers' protection from neighboring raiding bands and the use of the lands east of the harbor. In just two short years a government had been established and the settlement, based on a grid of nine squares with the central square as the public common or Green, was flourishing. In 1784, New Haven was incorporated as a city and Roger Sherman, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was elected its first mayor.

The history of New Haven is in fact a reflection of our nation's great history. It was in New Haven in 1775, the day after Lexington and Concord, or as we call it Powder House Day, that Benedict Arnold demanded the keys to the local powder house so that patriots could use it in defense of the colonies. It was in New Haven, that Eli Whitney developed the cotton gin and interchangeable parts revolutionizing the manufacturing industry and revitalizing the American economy. It was in New Haven that a group of African Mendi Warriors, led by Cinque Pieh and marooned aboard the Spanish schooner *Amistad*, won a court battle and were able to return to their homeland—an important triumph of the anti-slavery movement. In the 19th century, New Haven was the center of the carriage industry as well as the oyster capitol of the world. New Haven is home to the prestigious Yale University—an institution that has educated three of our last four presidents and three of our current Supreme Court justices.

New Haven, like so many other communities across our nation, also has a rich immigrant story—the story of the American dream. Our City may be most well known for its Italian and fish communities, but we have also become home to a number of other immigrant groups including those from Eastern Europe and Ecuador. As is the same story in so many other communities, these immigrant groups faced all kinds of challenges and obstacles. Through those struggles they stuck together, they established organizations to help re-create a little bit of the Old Country, and to honor the values of family and community we all hold dear—they made New Haven their home.

With such a rich history, the bonds of our community are strong. Born and raised in the Wooster Square neighborhood, wherever I go in this world, it is always with me. That is New Haven—and that is why I am so proud to rise today to say Happy 375th Birthday New Haven.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. SHARON
ROOT

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sharon M. Root, D.P.M., FACFAOM as she is recognized by fellow colleagues at the 64th Annual American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) Region 3 Scientific Meeting. Dr. Root's dedication to her profession and her selfless actions outside of the office are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Dr. Sharon Root graduated Magna Cum Laude from New York College of Podiatric Medicine. Previously, she completed Biological Sciences and Pre-medical studies at Rutgers University—Newark and earned her Associate in Applied Science Degree and was a Highest Honors Graduate in Nursing at County College of Morris. She completed her residency in Podiatric Surgery at The Bryn Mawr Hospital in 1993 and currently practices in Succasunna, New Jersey.

Throughout her career, Dr. Root has been a member of several professional organizations. She is a current New Jersey Delegate to the APMA House of Representatives and serves on the Resolutions Committee and Elections Committee. In addition, Dr. Root was president of the New Jersey Podiatric Medical Society for the 2006–2007 year and held many other positions within the Society, including Advisor of the Executive Committee, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and Chair of the Carrier Advisory Committee.

Dr. Root is also a dedicated physician outside of the office. On March 16, 2012, while at dinner in Washington, DC, Dr. Root performed the Heimlich maneuver on another diner, Maryland psychologist Dr. Ellen Lent, who was choking. Dr. Root's quick actions saved Dr. Lent's life.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Dr. Sharon Root on her many professional accomplishments and thanking her for her actions to save another life.

WALNUT GROVE LADY TIGERS
BASKETBALL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Walnut Grove Lady Tigers Basketball Team for winning the Missouri Class 1 Girls State Championship.

The Lady Tigers clinched the title with a thrilling finish, making a free throw with 1 second left for a final score of 47–46. Members of the team include Miranda Allison, Audree Crain, Carrigan Comstock, Ellen Hayter, Heather Harman, Lexi Harman, Shelby Harman, Megan Shuler, Madisyn Freeze, and Karsyn Hejna.

Through their hard work and dedication on and off the court, the Lady Tigers developed into a truly great championship team. The Lady Tigers ended the season 30–2, which set a school record for most wins in a season.

I also want to commend Head Coach Rory Henry and Assistant Coaches Deidre Parks and Jeff Cope for a job well-done on developing such a strong basketball program.

The Walnut Grove community is justifiably proud of this extraordinary group of young and talented student-athletes. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Walnut Grove Lady Tigers as they celebrate their Class 1 Girls State Championship.

HONORING NATIONAL MEDAL WINNERS OF THE SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS OF 2013

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a number of talented and dedicated high school students from my Congressional District who have won National Medals from the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of 2013. The Scholastic Awards are the largest, longest-running scholarship and recognition program for creative teens and are presented annually by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. These talented students are creative thinkers that will lead our nation into the future and I am so proud to recognize them today.

I am honored to represent Long Island and Queens which are home to many top notch schools with dedicated teachers guiding talented young students to success. Specifically, I want to recognize the following students that I have the honor to represent here in Congress: Megan Basaldua of Frank Sinatra School of the Arts High School; Michela Bentel of the Choate Rosemary Hall; Lindsay Bu of Stuyvesant High School; Max Carol of Syosset Senior High School; Michelle Chen of Hunter College High School; Soohyun Cho, Seungeun Ha and Min Soo Kim of Oogie Art; Yirang Choe of Ashcan Studio Art; Alexandra Deplas, Megan Fox, Lauren Goldstein and Danielle Pestynier of Jericho Senior High School; Patrick Fahey of Manhasset Secondary School; Meagan Fontanes, Brianna Martin and Julia Tannenbaum of Northport Senior High School; Samantha Rose Kleinberg and Kaiqi Zhu of Great Neck South High School; and Nicole Lee of High School Art & Design.

Only 1,900 works of art and writing, from the initial pool of 230,000 submissions, earned a National Medal. These students and their teachers should be commended for excelling and achieving such great success. They will be honored at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Friday, May 31. Artwork from the award-winning students will be featured in an exhibition at Parsons The New School for Design and the Pratt Manhattan Gallery. A selection of students receiving awards for writing will have their work published in the annual anthology *The Best Teen Writing of 2013*.

Mr. Speaker, I again want to applaud the families, teachers and students that have made these achievements possible. I urge my colleagues to join me in commending you for all of your successes and I look forward to seeing your continued contribution to the arts.

A TRIBUTE TO CRAIG AND
SHIRLEY PHINNEY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Craig and Shirley Phinney for being named a 2013 Hero of the Heartland by the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa.

Each year, the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa recognizes Heroes of the Heartland by selecting everyday Iowans who have done extraordinary things to help their neighbors and communities. The Iowans honored with this prestigious award displayed selflessness in a variety of courageous, charitable and thoughtful acts. The Heroes of the Heartland program not only showcases the heroes among us, but also helps raise crucial funds to ensure that the American Red Cross is prepared and equipped to assist those that need food, shelter, and comfort during emergencies and difficult times.

The lives of Craig and Shirley Phinney changed forever one Friday evening in 2009 when Craig, a police officer and military veteran, was diagnosed with colorectal cancer. After seeing the struggles and sacrifices of other cancer patients firsthand, the Phinneys started the Cops Against Cancer organization to provide financial assistance to cancer patients and their families that are burdened by the unexpected and overwhelming expenses associated with cancer treatments. Craig and Shirley's organization assists with costs that are not typically covered by insurance, such as lodging and travel expenses for medical appointments, specialized treatments, and various monthly home expenses. Cops Against Cancer has assisted more than 125 families in 41 of Iowa's 99 counties, seven families outside of the state, and even a family as far away as Quebec, Canada. In one particular instance, the organization was able to help absorb the travel costs of a 72-year-old patient who had to travel 80 miles one-way for treatment because her local medical facility had been damaged by a tornado. In addition to their financial assistance, Craig and Shirley also provide the families and medical staffs of patients with their personal phone numbers to be able to assist at any hour of the day or night. The Phinneys' commitment to "protect and serve" their community is present in all facets of their lives, and it truly embodies what it means to be a hero. These wonderful Iowans have set a shining example that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. and Mrs. Phinneys' actions that earned them each the title a "Hero of the Heartland" are a testament to the humble, hardworking and helpful people who make up the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Craig and Shirley on a job well done, thanking the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa for their life changing efforts, and wishing all of those involved in the Heroes of the Heartland program continued success for years to come.

HONORING SERVICE OF COAST
GUARD CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER
L. ROBERGE

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the extraordinary service of Capt. Christopher L. Roberge, who is retiring after nearly 30 years in the United States Coast Guard.

For the last two years, Capt. Roberge has shown incredible leadership as the Commander of Coast Guard Sector New England, overseeing 1,100 personnel in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and northern New York. His tenure there has capped an extremely distinguished career with over 30 military decorations, including four Meritorious Service Medals.

Since taking command, Capt. Roberge has strengthened Coast Guard operations in the sector and around the country. He identified key vulnerabilities in the sector's emergency communications system and implemented vital changes to make the system less susceptible to outages—his recommendations paved the way for similar upgrades around the country. The Reserve Readiness Assessment Program he developed has moved the sector's Reserve unit to the number one position in the nation for readiness. And while supporting the planning for the first-ever tidal power generator in a U.S. waterway, Capt. Roberge's guidance has put the Coast Guard in a better position to handle future energy projects.

Capt. Roberge's day-to-day management of the sector also served to distinguish him. His leadership and expertise ensured the flawless execution of 1,690 vessel boardings, 213 pollution responses, and 1,058 Search and Rescue cases, with over 2,000 lives saved or assisted and \$38.9 million in property preserved.

As an island resident who regularly makes ferry trips across miles of water, I have a personal appreciation for the men and women of the Coast Guard. I feel safer knowing that they stand ready to respond to an emergency with skill and courage, and deeply appreciate their willingness to risk their lives to save others. My special thanks to Capt. Roberge for the many ways he has better prepared the Coast Guard to answer the call when we need them, and for his exceptional service to the country. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING AUBURN
MANUFACTURING, INC.

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Auburn Manufacturing, Inc. as it breaks ground on a significant expansion to its Auburn, Maine Kittyhawk Industrial Park location. Founded by President and CEO Kathie Leonard more than three decades ago, Auburn Manufacturing is known across the world as a leader in extreme temperature textiles.

Kathie and her former business partner founded Auburn Manufacturing in 1979. In the

intervening years, the company has grown to employ 50 employees, with its upcoming expansion set to create jobs for four new individuals. Kathie has never strayed from her core commitment to producing American-made textiles, seeking to enhance or improve Auburn Manufacturing's unique products without reinventing the wheel. It should come as no surprise that MaineBiz named Kathie one of its "Women to Watch" in 2009.

Auburn Manufacturing is the only manufacturer of extreme temperature fabrics to make its product line entirely in the United States. The company's commitment to producing "Made in the USA" products is in no small part because of Kathie's strong belief that domestic manufacturing is the key to innovation.

With another major expansion in Auburn Manufacturing's business plan, I have no doubt that Kathie and her employees will continue to turn out quality American made products for years and years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me on congratulating Kathie Leonard and her employees as they begin this tremendous next chapter for Auburn Manufacturing.

CELEBRATING INDIA PLAZA'S 10TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the India Plaza of Tempe, Arizona for its 10 years of dedicated service to the community.

Since 2003, India Plaza has served as a meeting place gateway for Arizonans into Indian culture, a center for education and celebrating diversity. They have also been actively engaged with the wider community, donating land and funds to various causes and working with both local government and Arizona State University to promote a more accessible city. India Plaza is a true community partner, receiving awards such as the "Best of Phoenix" and an Honorable Mention as "Tempe's Good Neighbor of the Year".

India Plaza serves as an excellent example to the rest of the Nation of what can be accomplished when people come together to promote diversity and understanding. It is my privilege to serve this great community. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating India Plaza on its 10 years of service and in wishing it many more.

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN OSTRING

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize John Ostring for being named a 2013 Hero of the Heartland by the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa.

Each year, the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa recognizes Heroes of the Heartland by selecting everyday Iowans who have done extraordinary things to help their neigh-

bors and communities. The Iowans honored with this prestigious award displayed selflessness in a variety of courageous, charitable and thoughtful acts. The Heroes of the Heartland program not only showcases the heroes among us, but also helps raise crucial funds to ensure that the American Red Cross is prepared and equipped to assist those that need food, shelter, and comfort during emergencies and difficult times.

On a spring day in June, John Ostring was in his workshop when he heard an explosion from the home next door. As John told his wife Mary to call 911, the house had become engulfed in flames. Knowing his neighbor still may have been inside, Mr. Ostring ran into the burning house to find his neighbor unresponsive on the floor. To save her life, John picked her up and carried her outside until the first responders could arrive. Although the home was destroyed that day, a life was saved because of Mr. Ostring's bravery and quick thinking. John's life-saving actions provide a shining example that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ostring's actions that earned him the title a "Hero of the Heartland" are a testament to the humble, hardworking and helpful people who make up the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating John on a job well done, thanking the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa for their life changing efforts, and wishing all of those involved in the Heroes of the Heartland program continued success for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT
MEN AND WOMEN

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to law enforcement men and women who have provided distinctive service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

Law enforcement is a demanding profession that requires sacrifice, courage and a dedication to serve others. Every day, brave men and women put themselves in harm's way to enforce the laws of our society and protect public safety. They deserve our gratitude and respect.

Last year, I established the 16th District Congressional Law Enforcement Awards, CLEA, to give special recognition to law enforcement officers, departments, or units for exceptional achievement.

This year, during National Police Week, I will present congressional law enforcement awards to the following winners chosen by an independent panel comprised of current and retired law enforcement personnel representing a cross-section of the district's law enforcement community.

Sergeant Ryan LaRowe of the Palmetto Police Department received the Career Service Award.

Officer Sean Hammett of the Venice Police Department, Sergeant Debra Kaspar of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, and Detective Louis Licata of the North Port Police Department received the Dedication and Professionalism Award.

Sergeant Debra Kaspar, Detective Timothy Speth, Detective Cassandra Dusseau, Detective Louis Licata, Investigator Lynn Thompson, and Investigator Brent Blosser, Detective Jeff Pasler and Sergeant Donald Kennard of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Pharmaceutical Diversion Investigative Unit received the Unit Citation Award.

Officer Peter Vilardi of the Sarasota-Manatee County Airport Authority Police Department, Officer Andres Perez of the Bradenton Police Department, and Officer Joshua Fleischer of the Holmes Beach Police Department received the Preservation of Life Award.

Deputy Justin Warren of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office received the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District I congratulate each of these outstanding law enforcement officers and offer my sincere appreciation for their service and dedication.

I also appreciate the law enforcement agencies that made such outstanding nominations and panel that judged them. I believe these awards are a fitting tribute to our officers and a reminder of the important role they play in our communities.

COMMEMORATING BUILDING
SAFETY MONTH

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the start of Building Safety Month, specifically in recognition of the expertise, leadership, and influence of the International Code Council (ICC). The ICC develops and publishes the building safety, energy efficiency, and fire safety model codes used throughout the United States, as well as in many other nations.

Over the past year, we have had several sobering reminders about the effects of properly-enforced building codes. When Hurricane Sandy devastated New York, New Jersey, and several other states, we were reminded of how much we rely on these vital safety standards in mitigating damage and loss of life. Reports after Sandy and other natural disasters show that the loss of life and property damage would have been considerably worse had modern building codes not been in place and enforced.

For these reasons, I want to congratulate the leaders of the ICC who sponsor Building Safety Month. These leaders include Ronald Piester, the Director of New York State Division of Code Enforcement and Administration, Stephen D. Jones, Construction Official for Millburn Township, New Jersey, and Guy Tomberlin, Code Specialist for Fairfax County, Virginia. These professionals also act as the President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer of the ICC's Board of Directors. ICC's Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims will join them in Washington, DC this week to discuss the critical need for the adoption and enforcement of current building codes in order to maximize our safety.

I would also like to thank the thousands of men and women who work every day to make sure our buildings comply with building and

fire codes. Their work, largely unseen and often unnoticed, is critical to keeping Americans safe. The model building codes, produced by ICC, allow every community in the United States to share the advantage of building codes that are adaptable to local conditions, but at the same time incorporate the very latest research, materials, and building practices. This is achieved in a private-public partnership, saving local jurisdictions from bearing the significant cost of code revision, updating and coordination. These model codes are produced with the input of thousands of local officials as well as the building industry and represent a consensus on what the minimum safety requirements are for various building types, all developed without using federal taxpayer funds. In fact, the Architect of the Capitol maintains the safety of this building, and all congressional office buildings, following the requirements in the current International Building Code.

During May's Building Safety Month, I recommend that all of my colleagues aim to reach out to building code and fire officials from their districts to learn more about the great work they do in ensuring the safety of the American people and infrastructure through building code compliance and enforcement.

Thank you again to the hard working members and leadership of the International Code Council.

HONORING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
WHO HAVE DECIDED TO SERVE
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AS A MEMBER OF THE
ARMED FORCES

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor seventy-one high school seniors in Florida's 22nd District who have decided to enlist in the United States Armed Forces.

Of these seventy-one, nine have joined the Army; their names are the following: Alexander Meyer, Cory Warr, Steven Britt, Victoria Danielson, Evan Giarritta, Brenela Good, Richard Ramos, David Vogelsong, Diego Gonzalez. Nineteen have joined the Navy; their names are the following: Tatiana Parra, Kethleen Souza, Kassondra Uhl, Michael Hamlin II, Alex Riebman, Kevin Sanchez Villalba, Angevens Eugene, Falon Murray, Nathaniel Hopkins, Jose Colon, Camille Grant, Tylar McCranie, Bryant Ruano, Michael Tesch, Taylor Wachtel, Dandy Barrios, Celines Ocasio, Andrea Castillo, Anthony Celenie. Thirty-eight have joined the Marines; their names are the following: Alexander Field, Christian Garcia, Cody Kruse, David Munoz, Devon Genova, Diana Bustamante, Felipe Moresco, Guilson Godinez, Henry Villatoro, Joshua Carter, Kevin Nguyen, Lucas Ferreira, Austin Pastor, Cameron Kelley, Craig Baumann, Erik Littlefield, John Angeles, Kyle Stewart, Lucas Tavares, Paul Louis Curd, Yira Medina, Anna Dolmany, Lorena Guimaraes, Alma Castillo, Brian Abreu, Edwin Garcia-Gonzalez, Erik Mendez Aguilar, Evan Stimely, Garrett Marshall, Israel Manuel-Pedro, Jona-

than Villalba, Junior Jayseus, Kevin Bradlow, Kyle Marciulonis, Manuel Gonzales, Melissa Gunther, Christian Matute, Iridian Maldonado. Four have joined the Air Force; their names are the following: Paul Girao, Brianna Dipasquale, Stephen Favreau, and Lee Golladay.

It is in thanks to the dedication of patriots like these that we are able to meet here today, in the United States House of Representatives, and openly debate the best solutions to the diverse issues that confront our country. On behalf of myself and all of my constituents in Florida's Twenty-Second District, thank you for your service and best of luck as you pursue this challenging endeavor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding my recent absence from the House on Thursday, April 25th and Friday, April 26th. During this time, I attended the opening of the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Because of this absence, I missed several important votes on the House floor, and would like to submit how I would have voted had I been in attendance. The votes were:

Rollcall 124, on Agreeing to H. Res. 178, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 527) to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes. I would have voted "yea".

Rollcall 125, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1765, The Reducing Flight Delays Act. I would have voted "yea".

Rollcall 126, on Agreeing to the Amendment to H.R. 527, the Dent of Pennsylvania Amendment No. 2. I would have voted "no".

Rollcall 127, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions to H.R. 527. I would have voted "no".

Rollcall 128, on Passage of H.R. 527, to Amend the Helium Act. I would have voted "yea".

A TRIBUTE TO SIX HEROES OF
THE HEARTLAND

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Ryan Brown, Dave McCaulley, Ben Wier, Rob Bacon, Doug Bates, and Matt Myers for being named a 2013 Hero of the Heartland by the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa.

Each year, the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa recognizes Heroes of the Heartland by selecting everyday Iowans who have done extraordinary things to help their neighbors and communities. The Iowans honored with this prestigious award displayed selflessness in a variety of courageous, charitable

and thoughtful acts. The Heroes of the Heartland program not only showcases the heroes among us, but also helps raise crucial funds to ensure that the American Red Cross is prepared and equipped to assist those that need food, shelter, and comfort during emergencies and difficult times.

To be named Heroes of the Heartland, these six men responded in an extraordinary fashion to what began as an ordinary game of golf. On July 12, 2012, at the sixth tee box at Indian Creek Country Club, Dennis Kjarland suffered a heart attack. Without hesitation, these six men responded to the life-threatening situation by calling 911 and collectively performing chest compressions and assisted breathing for 15 minutes before first responders arrived. Because of their brave actions and quick thinking, Mr. Kjarland recently had the opportunity to celebrate his 70th birthday. The actions of these six men are truly an example that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, the actions of these men that earned them each the title a "Hero of the Heartland" are a testament to the humble, hardworking and helpful people who make up the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating these six men on a job well done, thanking the American Red Cross serving Greater Iowa for their life changing efforts, and wishing all of those involved in the Heroes of the Heartland program continued success for years to come.

REDUCING FLIGHT DELAYS ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1765, authorizing flexibility to the Secretary of Transportation for the purpose of transferring funds into the FAA operations budget to prevent additional furloughs from further slowing commercial aviation traffic.

This is a commonsense action to ensure that understaffing at air traffic control centers does not compromise the safety of the flying public. In addition, reliable commercial aviation service underpins the business travel that is vital to America's economy and is especially critical to America's tourism industry as the summer vacation season approaches.

While this is a necessary action, it is just a quick-fix and does not address the budget shortfall that will prevent the FAA from performing all the important tasks our nation expects of it. Current air travel delays are only one example of the counterproductive budget cuts included in sequestration that will harm our economy.

And while this bill takes one small step to provide relief, others in our community will still feel the impact of sequestration: cancer patients will still find it difficult to access care because of the two percent Medicare reimbursement reduction, thousands of children will be shut out of a Head Start classroom, and sen-

iors will struggle from reductions in Meals on Wheels programs. Congress must reach a long-term debt agreement that will replace the sequester with a more responsible approach to deficit reduction.

I regret that our nation's air traffic controllers were forced to reduce their level of service to the flying public due to this unfortunate consequence of sequestration. I am privileged to represent many of this nation's 20,000 controllers and applaud them for working through this difficulty.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill and thank our leadership for its consideration.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF STEVE AND CAROLYN WALLACE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special occasion today—the 50th wedding anniversary of Steve and Carolyn Wallace. This event will take place on May 4.

Clark Stephen Wallace was born on November 22, 1936, in Anniston, Alabama, and Hannah Caroline Allen was born on November 4, 1942, also in Anniston. They both lived on Mulberry Avenue in Anniston for six years before going on their first date in 1963. After persuasion from family and church members, Carolyn asked Steve to a Valentine's Day banquet at Glenaddie Baptist Church. Steve accepted, and they were married three months later on May 4, 1963, at the same church where they went on their first date.

Steve served six years in the United States Air Force and retired from the United States Post Office. Carolyn retired from the Calhoun County School System where she was Assistant Manager of the Saks Elementary School lunchroom.

Together, Steve and Carolyn have two children, Robert Clark Wallace and Rebecca Lucille Wallace Griffin. They have three grandchildren, Robert Brandon Wallace, Michael Stephen McLeroy and Zachary Hunter Wallace. They have one great-grandchild, Alanna Jade Wallace.

Steve and Carolyn are active members of Saks Baptist Church in Anniston, Alabama.

Please join me in congratulating this lovely couple on 50 years together. The celebration will take place on May 4 at a reception with their friends and family members.

CELEBRATING SENIOR CORPS WEEK AND THE SERVICE OF OLDER AMERICANS

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of national Senior Corps week.

Older Americans bring a lifetime of skills and experience as parents, workers, and citizens that can be tapped to meet challenges in our communities.

For more than four decades Senior Corps, and its three programs—RSVP, Senior Companions, and Foster Grandparents—have proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans ages 55 and over in meeting national and community needs.

Each year Senior Corps provides opportunities for nearly 330,000 older Americans across the nation, including approximately 1,700 in Arizona to serve their communities. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 1,400 young Arizonans who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 860 homebound Arizona seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols for local police departments, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 130 groups across Arizona.

Senior Corps volunteers last year provided more than 96.2 million hours of service, helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system; protect our environment, provide independent living services, and contribute to our public safety.

Senior Corps volunteers build capacity of organizations and communities by serving through more than 65,000 nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based community groups nationwide.

At a time of mounting social needs and growing interest in service by older Americans, there is an unprecedented opportunity to harness the talents of 55-plus volunteers to address community challenges.

Service by older Americans helps volunteers by keeping them active, healthy, and engaged; helps our communities by solving local problems, and helps our nation by saving taxpayer dollars, reducing healthcare costs, and strengthening our democracy.

The fourth annual Senior Corps Week, taking place May 6–10, 2013, is a time to thank Senior Corps volunteers for their service and recognize their positive impact and value to our communities and nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, during the week of April 23rd, I missed roll Nos. 118 through 128 due to cataract surgery. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll Nos. 120, 121, 122, 124, 125, and 126. I would have voted "yea" on roll Nos. 118, 119, 123, 127, and 128.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 8

9 a.m.
 Committee on the Judiciary
 Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism
 To hold hearings to examine cyber threats, focusing on law enforcement and private sector responses. SD-226

9:30 a.m.
 Committee on Armed Services
 Subcommittee on Airland
 To hold hearings to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program. SR-222

Committee on Armed Services
 Subcommittee on SeaPower
 To hold hearings to examine Navy ship-building programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program. SR-232A

10 a.m.
 Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Department of Defense
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Air Force. SD-192

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine curbing Federal agency waste and fraud, focusing on new steps to strengthen the integrity of Federal payments. SD-342

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
 To hold hearings to examine strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem for minority women. SD-106

11:30 a.m.
 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
 Business meeting to consider S. 306, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law, S. 545, to improve hydropower, S. 761, to promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and

industry, H.R. 267, to improve hydropower, and H.R. 678, to authorize all Bureau of Reclamation conduit facilities for hydropower development under Federal Reclamation law. SD-366

2 p.m.
 Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service. SD-138

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe
 To hold hearings to examine Ukraine's leadership of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on finding new ways to address protracted regional conflicts, energy security, and human dimension issues such as human trafficking, tolerance, media freedom, democratic elections and election observation, and efforts to improve implementation of commitments regarding fundamental human rights and freedom. SD-562

Joint Economic Committee
 To continue hearings to examine immigration and its contribution to our economic strength. SH-216

2:30 p.m.
 Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation. SD-192

Committee on Armed Services
 Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
 To hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs of the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program. SR-232A

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 To hold hearings to examine the role of immigrants in America's innovation economy. SR-253

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
 Subcommittee on Emergency Management, Intergovernmental Relations, and the District of Columbia
 To hold hearings to examine the role of the private sector in preparedness and emergency response. SD-342

Committee on Indian Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine S. 434, to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation and the State of Montana, and S. 611, to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act. SD-628

Committee on the Judiciary
 To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patricia E. Campbell-Smith, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, and Rachel Elise Barkow, of

New York, both to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission. SD-226

4 p.m.
 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 Business meeting to consider the nomination of Thomas Edward Perez, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Labor, and any pending nominations. SD-430

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9:15 a.m.
 Committee on Environment and Public Works
 Business meeting to consider the nomination of Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. SD-406

9:30 a.m.
 Committee on the Judiciary
 Business meeting to consider S. 744, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, and the nominations of Srikanth Srinivasan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Raymond T. Chen, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and Jennifer A. Dorsey, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada. SH-216

10 a.m.
 Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Agriculture. SD-124

Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
 To hold hearings to examine an overview of the Federal Housing Administration. SD-138

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
 To hold hearings to examine pharmaceutical compounding, focusing on a proposed legislative solution. SD-430

Committee on Veterans' Affairs
 To hold hearings to examine pending health care legislation. SR-418

2 p.m.
 Committee on Appropriations
 Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
 To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Departments of Defense and Navy. SD-124

2:30 p.m.
 Committee on Armed Services
 Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
 To hold hearings to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session. SR-222

Select Committee on Intelligence
 To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters. SH-219

<p>MAY 13</p> <p>3 p.m. Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Brian C. Deese, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.</p> <p>SD-342</p>	<p>10 a.m. Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.</p> <p>SD-430</p>	<p>3:30 p.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.</p> <p>SR-232A</p>
<p>MAY 14</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on SeaPower To hold hearings to examine Marine Corps modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program.</p> <p>SR-222</p>	<p>MAY 22</p> <p>10 a.m. Joint Economic Committee To hold hearings to examine the current economic outlook.</p> <p>SH-216</p>	<p>6 p.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.</p> <p>SR-232A</p>
<p>10:30 a.m. Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet To hold hearings to examine the state of video.</p> <p>SR-253</p>	<p>JUNE 4</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet To hold hearings to examine the state of wireless communications.</p> <p>SR-253</p>	<p>JUNE 12</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on SeaPower Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.</p> <p>SR-222</p>
<p>2:30 p.m. Committee on Armed Services To receive a closed briefing on the situation in Syria.</p> <p>SVC-217</p>	<p>JUNE 11</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Airland Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.</p> <p>SD-G50</p>	<p>2:30 p.m. Committee on Armed Services Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.</p> <p>SR-222</p>
<p>MAY 15</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Committee on Indian Affairs To hold an oversight hearing to examine the views and priorities of Interior Secretary Jewell with regard to matters of Indian affairs.</p> <p>SD-628</p>	<p>11 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.</p> <p>SD-G50</p>	<p>JUNE 13</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.</p> <p>SR-222</p>
<p>MAY 16</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services To hold hearings to examine the law of armed conflict, the use of military force, and the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force.</p> <p>SD-106</p>	<p>2 p.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.</p> <p>SD-G50</p>	<p>JUNE 14</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014.</p> <p>SR-222</p>